



Agenda Report

October 20, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL'S ABC-OTS 2026-2027 GRANT AWARD AND AMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET BY RECOGNIZING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING \$25,000 IN GRANT FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. 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 grant funds;
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute all grant-related documents pertaining to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's ABC-OTS Grant Program award in the amount of \$25,000; and
4. Amend the Police Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$25,000 in the General Fund (101).

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) sponsored by the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), administers funding to support enforcement programs statewide. The goal of this OTS program is to reduce the number of licensees who sell alcoholic beverages to minors, target adults who furnish alcohol to minors, conduct inspections that focus on licensees' education, thereby preventing underage drinking and youth access to alcohol. Currently,

there are approximately 380 active ABC retail licensees within the city. The City of Pasadena has several areas where alcohol-related incidents occur that negatively impact the quality of life for residents, business owners, and visitors. Furthermore, on-sale and off-sale liquor sale establishments, where alcohol is sold and consumed on the premises, often result in a high volume of patrol calls for crimes involving public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

The Pasadena Police Department has previously applied for and received these grant funds to help reduce and/or prevent youth involved in fatal or injury collisions, reduce shoulder tap activity near liquor sale establishments, increase public awareness, and decrease alcohol-related crimes.

This funding will support overtime, benefits, travel and training reimbursements for police department personnel involved in ABC enforcement activity. No matching funds are required.

The grant period runs from October 1, 2026 through August 31st, 2027.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Acceptance of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's ABC-OTS grant program is consistent with City Council policies and priorities related to enhancing public safety. This aligns with the City's commitment to fostering a safe and livable community for residents, businesses, and visitors, while leveraging outside funding to maximize available resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed contract has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(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 from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

FISCAL IMPACT:

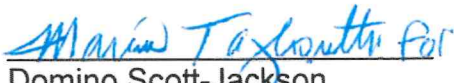
Approval of the recommended actions will amend the Police Department's FY 2027 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$25,000 in the General Fund (101) for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Office of Traffic Safety Grant funds.

Respectfully Submitted,



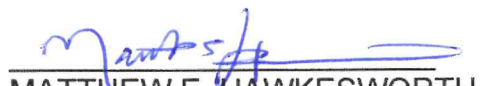
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