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Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	7/28/2020
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10493 – A Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Accept a State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant in the Amount of \$56,580 and Appropriation of Funds
FROM:	Police Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 10493- A Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Accept a State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant in the Amount of \$56,580 and Appropriation of Funds

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The Folsom Police Department has a history of actively engaging the challenges associated with the negative impacts of underage drinking and irresponsible service and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Programs associated with these efforts include the education of licensees, officers, community members, and other stakeholders, as well as vigorous enforcement of applicable laws.

The problems commonly associated with irresponsible and illegal alcoholic beverage service in Folsom include consumption of alcohol by minors, driving under the influence, heavily intoxicated subjects in public, disturbances, physical violence, public urination/defecation, vandalism, and littering. Given current fiscal constraints, the Police Department has limited resources to address these challenges.

The goal of the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) is to provide financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies to expand their efforts in addressing alcohol-related problems through a comprehensive ABC program that encompasses a wide range of strategies.

In March 2020, City Manager Elaine Andersen verbally approved the Police Department to submit a grant application to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. On June 9, 2020, the Police Department was notified of selection and award of an APP grant in the amount of \$56,580.

If acceptance of this grant is approved by the City Council, ABC would reimburse the Police Department for overtime costs incurred while officers conduct alcohol related enforcement operations and community/licensee education and outreach. The grant period would run through the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Since the 2009-10 fiscal year, the Police Department has been awarded the ABC grant three times. During those grant periods the Department has met or exceeded all performance metrics as outlined in the grant proposals. If City Council approves acceptance of the ABC APP grant for the 2020-21 fiscal year, the Police Department intends to continue to enhance efforts to address the issue of minor access to alcohol and conduct additional enforcement operations at problem establishments as determined by inordinate calls for service and community complaints. The Police Department will also enhance our educational and outreach efforts to help licensees reach compliance with applicable law.

POLICY / RULE

In March 2020, in accordance with City Council Resolution 8367 and the City of Folsom's Financial Policy, the City Manager authorized the Police Department's application for the ABC APP grant. This approval was given prior to the April 14, 2020 passage of Resolution No. 10405, which modified and strengthened the City's policies regarding grant administration.

On June 9, 2020, the Police Department was notified of selection and award of an APP grant in the amount of \$56,580. ABC also requires City Council approval of the acceptance of this grant.

ANALYSIS

In the fiscal year 2002-03, the Police Department was awarded an ABC grant that reimbursed the City for 100% of the salary and benefit costs for one full-time Folsom Police officer for one year to establish and operate a comprehensive ABC law education and enforcement program. As a result, the Police Department was successful in implementing a program that established education for the officers, licensees and community members on ABC law, the

responsibilities of the licensee, and responsible alcoholic beverage protocols. Additionally, the Police Department was able to provide patrol officers with training in the enforcement of ABC laws.

In 2006, City Council approved additional staffing for the Police Department to create a specialized unit, now called the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), with duties that included alcoholic beverage education and enforcement. Personnel assigned to SIU have managed and conducted the operations under the previous grants and will continue to do so with City Council approval for acceptance of the 2020-21 ABC grant.

The Police Department's original grant proposal was written and submitted to ABC just as the Coronavirus mitigation efforts began in earnest. As such, the proposal did not reflect the mandated business shutdowns and other significant impacts experienced by licensees since the March 19, 2020 stay at home order was issued. However, SIU personnel and the Criminal Investigations Division Lieutenant have since met with ABC and have been given approval to modify our goals and objectives to meet this new reality.

Under the modified proposal, the Police Department will place a heavier emphasis on licensee education and outreach, particularly in the first few months of the grant period. This is especially important currently as many licensees are operating under unprecedented temporary ABC regulation modifications. These regulations include the lawful sale of alcoholic beverages by restaurants 'to go', the closure of all indoor dining, and the issuance of temporary catering authorizations allowing restaurants to expand their outdoor dining and beverage service footprints. ABC laws and regulations are often inherently confusing and having experienced SIU detectives coaching licensees to compliance on these, and other, regulation changes will be of benefit to both the licensees and public safety. Further, the state health order to wear face coverings inside of buildings open to the public has added additional challenges to licensees and their employees when checking customer identity and age to legally purchase alcoholic beverages. Again, SIU detectives will work with licensees to convey both the licensee's obligations in identifying their customers as well as 'best practices' in patron identification in this era of face covering.

