



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution designating and authorizing City Manager and City Prosecutor to execute applications, agreements, and other documents including amendments, to accept and expend funding from the California Department of Justice's Tobacco Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$505,146, for the FY 23 through FY 25 period; and

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the City Prosecutor Department by \$505,146, offset by grant revenue from California Department of Justice. (Citywide)

The City of Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office has been selected to receive a grant from the State of California Department of Justice (CDOJ) for the Tobacco Grant Program (TGP). This grant will provide a total of \$505,146 for FY 23, FY 24, and FY 25.

The CDOJ's TGP was established in 2017 by the Office of the Attorney General to support local enforcement of tobacco laws. Funding for the TGP was created by the passage of the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56).

The TGP supports a wide range of activities, including consumer protection, retailer compliance checks, public education outreach, along with inspection and enforcement efforts. All grants are competitive and include reporting and administrative requirements of the recipients.

The funding awarded to the City Prosecutor's Office will support efforts led by the City Prosecutor to increase prosecutions of repeat offenders for unlawful sale of tobacco products to minors, to provide training for local prosecutors, and to increase educational outreach to retailers with the goal of preventing tobacco sales to minors.

Additionally, a multi-agency task force will be established to coordinate compliance with relevant laws and accomplish the goals of the grant.

The CDOJ requires that the accompanying resolution be approved in order for the City to receive funding under the TGP.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica J. Kilaita on February 14, 2023 and by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on February 11, 2023.

City Council action to execute an agreement is requested on March 7, 2023, to ensure the grant is in place expeditiously.

The City will receive grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$505, 146 for the period of FY 23 through FY 25, for the Tobacco Grant Program. An appropriation increase of \$505,146, offset by grant revenues, is requested in the General Grants Fund Group in the City Prosecutor's Office. No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

Approve recommendation.

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CITY PROSECUTOR

APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER