



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
June 22, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant Acceptance: Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Liaison Officer

Location/Council District: Citywide (All Districts)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager or designee to:
1) accept a \$100,000 grant award from the California State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC); 2) establish a grant project for the FY2010/11 ABC Liaison Officer grant (G11007300); 3) increase the Police Department's authorized staffing by one (1.0) full-time equivalent (FTE) police officer position; and, 4) increase the necessary Police Department grant expense and revenue budgets to implement the FY2010/11 ABC Liaison Officer grant.

Contact: Mike McCarthy, Captain, 808-0701

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Metro

Department ID: 11001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento has 963 ABC-licensed establishments, with an average of 24 establishments per square mile in the downtown core. Last year, the City's Planning Department received more than 900 additional inquiries from businesses seeking to open or expand an establishment requiring an alcohol license. During the same period, the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) had only enough funding to dedicate a single police officer to regulate the ABC licensing process. The SPD is seeking to accept \$100,000 in grant funding, from the California State Department of ABC, to fund the cost of one (1.0) police officer FTE to act as an ABC Liaison Officer. The ABC Liaison Officer will work in conjunction with current staff to enhance education, prevention, and enforcement programs. Funding will also provide overtime needed for officers to work alcohol-related operations. The grant period is one-year, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Policy Considerations: Accepting this funding is consistent with the past practices of using grant funding to increase law enforcement and community safety.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it does not constitute a “project” as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to Sections 15321(b) (law enforcement activities) and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Grant funding for an ABC Liaison Officer will permit the SPD to enhance education, prevention and enforcement of alcohol-related compliance laws throughout the City of Sacramento. Alcohol-related problems, such as underage drinking, are of significant concern because of the number of young adults and minors attracted to the area’s entertainment venues, including clubs that admit persons under the age of 21. Both the downtown and the old town areas continue to experience alcohol-related problems such as public drunkenness, a high percentage of alcohol-related traffic accidents and fatalities, underage and excessive drinking, alcohol-related crime, and community complaints about ABC licensed businesses and events.

Financial Considerations: The total grant award from the California State Department of ABC for FY2010/11 is \$100,000. No match is required. The grant will fund the labor costs of one ABC Liaison Officer during the grant period, as well as overtime costs for officers to work alcohol-related operations. Additionally, the grant will provide for project-related operating expenses, such as confidential funds, equipment, and training. There is no current or future impact to the General Fund or additional monetary requirement to the City. If funding is discontinued the one (1.0) FTE police officer will be eliminated.

The following is the cost breakdown for the ABC Liaison Officer grant project:

Expenditure	Total
Labor and Benefits	\$87,676
Overtime for Police Officers	6,724
Confidential Funds	2,500
Travel/Training	800
Equipment	2,300
Total Grant Award	\$100,000

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Any grant-funded purchases will be made in accordance with the City’s Emerging and Small Business Development program requirements.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike McCarthy
Mike McCarthy, Captain

Approved by: Rick Brazier
Rick Brazier, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H. Vina
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Interim City Manager

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Background

The City of Sacramento has received single-year grant awards from ABC for similar projects in Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. This funding has contributed to the Sacramento Police Department's development of an effective and successful relationship with the local Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Office and its investigators. ABC officers partner with other local law enforcement agencies, local businesses, merchant associations, and the community to ensure compliance at ABC-licensed businesses and events. The SPD's program focuses on citywide ABC compliance and enforcement, with particular emphasis on the downtown and old town areas. ABC officers collaborate with downtown businesses and organizations to provide enforcement and training to address alcohol-related problems.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 22, 2010

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LIAISON OFFICER**

BACKGROUND

- A. ABC officers partner with other local law enforcement agencies, local businesses, merchant associations, and the community to ensure compliance at ABC-licensed businesses and events. The officers collaborate with downtown businesses and organizations to provide enforcement and training to address alcohol-related problems.
- B. The City of Sacramento has received single-year grant awards from the California State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for similar projects in Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- C. The City of Sacramento has received a \$100,000 grant, through the California Department of ABC, to provide funding for the Sacramento Police Department's ABC Liaison Officer Program in FY2010/11. There is no current or future impact to the General Fund or additional monetary requirement to the City.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to accept a grant award of \$100,000, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, from the California State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, which totals \$100,000, including any future extensions, agreements, modifications or attachments thereof.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to establish a project (G11007300) for the FY11 ABC Liaison Officer grant.
- Section 3. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to increase the Police Department's authorized staffing by one (1.0) full-time equivalent (FTE) police officer. The position will be eliminated if funding is discontinued.
- Section 4: The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to increase the necessary Police Department grant expense and revenue budgets to implement the ABC Liaison Officer grant project.