



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 20, 2026

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: JON RADUS, CHIEF OF POLICE

PREPARED BY: LAUREN PARKHOUSE, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

SUBJECT: \$801,505 FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM AWARD

SUMMARY

Staff requests City Council accept and appropriate \$801,505 for Tobacco Enforcement Operations from the California Department of Justice for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Tobacco Grant Program.

PROPOSED MOTION

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XXX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT FUNDS

2. Authorize City Manager and Chief of Police to accept and execute a \$801,505 MOU with the Department of Justice for the FY 2025-26 Tobacco Grant Program.
3. Appropriate receipt and use of \$801,505 Tobacco Grant funding to the Police Department budget within the Grants Fund (Fund 32).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

None.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tobacco Grant funds would reimburse the City for police officer overtime and operational supplies related to tobacco inspection, enforcement and compliance. Staff would appropriate these costs within the Grants Fund (Fund 32). The Department would provide in-kind services with school resource officers and explorers using general funds in the adopted department budget.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The California Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a Request for Proposals for Activities of Local Law Enforcement Agencies, funded under the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Action of 2016 and approved by voters as Proposition 56. The DOJ approved the Fullerton Police Department grant application for these funds and awarded \$801,505 effective upon Memorandum of Understanding execution and expires June 30, 2029.

The Police Department used Tobacco Grant funding in 2022 through 2026 to conduct tobacco inspections and enforcement for compliance with state and local laws. This Tobacco Law Enforcement Grant would allow the Police Department to continue to proactive education to Fullerton businesses selling or furnishing tobacco-related products, conduct enforcement with these establishments and conduct undercover enforcement operations throughout the City with sworn personnel to enforce tobacco related laws and ordinances. Enforcement would focus on Health Safety Code Section 118948 - smoking in a vehicle that has a minor - and Fullerton Municipal Code Section 9.12.325 - Smoking Policy (No person shall smoke a cigarette, cigar or smoke any other tobacco-related product on any public recreational trail, at Laguna Lake Park or in a public park in a very high fire hazard severity zone as designated by the California Fire Code, or other area designated by the City Manager, or his or her designee, where a "No Smoking" sign has been posted by the City. The Department Directed Enforcement Team would implement and manage this program using existing Police personnel.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Draft Resolution

cc: Interim City Manager Eddie Manfro