

Police department receives grant to fight alcohol harm

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The Crescent City Police Department was recently awarded a \$20,574 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to battle alcohol-related harm to the community.

The grant is one of about 50 awarded in California to local law enforcement agencies through ABC's Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP).

The grants help strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining the efforts of local police officers and ABC agents. ABC agents have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities reduce alcohol-related harm, according to ABC officials.

"The program can improve the quality of life in neighborhoods," said ABC Director Jacob Appelsmith in a press release. "We've seen a real difference in the communities where the grant program 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 put bad operators out of business, keep alcohol away from minors and bring penalties, such as fines, suspensions or revocations against businesses that violate the law and cause harm to the community.

In addition, the funds will be used to reduce the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors, 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 \$50 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related crime.

ABC is a department of the state's Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.