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## **ABC Awards SDPD a Grant To Reduce Alcohol-Related Crimes**

**San Diego** – The San Diego Police Department has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to reduce alcohol-related harm in the communities we serve. The grant is one of nearly 50 awarded in California to local law enforcement agencies through ABC’s Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) program.

These grants support local law enforcement by combining the efforts of local police officers, deputies, and ABC agents. ABC agents have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities solve alcohol-related problems.

“The Alcohol Policing Partnership program can improve the quality of life in neighborhoods,” said ABC Director Joseph McCullough. “We’ve seen a real difference in the communities where the grant program’s resources have been invested.”

The APP program was created in 1995 to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies. The program is designed to keep alcohol away from minors and prevent harm to the community.

The funds will be used to help prevent alcoholic beverage sales to minors and obviously intoxicated patrons, illegal solicitations of alcohol, and other criminal activities such as the sale and possession of illegal drugs.

The APP Program has distributed approximately \$3 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related harm.

## **About the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control**

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is an agency of the government of the state of California charged with the regulation of alcoholic beverages. ABC's mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety to the people of California through licensing, education, and enforcement. ABC is a department of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

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