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ABC awards \$75,000 grant to OC Sheriff to fight alcohol-related harm

SANTA ANA, Calif. (Aug. 29, 2025): The Orange County Sheriff's Department recently was awarded a \$ 75,000 grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to reduce alcohol-related harm in 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.

"This grant will help us better protect children and young adults and allow us to proactively address crime at problem locations," said Don Barnes, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner. "Partnering with ABC helps us make our community safer through prevention and enforcement efforts."

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 strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining theirs with ABC agents who have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws to help reduce alcohol-related harm within their community.

"Our Alcohol Policing Partnership program can improve the quality of life in neighborhoods," said ABC Director Paul Tupy. "The communities where the grant program's resources have been invested have seen a real difference."

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.

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