



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2025

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL'S 2025/2026 ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP (APP) GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000 TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AND COMBAT ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Adopt a Resolution and approve an Agreement accepting the State of California, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) 2025/2026 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant award in the amount of \$90,000 to increase enforcement activity and combat alcohol-related crimes in relation to alcoholic beverage control (ABC) violations for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve an Agreement with the State of California, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a 2025/2026 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant award in the amount of \$90,000 to increase enforcement activity and combat alcohol-related crimes in relation to alcoholic beverage control (ABC) violations for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026;
2. Adopt a Resolution to accept the State of California, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's 2025/2026 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant award in the amount of \$90,000 to increase enforcement activity and combat alcohol-related crimes in relation to alcoholic beverage control (ABC) violations for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026;
3. With at least five affirmative votes, upon receipt of the grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and an appropriation of expenditures in the amount of \$90,000, or in the amount of the actual award, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Alcoholic Beverage Control 2025/2026 Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant Program revenue and expenditure accounts; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents with the State of California, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's 2025/2026 Alcohol Policing

Partnership (APP) Grant Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2025, the Riverside Police Department (RPD) received notification of funding from the State of California, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The purpose of the funding is for a comprehensive alcohol enforcement program that combats alcohol-related crimes such as purchases and sales to underage persons and nuisance/problematic establishments. The grant will also help incorporate the ABC-related issues into community policing by educating and involving the community in resolving alcohol-related crimes and issues through education and information.

DISCUSSION:

The Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) funds will support the City's efforts to reduce occurrences of public drunkenness, drunk driving, underage drinking, assaults, and other concerns associated with alcoholic-related crimes.

The APP grant will be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau, Vice Unit. The funding will allow staff to continue to work closely with ABC investigators to proactively address and expand their enforcement efforts regarding the illegal use and sales of alcohol in and around licensed establishments. The focus will be on problematic establishments that may be suspected of allowing illegal transactions.

The Vice Unit will conduct surveillance, initiate special projects, and develop productive relationships with business owners and other stakeholders throughout the City to address operating conditions through programs such as IMPACT inspections, Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap.

- The IMPACT inspections assess the businesses' compliance with ABC laws and educate them regarding any non-compliance issues.
- The Minor Decoy program allows law enforcement agencies to use persons under 20 years of age as decoys for the purpose of purchasing alcoholic beverages from licensed premises.
- The Shoulder Tap program is an enforcement program used by ABC and local law enforcement agencies wherein a minor decoy, under the supervision of law enforcement officers, solicits adults outside licensed stores to buy alcohol for the minor.

The grant term runs from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$90,000, and no matching funds are required. Upon Council approval an increase in revenues and an appropriation of expenditures, in the amount of \$90,000, or the actual award amount, will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Alcoholic Beverage Control 2025/2026 Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant Program, revenue and

expenditure accounts listed in the table below.

Fund	Program	Account	Amount
<i>Revenue</i>			
Grants & Restricted Programs	ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership - Revenue	9354100-334100	\$90,000
<i>Expenditures</i>			
Grants & Restricted Programs	ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership - O/T	9354100-411501	\$89,350
	ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership - Travel	9354100-427200	\$650
Total Expenditures			\$90,000

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 Approved by: Mike Futrell, City Manager
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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Agreement