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Oakdale Police Department Receives State Grant to Fight Alcohol-related Crime

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Oakdale, CA – The City of Oakdale will receive an ABC grant to address alcohol related challenges in the community.

The Oakdale Police Department is pleased to announce they were recently awarded a \$39,000 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to address alcohol-related crime for 2017-2018.

The grant is awarded by the State of California to local law enforcement agencies through ABC's Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

"This is important to the City of Oakdale in helping to increase protection for our youth and to identify and address problem locations that contribute to an increase in crime," said Police Chief Scott Heller.

The grants 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 problems.

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

The GAP 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.

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

ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.