



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JUNE 1, 2021**

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

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,503 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$218,503 from the State of California, Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of the grant award.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$218,503 from the Tobacco Grant Program from the State of California, California Department of Justice for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, record an increase in revenues in the amount of \$218,503 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department Tobacco Grant Program revenue account and appropriate expenditures in an equal amount to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department Tobacco Grant Program expenditure account; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all necessary grant documents for the 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 effective April 2017. The tax increase established a grant program for local governments, administered by the California Department of Justice. It is estimated for Fiscal Year 2021/22 a total of \$26.8 million in grant funding will be available statewide to support local enforcement efforts to reduce the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors.

DISCUSSION:

Upon grant award, 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 Special Operations Vice Division. The funding will provide overtime for two tobacco enforcement programs including Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap.

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.
Shoulder Tap Program	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, to tobacco enforcement programs, grant funding will provide for training, prevention, and educational programs. The grant programs will operate July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is \$218,503. Upon Council approval, with at least five affirmative votes, record an increase of \$218,503 to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department Tobacco Grant Program revenue account No. 9344000-334100 and an increase in appropriations in the same amount to expenditure account No. 9344000-440210.

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