



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 21, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Patrol Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Grant Assistance For Training and Enforcement at Alcohol Serving Establishments

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Adopt by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing Acceptance of Funding Granted by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant Assistance to Local Law Enforcement Agencies Project;
- B. Authorize the Police Chief to execute the grant agreement award; and
- C. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$50,000 in the Police Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) issues grant funding under their Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant Assistance to Local Law Enforcement Agencies Project. Grant funds issued to the Police Department will be used to carry on training for alcohol servers and vendors by conducting a LEADS class put on by the ABC. In addition, the Police Department will provide information to the community on the reporting of alcohol-related offenses through the media and establish procedures for better identifying and mitigating law enforcement problems at and near alcohol-vending premises.

Furthermore, through the use of this grant money, the Police Department will employ a full spectrum of State, County, City and local community resources to conduct undercover operations at ABC licensed premises. This will include periodic special alcohol enforcement actions, such as Trap-Door operations and Shoulder-Tap programs. The Police Department will be able to expand on the enforcement of California Business and Professions Code violations frequently occurring at alcohol vending establishments, which include offenses such as minors purchasing alcohol or adults who purchase alcohol for minors.

These grant-funded projects will be supervised by Sergeant Brown and implemented by the Nightlife Enforcement Team. An information system will be used, which will support a multi-task, multi-agency approach to training, enforcement and mitigation, working with a broad range of business and community organizations. The goals are to promote self-policing by alcohol serving establishments, increase community involvement in responsible alcohol use, and to reduce the number of alcohol-related incidents involving minors linked with ABC licensees.

The Santa Barbara Police Department is nationally recognized as a leader in Community Oriented Problem Solving and Community Oriented Policing, and has applied these skills to its Nightlife Enforcement Team presently focused on a large and concentrated number of ABC licensees in its central business district.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office