

Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 19, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: JON RADUS, CHIEF OF POLICE

PREPARED BY: LAUREN PARKHOUSE, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE

ANALYST

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL GRANT AWARD

SUMMARY

Staff requests City Council authorize the Chief of Police to accept \$75,000 Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 grant funding from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to reduce underage drinking and driving under the influence (DUI) injuries, fatalities and property damage.

PROPOSED MOTION

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-XXX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL GRANT FUNDS

- 2. Authorize Chief of Police to execute \$75,000 FY 2025-26 ABC grant agreement.
- 3. Appropriate receipt and use grant funds in 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:

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- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Accepting this reimbursable grant generates no net fiscal impact to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. The City would use the Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant revenue to reimburse officer overtime and operational supplies. Staff would appropriate grant revenues and expenditures in the Grants Fund (Fund 32).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Fullerton has a bustling historic Downtown District hosting numerous restaurants and clubs with a vibrant nightlife, including many bars popular among college-aged residents and the general population. 61 of the 314 ABC-licensed restaurants and bars in the City locate in the Downtown Fullerton area within six square blocks, frequented by 5,000 to 8,000 patrons on a Friday night. The City of Fullerton has five colleges and universities within city limits with a growing population of at least 65,000 students. A significant amount of alcohol consumption occurs in Downtown Fullerton on weekends creating a heightened risk for DUIs and other behaviors impacting public safety. The Fullerton Police Department consistently ranks toward the top for DUI arrests county-wide (551 DUI arrests in 2024). Sadly, the City experienced one traffic-related fatality in calendar year 2024. Additionally, some businesses over-serve patrons or serve minors either intentionally or unintentionally permitted into age-restricted establishments.

Public intoxication, DUIs and traffic accidents attribute to these activities and negatively impact the quality of life of those involved as well as the community. The Police Department 2025-26 ABC Grant Program would fund sworn officers working overtime, targeting underage drinking and alcohol sales at ABC licensed premises and increasing public awareness that selling or furnishing alcohol to minors is a criminal violation prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Draft Resolution No. 2025-XXX

cc: Interim City Manager Eddie Manfro