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PR 14-47**ABC Awards Thousands of Dollars to 23 California Police Agencies**
Grant Money comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety for Multiple Programs

SACRAMENTO –The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today announced that it has awarded several mini-grants to over 20 local law enforcement agencies to help them combat underage drinking, alcohol-related crime and educate ABC licensees about alcoholic beverage laws in California through ABC's IMPACT Program.

Mini-grants ranging from \$7,400 to \$25,000 have been awarded to 23 local law enforcement agencies throughout California.

The grants were awarded by the ABC after it received funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Communities receiving the mini-grants are Elk Grove, Escondido, Eureka, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Los Gatos, Martinez, Menlo Park, Merced, Norwalk, Paso Robles, Pittsburg, Pomona, Redlands, Riverside County Sheriff's Department-Moreno Valley, Rohnert Park, San Diego, Santa Maria, Santa Monica, Selma, South Lake Tahoe, West Covina and West Sacramento.

Grant funds will be used for Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Decoy operations, and Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendency (IMPACT) inspections.

Minor Decoy operations are compliance checks in which teenagers, under the direct supervision of police officers, attempt to purchase alcohol from retail licensees. The Shoulder Tap program targets adults who purchase alcohol for minors on or around ABC licensed businesses. Minor decoys, under the direct supervision of police officers, approach and ask patrons of stores, bars or restaurants to buy them alcohol. The IMPACT program involves inspections of ABC licensed businesses.

The goal of the mini-grants is to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors and reduce alcohol-related crime through multiple enforcement, educational and prevention programs conducted by ABC Agents and local law enforcement officers.

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