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CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 11, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Douglas Hambleton, Chief of Police, Police

Subject: Grant: 2007-08 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any subsequent amendments with the State of California to accept additional Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant funding in the amount of \$89,306 and appropriate the funds to enforce laws to prohibit furnishing alcohol to minors and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21, as well as other alcohol-related crimes and extending the grant period from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The \$89,306 in grant revenues will be deposited into budget code 072-7306-331-1067. Appropriation of the expenditures is included in the Fiscal Year 08 budget. The grant will cover all personnel costs. Funding for this cost is allocated in Alcoholic Beverage Control Program Fund budget codes 072-7306-420-various line items.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

There are longstanding problems with underage drinking and alcohol availability to persons under the age of 21 throughout the City of Berkeley. The area surrounding the UC Berkeley Campus, along with south Berkeley and downtown areas have high concentration of liquor outlets which results in elevated numbers of alcohol related calls for service. Weekend nights have far more activity near the campus as students frequent the local bars, clubs and restaurants. Officers are diverted from normal beat patrol and provide crowd control until the area is cleared –usually around 3 a.m.

Implementation of the Second Response ordinance has reduced the frequency of disruptive events occurring at the same location, but it does not address the issue of minors drinking alcohol at events in private residences. Recent passage of the Social Host ordinance is expected to significantly affect the practice but will require patrol resources that the current staff shortage can ill afford.

BACKGROUND

Previous grants have enabled our department and the UC Police Department to jointly address the behavior caused by minors illegally drinking and retail outlet sale to minors. This funding provides overtime and related costs for Party Patrol teams, Shoulder Tap, Minor Decoy, Trap Door, LEAD, and IMPACT operations. Those activities will support the goals of the grant of enforcement, education and media exposure. In turn, those goals will address the objectives to build upon the successes obtained during previous funded ABC enforcement and capitalize on the City of Berkeley and UC Berkeley's renewed efforts to prevent minors from obtaining access to alcohol.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has agreed to amend its previous grant to the City in terms of a year extension and increase of \$89,306 to through a new Contract to conduct enforcement on alcohol related crimes. Without this funding, the Police Department would not have the resources available to address underage drinking and alcohol availability to those under 21 years of age.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No other alternatives have been considered.

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Attachments:  
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

GRANT AMENDMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL GRANT FUNDING AND APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS TO ENFORCE LAWS TO PROHIBIT FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21, AS WELL AS OTHER ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES

WHEREAS, the Police Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment through vigorous law enforcement within the City of Berkeley; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of California has agreed to amend its grant to the City to increase the original grant of \$84,300 by \$89,306 for a total of \$173,606 and extending the grant period from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the grant amendment 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; and

WHEREAS, the funds have been appropriated into Alcoholic Beverage Control Program Fund budget codes 072-7306-420-various line items.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with the State of California in order to accept \$89,306 in additional funds from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the enforcement of alcohol related laws and extending the grant period from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008.