



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL'S 2024/2025 ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP (APP) GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,000 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) 2024/2025 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant award in the amount of \$87,000 to increase enforcement activity and combat alcohol-related crimes in relation to alcoholic beverage control (ABC) violations for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of the grant award.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve an Agreement with the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a 2024/2025 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant award in the amount of \$87,000 to increase enforcement activity and combat alcohol-related crimes in relation to alcoholic beverage control (ABC) violations for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025;
2. Adopt a Resolution to accept the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's 2024/2025 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant award in the amount of \$87,000 to increase enforcement activity and combat alcohol-related crimes in relation to alcoholic beverage control (ABC) violations for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025;
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 \$87,000 or in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Alcoholic Beverage Control 2024/2025 Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant Program accounts; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all grant documents with the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's 2024/2025 Alcohol Policing

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

BACKGROUND:

In May 2024, 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 in the area of use and sales of illegal activity in and around on-sale 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, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 Community Well-Being and Goal number No. 2.4 – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Riverside Police Department (RPD) is dedicated to improving quality of life by creating a safe environment in partnership with the people it serves. RPD’s ability to enforce alcohol related regulations, serves the public interest, benefits the City’s diverse populations, and results in the greater public good.
2. **Equity** – RPD provides public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside. The addition of alcohol policing funds assists in the achievement of this goal and ensures that only those that should be buying and selling alcohol are able.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This grant will provide partial funding for alcohol related operations, lessening the financial burden on the City’s General Fund.
4. **Innovation** – RPD must constantly change and adapt to meet the community’s changing needs and prepare for the future. This funding opportunity allows RPD to implement innovative enforcement and educational operations without burdening the general fund.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The additional funding from this grant ensures the Police Department has the capacity to preserve, adapt, and grow with the needs of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$87,000, and no City matching funds are required. Upon Council approval, an increase will be recorded in revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$87,000, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Alcoholic Beverage Control 2024/2025 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	9351800-334100	\$87,000
<i>Expenditures</i>			
Grants & Restricted Programs	ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership - O/T	9351800-411500	\$86,076
	ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership – Supplies	9351800-426800	\$924
Total Expenditures			\$87,000

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 Approved by: Mike Futrell, City Manager
 Approved as to form: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Agreement