



Office of the City Manager

RECESS ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
 September 14, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Jennifer Louis, Interim Chief of Police
 Subject: Revenue Grant Contract: Fiscal Year 2021-22 Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to execute a grant contract and any subsequent amendments with the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in the amount of \$72,440 for one fiscal year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS

If the award is not accepted timely, the City would have less time to implement the programs, educate individuals and businesses, and potentially save lives in our community.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) will be the direct recipient of the grant in the amount of \$72,440 for state fiscal year 2021-22. The grant provides support for Berkeley Police Department operations and efforts to reduce underage drinking. Grant revenues will be deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage Control Fund (Fund 318). There is no required local match of funds to obtain the grant. Appropriation of the expenditures is being included in the First Amendment to the FY 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The ABC grant is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to create a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared city and be a customer-focused organization that provides excellent, timely, easily accessible service and information to the community. Over the years, BPD staff have worked diligently to reduce the number of alcohol related problems within the residential areas surrounding the University of California at Berkeley (UCB), especially the Greek community. Despite the education and preventative work conducted each year, we continue to experience alcohol related tragedies, many of which could have been prevented. The BPD and Berkeley Fire Department (BFD) have continued to experience an increase in calls for service. This

increase hampers and strains emergency services across the entire city. A report prepared by the BFD and provided to City Council, highlighted that over 1,500 people were transported in 2014 and 2015. Of those calls, more than 600 involved alcohol and approximately half of the intoxicated students were under the legal drinking age of 21. One-hundred and twenty of the intoxicated patients were under 18 years of age. During the 2015-16 grant, a total of 482 alcohol-related citations and arrests were made. The BPD has provided responsible beverage training for over 100 Berkeley managers and employees representing over 40 Berkeley businesses.

BACKGROUND

The BPD has been receiving the Alcoholic Beverage Control grant for over twelve years. The school year brings an influx of new students and new employees to various businesses which sell alcohol. The BPD will continue to inform, educate, and enforce under-age drinking laws in an effort to reduce and/or prevent alcohol related tragedies within the City of Berkeley.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Fewer calls to first-responders will result in less local air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions due to reduced fuel consumption.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The BPD has been awarded a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control grant in the amount of \$72,440 to address the critical need to address underage drinking and alcohol availability to those individuals under the age of 21. Without this funding, the BPD would have fewer resources to reduce alcohol-related incidents which can have negative life-altering results for many young adults.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the award is not accepted, the City would not be able to provide these vital services to our community.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE GRANT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE CONTROL GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

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 within 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, despite years of education and preventive work, alcohol related problems persist; and

WHEREAS, the young adult community continues to acquire alcohol through fake identification, merchants who fail to check identification or asking someone to purchase alcohol for them; and

WHEREAS, several liquor stores can be magnets for criminal activity; and

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

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department desires to undertake a certain project to limit access to alcohol by minors funded in part from state funds from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (also referred to as ABC); and

WHEREAS, the funds have been appropriated into the Alcoholic Beverage Control Program Fund (Fund 318) with the agreement that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council ratifies the action taken by the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments or extensions with the State of California in order to accept funds in the amount of \$72,440 from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the enforcement of alcohol related laws for one fiscal year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any liability arising out of the performance of this contract, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and ABC disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is not subject to local hiring freezes.