



## **Decoy Shoulder Tap Project Funding Priorities**

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) will take the following factors into consideration in awarding its Decoy Shoulder Tap grants. Therefore, the applicant's letter of interest should respond to the following issues:

- 1) Experience has shown that the Decoy Shoulder Tap Program works best when it has the strong support of the local prosecutor. Therefore, applicants must provide information that they have discussed this program with their local City or District Attorney and that complaints against adult violators will be prosecuted.
- 2) Crime rate and/or an identifiable alcohol-related problems with local outlets in applicant's jurisdiction.
- 3) Need for funding.
- 4) Any experience working with ABC.
- 5) Areas of your jurisdiction where known "shoulder tap" activity occurs.
- 6) Your Department's experience using the Minor Decoy Program and willingness to use it prior to the Decoy Shoulder Tap Program.
- 7) Willingness and ability to have working relationships with other governmental agencies and community organizations.
- 8) Willingness to commit to running a minimum of ten operations within a twenty-month period within each police jurisdiction. Experience has shown that each operation requires an eight-hour shift, usually three officers in two separate cars, plus a cadet or volunteer (average estimated cost would be 80 hours total per officer x average \$50 hour overtime rate x 3 officers = \$12,000).
- 9) Willingness to issue press releases as follows: (a) one to announce the start of program; (b) one after each of the operations to announce the number of arrests; (c) and one to summarize the entire four weeks.

- 10) Grantee should fax a copy of each press release to ABC, attention Public Information Officer, as soon as it is released. **Note:** ABC will assist, if needed, in preparing a press release and will lend support, if needed, to each of the agencies with resources of our public information officer.

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