



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

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- b. Support approval of the increase in appropriations of the Sheriff's FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget 001-2300-SHE001-8242 by \$75,000 financed by \$75,000 from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) Program and
- c. Support authorizing and directing Auditor Controller to amend the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget 001-2300-SHE001-8242 by \$75,000 funded by the State of California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office was notified of the grant award on July 1, 2024, for a grant period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Due to the late award notification this item is brought forward to the Board of Supervisors for retroactive authorization.

Monterey County grapples with a significant issue of alcohol-related problems with establishments where alcohol is the primary item for sale. Also, particularly concerning is the growing consumption, purchase, and access of alcohol by minors.

Specific areas of concern within the county include rural communities like Pajaro and Castroville. Smaller South Monterey County cities like Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City, as well as larger urban areas like the City of Salinas, also share the same significant alcohol-related problems and challenges. Many of these communities face elevated rates of underage drinking, leading to detrimental effects on public safety, youth development, and community well-being.

In 2023, there were 25 calls for service at the El Palenque Night Club and Bar in Castroville, CA.

These calls for service ranged from fights, vandalism, drunk in public, minors at the bar, firearm possession in the bar, and DUIs.

In 2023, there were 11 calls for service at the El Torero Bar in Pajaro. These calls for service ranged from domestic violence, fights, threats, and a double homicide where two patrons were murdered, and 4 patrons were shot.

In 2023, there were over 70 calls for service at Jesse's Bar (231 Salinas Street, Salinas). These calls for service ranged from fights, drunk in public, suspicious persons, armed robbery, stolen vehicle, assault with a deadly weapon, etc.

Furthermore, there were 3,709 persons booked at the Monterey County for DUI in 2023.

These are just a few establishments and examples that underline the growing public safety issues revolving around alcohol throughout communities within Monterey County. In addition to calls for service at establishments where alcohol is sold, community members continually call regarding alcohol consumption by minors at parties, beaches, and events throughout Monterey County.

Contributing factors include lax enforcement of alcohol regulations due to staffing challenges in law enforcement, lack of effective law enforcement training on ABC regulations and alcohol related laws, educational resources, and the normalization of underage drinking within certain social circles.

To address these issues and concerns, the Sheriff's Office will designate the Comprehensive Alcohol Regulation and Education (CARE) Program to be funded from funds made available through the Alcohol Policing Partnership Program (APP) administered by the State of California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC). The CARE Program focuses primarily on prevention through education and training of ABC licensed business establishments, and enforcement of alcohol related laws and regulations.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office request approval of this agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed the agreement as to legal form, and the Auditor/Controller has reviewed the fiscal provisions.

FINANCING:

The Sheriff's Office is asking support from the Budget Committee to increase appropriations and estimated revenues of the Adopted Budget for FY 2024-25, 001-2300-SHE001-8242 in the amount of \$75,000, financed by the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, Alcohol Policing Partnership Program (APP).

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Attachments:

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