



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: 2017 California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant Assistance Program

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept grant funds for costs associated with conducting enforcement operations to reduce underage drinking and alcohol related crimes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2017-38**, accepting a grant award from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant Assistance Program; and,
- B. Accepting and increasing the revenue budget in account 001-1002-324.02-0 by \$38,641, and appropriating the same amount in Police Operations Division 001-1002; and,
- C. Authorizing the use of pooled cash until reimbursement from the grant is received; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve, as recommended by Staff; or,
- 2. Deny; or,
- 3. Refer to Staff for reconsideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is offering grant funding to law enforcement agencies to enforce underage drinking and reduce crime in and around licensed establishments that operate in a disorderly manner causing an undue burden on law enforcement services and disrupting the quality of life for the surrounding community. The grant is funded through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) that disperses funds to ABC to offer grant funding. The City of Merced Police Department (MPD) submitted its application to ABC for funding to operate educational and

enforcement projects for the grant period October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018. ABC is awarding grant funds to the MPD in the amount of \$38,641. Hence, the MPD is seeking Council approval to accept the grant funds.

ABC has developed a mini-grant program that the MPD will use to reduce the problems of underage drinking and disorderly conduct around licensed premises. Programs as part of the mini grant include: LEADS (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) is a prevention and educational program for retail licensees, their employees, and applicants; and, MINOR DECOYS to check on whether licensees are selling alcohol to minors; and, the SHOULDER TAPS method in which a person under the age of 21 solicits another person to purchase and furnish them with alcoholic beverages; and, IMPACT (informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendencies) inspections of "on-sale" and "off-sale" licensed locations; Other operations include ROSTF (Retail Operating Standards Task Force) inspections of businesses to ensure compliance with ABC regulations; TRAP DOOR operation that targets minors who try to purchase alcohol or try to enter a bar or club with false identification; and PREVENT that is a party patrol operation where officers investigate disturbances of parties to see if hosts are knowingly providing alcohol to minors.

The grant requires MPD to produce regular press releases to inform the public of the successes of the grant.

The award includes the below budgeted items:

- Personnel Benefits to conduct operations while on overtime status = \$31,641
- "Buy Money" = \$2,500
- Equipment/Supplies = \$2,500
- Travel to a mandated training conference = \$2,000
- TOTAL AWARD = \$38,641 / Match Amount = \$0

This grant does not have money set aside for regular/full time officer salaries. It is strictly a grant for reimbursement of overtime expenses related to conducting the enforcement operations.

This grant is 100% fully funded and no matching funds will be needed from the City of Merced. It is a reimbursable grant. The City of Merced pays the employees for the overtime and reimbursement claims are submitted every other month to ABC to recover the costs.

The MPD received a similar grant for the period of 7/1/10 - 6/30/11, 7/1/12 - 6/30/13, 10/1/14 - 9/30/15, 10/1/15 - 9/30/16, and 10/1/16 - 9/30/17

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

The required expenditures are 100% fully funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety Alcoholic Beverage Control division. There is no required match or impact on General Funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of OTS/ABC Standard Agreement
2. Resolution 2017-38