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## The Oakland Police Department Receives Grant From Alcohol Beverage Control

*Oakland, CA* – The Oakland Police Department has received \$50,000 from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to combat alcohol-related crime.

The grant is one of 62 awarded this year to local law enforcement agencies through ABC's Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

GAP grants strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining the efforts of local police officers and ABC agents to help communities reduce alcohol-related problems. The GAP program was created in 1995. It 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.

"The program improves quality of life in neighborhoods," said ABC Director Jacob Appelsmith. "We've seen a real difference in communities where grant program resources have been invested."

OPD will use its grant funds to:

- Reduce sales of alcoholic beverages to minors,
- Limit sales of alcoholic beverages to intoxicated patrons,
- Curtail illegal solicitations for alcohol, and
- Cut down on other criminal activities, such as sale and possession of illegal drugs.

The GAP program has distributed over \$20 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related crime.

ABC is a department of the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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