Another significant way minors gain access to alcohol is via theft. This challenge is exacerbated by the mandatory face covering order as it provides a certain degree of concealment for subjects seeking to steal alcoholic beverages. Under this modified grant proposal SUI detectives will work with retail establishments and recommend strategies, including Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), to deter theft of alcohol.

By participating in the ABC grant program, the Police Department seeks to provide Alcoholic Beverage Control education and training for licensees and other community stakeholders in order to minimize the negative effects of alcoholic beverage consumption, and, most importantly, deter minors from obtaining and possessing alcohol in the City of Folsom.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this grant. Overtime and training costs related to the ABC APP will be reimbursed by the State of California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control and there is no matching funds requirement. Any costs exceeding the \$56,580 grant funding will be absorbed within the approved Police Department 2020-21 budget. An additional appropriation will be required for acceptance of the grant. If approved the grant amount of \$56,580 will be appropriated to the General Fund (Fund 010) in Fiscal Year 2020-12 in the Police Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This Resolution is not a project as defined by CEQU and is therefore exempt.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 10493- A Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Accept a State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant in the Amount of \$56,580 and Appropriation of Funds.
2. Grant Award Letter

Submitted,


Richard Hillman, Chief of Police

Attachment 1

Resolution No. 10493- A Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Accept a State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant in the Amount of \$56,580 and Appropriation of Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 10493

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,580 AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom's Mission is to provide a safe, healthy, and vibrant community through innovative, responsive, and effective delivery of services to maintain and enhance the quality of life of our residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department believes this program will enhance and expand current public safety efforts; and,

WHEREAS, grant monies are available to fund this project and improve the quality of life in Folsom.

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation will be required in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget in the General Fund (Fund 010) in the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby authorizes the acceptance of a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Alcohol Policing Partnership grant in the amount of \$56,580. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Folsom all necessary contracts, agreements, amendments, and payment requests hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director is authorized to appropriate the grant amount of \$56,580 to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Budget in the Police Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of July, 2020 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):
NOES: Council Member(s):
ABSENT: Council Member(s):
ABSTAIN: Council Member(s):

Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

Attachment 2
Grant Award Letter

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

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June 9, 2020

Chief Rick Hillman
Folsom Police Department
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Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Chief Hillman:

Congratulations! Your agency has been selected by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to receive funding for your 2020/2021 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant proposal.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, ABC has cancelled the annual APP Training Conference originally scheduled for July 2020 in the City of Palm Desert. This was a difficult decision, but a necessary one, as the conference provides an opportunity for everyone to meet, share information and receive training on ABC educational and enforcement programs. ABC will still provide training this year; however, it will be in a different format. A four-hour training session for your designated sworn staff and project directors will take place at a future date. Your ABC agent assigned to your agency will be in contact to schedule the training/orientation session.

A grant contract will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks which requires a resolution, order, motion, ordinance or other similar document from your local governing body authorizing execution of the agreement. Due to the fact that these resolutions typically have to be put on your governing body's calendar, we ask that you do this as soon as possible.

Please note that the total budget amount requested in the Request for Proposal was reduced to \$56,580.00 to reflect the unused Travel/Registration Fees due to the cancellation of the conference. In addition, due to the impact this pandemic has had on our budget, please note that the grant contract is contingent upon continued funding being available throughout the term of the contract.

Once again, ABC appreciates your understanding during the COVID-19 Pandemic and we look forward to working with your agency.

If you have any questions, please call Kristine Okino, Grant Coordinator at (916) 419-2672 or email at Kristine.okino@abc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Appelsmith".

for Jacob Appelsmith
Director

Cc: Sgt. Roman Kehm, Project Director