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Visalia Police Department and the Tulare County Sheriff's Office Receive Grant to Fight Alcohol Related Crimes

The Visalia Police Department and the Tulare County Sheriff's Office are pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$ 50,000 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to battle alcohol-related crime. Both agencies are among eighty California law enforcement agencies awarded funds through ABC's Grant Assistance Program (GAP). The yearlong grant will strengthen law enforcement efforts by combining the efforts of local Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies and ABC agents. ABC agents have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities reduce alcohol-related problems.

The grant funds will be used for education, compliance, and enforcement purposes. The goal of the grant is to reduce the number of alcoholic beverages sold to minors and obviously intoxicated patrons, reduce calls for service at problem establishments and reduce blight caused by licensed establishments that are not operating within required standards. Both agencies ask all businesses that sell alcoholic beverages within Visalia and Tulare County to do their part as members of the community to help reduce alcohol-related crimes.

