

Agenda Report

October 23, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) FOR A GRANT AND AMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET BY RECOGNIZING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING \$40,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Find that the project proposed herein is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- 2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to receive the grant funding from ABC as detailed in this report;
- 3. Amend the Police Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$40,000 in the General Fund (101); and
- 4. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for a grant with the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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BACKGROUND:

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has awarded \$40,000 to the Pasadena Police Department to support the costs of alcohol-related operations. This includes money for inspections and undercover operations to ensure restaurants and liquor stores are in compliance with State and local laws.

The City of Pasadena has several known areas where alcohol related issues are reoccurring and lower the quality of life for the residents, business owners and visitors. The following are a few of the areas, but not limited to the Rose Bowl, Old Town Pasadena, Orange Grove corridor, East Colorado Blvd., and several city parks. There are approximately 386 ABC licenses within the city of Pasadena, consisting of retail onsale, to include restaurants and off-sale locations. The adverse effects of having on and off sale liquor establishments often result in a high volume of patrol calls for crimes involving public intoxication, disorderly conduct, trespassing, and assaults.

The object of this program is to reduce the amount of alcohol-related incidents in the City of Pasadena through a three-step approach of education, enforcement, and management. The goals of this program are to:

- Reduce alcohol-related calls for service;
- Reduce calls for service in problem locations operated by ABC licensees;
- Educate ABC licensees by hosting LEAD courses; and
- Provide training for Pasadena Police Department Patrol and Detective sections.

The grant period runs from October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. No matching funds are required.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Plan Goals to ensure public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed grant agreement has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section15061 (b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Such is the case with the proposed grant with the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This action will amend the Police Department's FY 2024 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$40,000 in the General Fund (101) for the grant funding from ABC. There are no anticipated indirect or support costs such as maintenance and IT support.

Respectfully Submitted,

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