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## **ABC Awarded Two Million Dollar Grant**

### ***Grant comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety for Multiple Programs***

**SACRAMENTO** –The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today announced that it has been awarded a two million dollar grant that will help fund operations for a number of departmental programs that combat underage drinking and educate licensees about alcoholic beverage laws in California. The grant also allows ABC to award grants to local law enforcement agencies. The dollar amounts vary from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

“Keeping alcohol out of the hands of youth is a priority for the ABC,” said ABC Director Timothy Gorsuch. “This grant will help reduce youth access to alcohol and increase safety in communities throughout California.”

The grant was awarded to the ABC by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The grant will run through the end of September 2016.

A portion of the grant funds will be used for holiday enforcement efforts and the training of law enforcement officers on Place of Last Sale investigations. The grant resources will also be used for a plethora of ABC programs including Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Decoy operations, Retail Operating Standards Task Force (ROSTF) operations, Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendency (IMPACT) inspections, Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drug (LEAD) trainings and Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) trainings.

Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Decoy operations are used to reduce youth access to alcohol, TRACE involves in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults involving minors where alcohol is a contributing factor. ROSTF, IMPACT and LEAD are all programs used by ABC to educate licensees, increase compliance with alcoholic beverage laws and to help prevent underage drinking.

The goal of the grant 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.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.