



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 28, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police

Subject: Revenue Grant: Fiscal Years 2025/2026 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)
Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) Grant

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, to execute a grant contract and any subsequent amendments, with the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in the amount of \$75,012 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Berkeley Police Department (BPD) will receive \$75,012 in grant funding for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The funds will support BPD operations aimed at reducing underage drinking, limiting youth access to alcohol, and ensuring compliance by businesses with state laws under the Business and Professions Code. Grant revenues will be deposited into the Police Department's One-Time Grant Fund. There is no required local match of funds to obtain the grant.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley continues to face significant challenges with underage drinking and alcohol-related disturbances, particularly in areas surrounding the University of California, Berkeley. These issues significantly impact public safety, place strain on local law enforcement resources, and diminish the quality of life for residents, students, and visitors.

The consequences of unchecked underage drinking and alcohol-related misconduct extend beyond immediate safety concerns. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to long-term health impacts, academic decline, increased risks of addiction, and exposure to violence or injury. Community stakeholders, including residents, business owners, and University officials, have voiced concerns over the impact of alcohol misuse on Berkeley's reputation as a safe, vibrant, and cultured city.

BPD will also collaborate with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office to bring non-compliant businesses into alignment with state law. A comprehensive, data-driven approach that combines enforcement, education, and community collaboration is required to address these challenges.

BACKGROUND

ABC created the Alcohol Police Partnership (APP) grant in 1995. The primary purpose of the grant is to create strong collaborations between ABC and local law enforcement agencies. The goal of the grant is to target businesses that facilitate sales to minors or intoxicated individuals, deliver education and training to officers, businesses and underage people, and use proactive enforcement measures such as business compliance checks and Minor Decoy operations.

The City of Berkeley has previously received ABC funding, resulting in measurable reductions in alcohol-related incidents, including underage drinking and public intoxication. However, due to a lack of recent ABC grant funding, and significant staffing issues, these problems have resurfaced and intensified, making underage alcohol consumption and public drinking increasingly commonplace.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental impacts associated with this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The BPD has been awarded an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) grant in the amount of \$75,012 funding the department's ability to enforce alcohol laws including but not limited to underage sales, underage drinking and liquor licensing. Without this funding, BPD's capacity to reduce alcohol-related crimes as well as alcohol related injuries and overconsumption would be limited.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the award is not accepted, the City will be unable to provide this enhanced level of service to our community.

CONTACT PERSON

Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police, 981-5700

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ACCEPT REVENUE GRANT:
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERHSIP GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
OF 2025/2026.

WHEREAS, the Police Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment through vigorous law enforcement within the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, underage access to alcohol and excessive drinking is currently a problem within the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, there has been a longstanding problem with underage drinking and the availability of alcohol to people under the age of 21 throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the police department does not have sufficient resources within the existing budget and staffing constraints to expand their work on these specific issues; and

WHEREAS, establishments that sell alcoholic beverages and/or bars can be magnets for criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the underage minors and the young adult community continues to acquire alcoholic beverages through fake identification, merchants who fail to check identification or asking someone to purchase products for them; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department desires to undertake enforcement to limit access to alcoholic beverages by minors funded in part from state funds from Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC); and

WHEREAS, the funds have been appropriated into the ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership grant fund with the understanding that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract and any amendments or extensions with Alcoholic Beverage Control in order to accept funds in the amount of \$75,012 from ABC for the enforcement of alcohol related laws for FY 2025-2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any liability arising out of the performance of this contract, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. Alcoholic Beverage Control disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

