

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

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TO: SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS OF CALIFORNIA

FROM: JERRY R. JOLLY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MINOR DECOY GRANT PROGRAM

Beginning July 1, 2006, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), sponsored by the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety, will be awarding grants of up to \$20,000 to local law enforcement agencies to utilize the Minor Decoy Program from July 1, 2006 to February 28, 2008 (approximately 19 months).

The goal of the Minor Decoy Program is to reduce the number of licensees who sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The problem associated with underage alcohol consumption-including injuries and fatalities-are well documented. Both the California Constitution under XX, Section 22 and the Business and Professions Code provide that the sale of and alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21 years is illegal.

The Minor Decoy Program is a significant and effective tool for law enforcement officials in combating sales of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 years. Local law enforcement agencies began using the program in the early 1980's and on April 7, 1994, the California Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision upholding the use of underage decoys by law enforcement officials.

As a result of the 1994 California Supreme Court decision, minor decoys used by local law enforcement agencies are immune from prosecution. Further, Section 25658(f) of the Business and Professions Code and Rule 141 of the California Code of Regulations were established, to provide the legal requirements for law enforcement agencies when conducting a decoy operation. A Minor Decoy Fact Sheet is enclosed for your review.

The information needed for the letter of interest can be found on our Department web site at www.abc.ca.gov. Click on ABC Special Programs on the left side of the home page and then ABC Minor Decoy Grant. Please download the Adobe Acrobat PDF formatted forms to your computer to complete them.

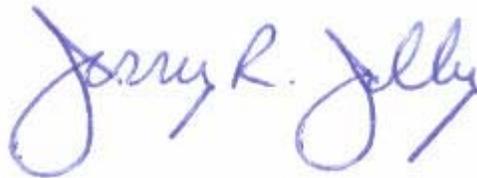
**The Department must receive all letters of interest by 5:00 P.M. on June 16, 2006.
(Proposals received after the due date and time will be ineligible for consideration).
Mail or deliver proposals in an envelope to:**

**Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
Attention: Kathleen (Katie) Lenihan
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A selection committee will review and evaluate all proposals using a point system and it is anticipated that selection will be made on or about July 1, 2006. Selections will be based upon the applicant's responsiveness to the Grant Requirements and the ability to implement this grant based on the program and administrative requirement.

If you have any questions regarding the letter of interest, please call Kathleen (Katie) Lenihan, Project Manager at (916) 419-2507.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry R. Jolly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "R".

Jerry R. Jolly
Director