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September 10, 2024

Dear Ms. Fouts-Guter,

Please accept this letter of interest as our grant application to participate in the multi-program funding opportunity from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC). The Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) is a full-service department that will use the grant award to conduct a total of 22 operations, including the Minor Decoy Program, Shoulder Tap Program, IMPACT Program and Holiday Enforcement Operations.

The Sheriff's Office patrols the very rural unincorporated areas of the County which encompasses 4,824 square miles with an estimated 479,468 residents.¹ This area includes eight incorporated cities, as well as the Tule River Indian Reservation which TCSO provides services to on an as needed basis.

Although Tulare County operates a \$8 billion dairy and agricultural industry and is ranked one of the top agricultural producers in the United States, the poverty rate remains high. Tulare County is one of the poorest counties in California with 10.7% of its residents living in poverty compared to 13.2% statewide.² Unemployment has increased since last year; Tulare County currently has an unemployment rate of 10%, one of the highest of all counties within the San Joaquin Valley.³

According to the latest (2021) California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) data, Tulare County ranked 22 out of 58 counties for traffic related collisions that resulted in either injury or fatality. In addition, 58 victims were injured or killed by a driver who was under the age of 21 and had consumed alcohol.⁴ This is more than double the amount from 2020, leaving families devastated, something that TCSO is not proud of and strives to reduce. With approximately 948 active retail licenses (on-sale and off-sale) throughout the county, youth are exposed to numerous outlets where alcohol can potentially be purchased. TCSO struggles to conduct these targeted enforcement, prevention and education activities; however, grant-funded opportunities like this allow the Sheriff's Office to expand our efforts in addressing alcohol-related problems throughout the county.

¹ Tulare County Quick Facts, United States Census

² Poverty Varies Across California Regions, Public Policy Institute of California

³ Visalia-Porterville Metropolitan Statistical Area, State of California Employment Development

⁴ Crash Ratings Results, California Office of Traffic Safety

The TCSO Project Director will be Lieutenant (Lt.) Chad Rhyman, the current Patrol Commander of the Pixley Substation. Lt. Rhyman is a seasoned manager who has worked on, supervised, and directed other projects as he has moved through the ranks to his current position. Under this grant, Lt. Rhyman will coordinate all enforcement activities and ensure adequate administration of the project. Lt. Rhyman will assign one (1) sergeant and three (3) deputies in order to complete all project goals and objectives. In addition, the team collaborates with local schools, retailers, and members of the public. These relationships are crucial when identifying retailers that are suspected of selling or providing alcoholic beverages to minors. Last, Lt. Rhyman and his team will work closely with County Public Health personnel to identify retailers of concern while also having the strong support of our District Attorney's Office who will review criminal cases submitted by the Sheriff's Office for prosecution.

Grant funds will be managed by TCSO Fiscal Manager, Alfredo Parra. Mr. Parra administers the Sheriff's Office (approximately) \$168M budget. He supervises a team of accountants that manage numerous state and federal grant budgets. Mr. Parra and his team will monitor and maintain all costs associated to this project.

The Sheriff's Office proposes to conduct a total of 22 enforcement activities: ten (10) Minor Decoy Operations, five (5) Shoulder Tap Operations, five (5) Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendency (IMPACT) Inspections, and two (2) Holiday Enforcement Operations. The Project Director will issue several press releases throughout the duration of the grant to bring awareness about underage drinking and alcohol accessibility in Tulare County. If awarded, TCSO will assign one (1) sworn staff member to attend the mandatory training facilitated by ABC.

We look forward to working with our ABC partners to expand our present efforts in addressing alcohol-related problems in Tulare County. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Boudreaux
Sheriff-Coroner

OTS Crash Rankings Results

OTS CRASH RANKINGS

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Select a Year and City/County from the drop-down lists and click on the Submit Button.

Year:

2021

City and County:

Tulare County

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What are the OTS Rankings?

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How are the OTS Rankings determined?

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How to Read and Understand the OTS Rankings

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Agency	Year	County	Group	Population (Avg)	DVMT
Tulare County	2021	TULARE COUNTY		474507	10784996

Crash Category	VICTIMS KILLED & INJURED	OTS RANKING
Total Fatal and Injury	2736	22/58
Alcohol Involved	450	22/58
Had Been Drinking Driver < 21	58	3/58

Had Been Drinking Driver 21 – 34	205	31/58
Motorcycles	123	42/58
Pedestrians	93	35/58
Pedestrians < 15	11	22/58
Pedestrians 65+	10	54/58
Bicycle	45	40/58
Bicyclist < 15	14	14/58
Composite		NA

Crash Category	FATAL & INJURY CRASHES	OTS RANKING
Speed Related	428	37/58
Nighttime (9:00pm – 2:59am)	324	20/58
Hit and Run	153	33/58

TYPE OF ARRESTS	ARRESTS	OTS RANKING*
DUI Arrests		NA



ABC-OTS GRANT BUDGET ESTIMATE FORM

Round all budget amounts to the nearest \$100

A. PERSONNEL SERVICES (OVERTIME AND BENEFITS)

Overtime

	Classification/Position	Computation	Cost
1	3 Deputy II's	125.25 hours @ \$71 per hour = \$26, 678.79	\$ 26,700
2	1 Sergeant	125.25 @ \$82 per hour = \$10,521.21	\$ 10,500
3			
4			
5			
SUBTOTAL			\$ 37,200

Benefits

	Classification/Position	Computation	Cost
1	3 Deputy II's	\$26,679 x 7.65 % FICA = \$2,040.94	\$ 2,000
2	1 Sergeant	\$10,521 * 7.65 % FICA = \$804.86	\$ 800
3			
4			
5			
SUBTOTAL			\$ 2,800
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES COST			\$ 40,000

B. TRAVEL EXPENSES*

For one person to attend the one-day training**

	Description	Cost
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENSES COST		\$ 0
TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE (All categories – not to exceed \$40,000)		\$ 40,000

* Travel reimbursements must comply with the current State of CA travel rules and policy.

<https://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/Pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx>

** Training will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, in Sacramento, CA between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.