

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Tobacco Grant Award in the Amount of \$344,273 from the California Department of Justice over Fiscal Years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24.

Council Meeting Date: 12/1/2021

Prepared by: Christina Ackerman, Executive Assistant to the Chief

Recommended Motion: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to execute an agreement with the California Department of Justice for the receipt of grant funding through the California Healthcare Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Prop. 56) to support local efforts to reduce the illegal sale of tobacco products in Mammoth Lakes.

Summary: In April of 2021, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department applied for a California DOJ Tobacco Program Grant to provide funding for a School Resource Officer, training, and specialized operations related to tobacco control enforcement. On November 18, 2021, the Police Department received notice from the DOJ that the Town had been selected to receive a three-year grant totaling \$344,273.

Tobacco grant funds were awarded to selected law enforcement agencies throughout California to expand their compliance and enforcement efforts on tobacco violations within their jurisdictions. The focus of the grant program is to educate minors about the harms of tobacco products, to enforce State and local tobacco laws, and to conduct retailer enforcement operations.