




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 19, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Douglas N. Hambleton, Chief of Police

Subject: Grant: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to 1) execute a grant contract, and any amendments, with the State of California in order to accept \$84,300 in Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant funding and, 2) appropriate these funds for the enforcement of laws prohibiting furnishing alcohol to minors, persons under the age of 21 possessing alcohol, as well as other alcohol related crimes.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Approval will result in the execution of a contract with the State of California for \$84,300 in revenue, which will be deposited into revenue code 072-7306-331-2066.

There is no requirement for local matching funds for this grant program.

Funds from this grant will be used to pay for ABC training for the grant coordinator and other officers who conduct enforcement toward the grant goals. The grant coordinator will work together with ABC investigators on education programs for ABC licensees, outreach to community groups, and liquor violation enforcement programs. Most of the funds from the grant will be used to cover the BPD overtime costs associated with these activities.

The grant funds should be appropriated to budget codes 072-7306-420-1301 / 2036 / 2040 / 2071 / 3038 / 4062 / 4063 / 4064 / 7044 / 7047 / 7110 which will be used for expenditures throughout the duration of the grant period. Appropriation of the grant will officially be reflected in the First Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

There have been longstanding problems with underage drinking and the availability of alcohol to persons under the age of 21 throughout the City. These problems can include underage drinking at social events, public intoxication, loud and/or unruly parties, driving under the influence of alcohol, and excessive police resources committed to responding to these problems. There have also been infrequent instances of serious injury or deaths related to underage and/or excessive drinking by UC Students, as well as minors throughout the City.

BACKGROUND

The State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has approved a grant application by the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) for \$84,300. ABC allocated \$3,000,000 in grant funding for FY 2006/2007 for local agencies to conduct enforcement on alcohol related crimes. BPD was one of 41 applicants awarded funding out of 104 law enforcement agencies throughout the State of California who applied.

The grant program has three main goals:

- To increase enforcement of alcohol related laws with regards to minors purchasing alcohol from ABC licensed establishments
- To increase enforcement of underage drinking laws and policies, such as minors possessing alcohol, and furnishing alcohol to minors
- To analyze and implement solutions to address alcohol abuse by minors as well as the availability of alcohol to minors

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The police do not have sufficient resources within the existing budget to expand their work on this problem. Accepting the grant will allow for a proactive problem solving approach to reduce alcohol related violations well as an expansion of enforcement actions where needed.

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RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACCEPT \$84,300 IN FUNDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL RELATED CRIMES.

WHEREAS, there has been a longstanding problem with underage drinking and the availability of alcohol to persons under the age of 21 throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking and excessive drinking is currently a problem within the City of Berkeley community; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department has been approved for a grant of \$84,300 to address these problems; and

WHEREAS, the police do not have sufficient resources within the existing budget to expand their work on these problems; and

WHEREAS, this grant program will increase enforcement of underage drinking laws and expand activities to address the ongoing problems of alcohol abuse and other alcohol related laws by persons under the age of 21.

WHEREAS, these funds will be appropriated into the following accounts: 072-7306-420-1301 / 2036 / 2040 / 2071 / 3038 / 4062 / 4063 / 4064 / 7044 / 7047 / 7110.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with the State of California in order to accept \$84,300 in Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control grant funding for the enforcement of alcohol related laws with regards to ABC licensed establishments within the City of Berkeley.