



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,858 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$99,858 from the State of California, Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program for the period of December 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding to accept grant funding in the amount of \$99,858 from the Tobacco Grant Program from the State of California, California Department of Justice for the period of December 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021;
2. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of \$99,858 into Revenue Account No. 9338500-334100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Police Department Account No. 9338500-440210 by the Finance Department for the State of California, California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of California, California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, voters approved Proposition 56, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tax Act of 2016. The proposition increased taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products by \$2.00 starting in April 2017. The tax increase established a grant program for local governments, administered by the California Department of Justice. In June 2018, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced the distribution of \$37.5 million dollars in statewide grants to 71 local entities throughout the state. The grants are being used to combat the illegal sale of tobacco and cigarette products to minors.

DISCUSSION:

The California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant program funds will support the City's efforts to reduce underage tobacco use, sales to minors, and educational awareness to youths and retail vendors.

The Tobacco Grant Program will be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Special Operations Vice Division. The funding will provide overtime for tobacco enforcement programs such as Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap. The Minor Decoy Program allows law enforcement agencies to use persons under 20 years of age as decoys for the purpose of purchasing tobacco products from licensed premises. The Shoulder Tap Program is an enforcement program used by local law enforcement agencies wherein a minor decoy, under the supervision of law enforcement officers, solicits adults outside licensed stores to buy tobacco products for the minor.

In addition, funding would provide for training, prevention, and educational programs. The grant term runs from December 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with the acceptance of grant funds is an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$99,858 in Revenue Account No. 9338500-334100 and an increase in expenditures in the same amount to Police Department Account No. 9338500-440210. No matching funds are required.

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Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Justice for the Tobacco Grant Program