



Item #14

Police
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 4/6/2006
ITEM NO:

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing an application for funding to the State of Texas, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in the amount of \$50,000 in grant funds for officer overtime, undercover stings involving minors, and educational materials to supplement the Austin Police Department Alcohol Control Team's underage drinking prevention program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available from the State of Texas, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission from the grant period of June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007. A 25 percent match is required and is available in the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 approved operating budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department: Police.

For More Information: Cathy Ellison, Assistant Chief 974-5997

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language:

MBE/WBE:

This action approves a resolution authorizing the City to apply for \$50,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, to enforce underage drinking prevention laws through education of minors, education of retailers, and undercover stings that target the purchase of alcohol by residents under 21 years of age. The grant period will run from June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. This is a one-year grant with the opportunity to apply for future funds should they become available. A 25% match is required and is included as existing personnel in the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

The grant application proposes funding for officer overtime to conduct enforcement stings, compensation for youth posing as decoys during stings, and educational materials that focus on underage drinking prevention. The match will be met with a 15% allocation of salary (\$16,143) of the existing Sergeant position assigned to the Alcohol Control Unit. The Austin Police Department Alcohol Control Unit has been in operation since March of 2002 and has had success in enforcing underage drinking prevention laws with the three detectives assigned to the Unit.

This grant addresses the Department goal of improving traffic safety by reducing the incidents of underage drinking and Driving While Intoxicated. It also addresses the APD Program Objective for Neighborhood Policing: The purpose of the Neighborhood Policing Program is to provide immediate police service, criminal investigations, and collaborative problem solving initiatives to the community so they can feel safe and be safe.

Program effectiveness of this grant will be measured as follows:

Number of Stings (targeting the sale of alcohol to minors)

Baseline Data (2005): 82

Target (June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007): 130

Number of Education Efforts (targeting retailers)

Baseline Data (2005): 0

Target (June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007): 200

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application for \$50,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to fund officer overtime, undercover stings involving minors, and educational materials to supplement the Austin Police Department Alcohol Control Teams' underage drinking prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for grant funds for said program, in the amount of \$50,000 from the State of Texas, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, to continue the Austin Police Department Alcoholic Control Team's underage drinking prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designates Rudy Garza as the authorized official who has the power to accept, reject or alter this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed to provide funding of the required cash match of 25% for this year of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the State of Texas funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the State of Texas, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in full;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council approves the application of grant funding from the State of Texas, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, in the amount of \$50,000.

ADOPTED:

, 2006

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk