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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

EXHIBIT 1

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November 20, 2025

William Crew, Acting City Manager  
Stockton, City of  
22 E Market St  
Stockton, CA 95202

Re: Tobacco Grant Award Notification Fiscal Year 2025-26 (RFP: DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1)

Dear: William Crew

Congratulations! On behalf of the California Department of Justice (DOJ), Tobacco Grant Program, I am pleased to inform you that your agency's grant application for the fiscal year 2025-26 grant cycle has been approved for grant funds authorized under the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016. **The total amount of your agency's grant award is \$976,853 under Award # DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-060.**

The Tobacco Grant Program award process is highly competitive, and for the 2025-26 grant cycle, the Department received approximately \$50 million in requests. As noted in the application materials, grant funding prioritized support for local retailer enforcement including prosecution and task force collaboration. Consequently, some awards were approved with modifications to align with these funding priorities and because of limited funds. Attached is a Summary of the Award and Budget Detail outlining the funding provided along with any modifications applied.

**To accept the 2025-26 grant award, please complete and return a signed copy of your Letter of Intent (see template and instructions attached) by email within 15 calendar days of the date of this letter.** This letter will affirm one of the following:

1. Your agency will seek a resolution from the governing body to accept the award (*if your agency has a governing body*)
2. Your agency has a governing body but does not require a resolution to accept the award, OR
3. No governing body exists and therefore no resolution is required.

Please email the signed Letter of Intent as noted above to [TobaccoGrantRFP@doj.ca.gov](mailto:TobaccoGrantRFP@doj.ca.gov) with the subject line including the name of your agency: "FY 25-26\_Letter of Intent\_Stockton,

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City of.” Upon receipt of this information, DOJ will provide your agency with additional documents for execution/use (e.g., Memorandum of Understanding, Governing Body Resolution template, Grantee Handbook, etc.). These documents will contain more information about the process for reimbursement and other important details. Activities for reimbursement under this grant may commence on or after the date of this letter, depending upon your selected start date.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the required follow up information, please email [TobaccoGrantRFP@doj.ca.gov](mailto:TobaccoGrantRFP@doj.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Ivery Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Jennifer" and "Johnson" being the most prominent parts.

JENNIFER IVERY JOHNSON  
Manager, Grant Services Branch

For ROB BONTA  
Attorney General

Attachments:  
Letter of Intent  
Summary of Award  
Budget Detail



# Tobacco Grant Program

## Grant Services Branch – Local Assistance

### Division of Operations

**City of Stockton**

**DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-060**

#### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

##### **PURPOSE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and the City of Stockton (“Grantee”), for the purpose of disbursing grant funds to Grantee for reimbursement of expenditures in compliance with the California Code of Regulations and the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Grantee Handbook.

Commencing January 1, 2023, the California Code of Regulations, Title 11, Division 1, Chapter 5: Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program (“TGP Regulations”) shall govern the policies and procedures of the Tobacco Grant Program.

The TGP Regulations, Request for Proposals, Grantee Handbook (dated April 2025), and Summary of Award document are hereby incorporated by reference into this MOU. Grantee will expend funds for the purposes identified in the approved Summary of Award document. Reimbursements are to be funded under the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016, approved by the voters as Proposition 56.

##### **COST REIMBURSEMENT**

DOJ agrees to reimburse Grantee in arrears, for Grantee’s actual expenditures in performing the project or scope of work included in the approved Summary of Award document. Reimbursements for line items in the approved Budget Detail will be made upon receipt of invoices from Grantee and approval of the invoices by DOJ, in accordance with the reimbursement procedures set forth in the TGP Regulations and Grantee Handbook.

##### **BUDGET CONTINGENCY CLAUSE**

It is mutually agreed, if the Budget Act of the current fiscal year and/or any subsequent years covered under the MOU does not appropriate sufficient funds, the MOU shall be of no further force and effect. In the event this situation occurs, DOJ shall have no liability to reimburse/pay any funds to Grantee, or to furnish any other considerations under this MOU. As well, Grantee shall not be obligated to continue performing the provisions of this MOU, for which the Grantee would have been reimbursed.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted in the Budget Act for purposes of this MOU, DOJ shall have the option to either cancel this MOU with no liability occurring to DOJ or offer an addendum to the Grantee to reflect the reduced amount.

**PROJECT BREACH-TERMINATION**

Failure of a Grantee to comply with this MOU or the TGP Regulations shall be treated by DOJ as a breach of contract. If an act of noncompliance occurs, DOJ may take actions described within the TGP Regulations, including termination. DOJ may terminate this MOU and be relieved of any obligation to disburse grant funds to Grantee should Grantee fail to perform the scope of work at the time and in the manner provided in this MOU.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Addendum – No addendum or variation of the terms of this MOU is valid unless made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties.

Assignment – This MOU is not assignable by Grantee in whole or in part.

Indemnification – Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless DOJ, its officers, agents and employees from all claims, liabilities, or losses in connection with the performance of this MOU.

Certifications – Grantee certifies that it does not receive funding from a manufacturer, distributor, or advertiser of Cigarettes or Tobacco Products. Grantee further certifies that grant funds will not supplant existing state or local funds dedicated for the same purpose.

**TERMS**

Grant Duration: **11/21/2025 – 6/30/2029**

Category of Expenditure	Award Amount			
	Budget FY 2025-2026	Budget FY 2026-2027	Budget FY 2027-2028	Budget FY 2028-2029
Personnel Services	\$183,694	\$286,561	\$298,023	\$146,575
Operating Expenses and Equipment	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$6,000
Administrative Costs (Not to Exceed 5%)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$976,853</b>			

The time limit for reimbursements against this award ends 6/30/2029. Requests for reimbursement received after 7/15/2029 cannot be considered by DOJ.

**GRANTEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

[NAME, TITLE]

City of Stockton

[MAILING ADDRESS]

[PHONE NUMBER]

[EMAIL ADDRESS]

**AUTHORIZATION**

DOJ and Grantee, by their duly authorized officials, have executed this MOU on the respective dates indicated below. This MOU and any future addendums shall be e-mailed to

[TobaccoGrants@doj.ca.gov](mailto:TobaccoGrants@doj.ca.gov), care of the Division of Operations, Local Assistance Unit, Tobacco Grant Program, and will become fully executed upon completion of signatures from all parties.

**GRANTEE AUTHORIZATIONS**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOJ AUTHORIZATIONS**

**DOJ GRANT MANAGER** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Division of Operations

California Department of Justice

**DOJ FISCAL DIRECTOR** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Division of Operations

California Department of Justice

**DOJ CHIEF OF OPERATIONS** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Division of Operations

California Department of Justice



# Tobacco Grant Program

## GRANT SERVICES BRANCH – LOCAL ASSISTANCE

### DIVISION OF OPERATIONS

## TOBACCO GRANT SUMMARY OF AWARD

**DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-060**

### ***STOCKTON, CITY OF***

This Summary of Award document will be used by the Tobacco Grant Program when determining whether an activity or expense claimed was approved for funding and is reimbursable. Activities other than those presented here may not be reimbursable. A Grant Modification may be necessary for material deviations. Please consult with your Grant Program Officer *before* engaging in any activity beyond this scope or if you have questions about the scope of the activities and budget allowability.

***By signing the Memorandum of Understanding, your agency agrees to the commitments outlined below and this document becomes part of the Grant Agreement.***

### **AWARD SUMMARY**

**Award Amount: \$976,853**

**Requested Amount: \$1,009,253**

**Removed from Award:** Pole camera

**Reduced Line Items:** Total equipment reduced and consolidated to \$8,000.

**Other Changes or Stipulations:**

### **IMPORTANT PROVISIONS FOR ALL GRANTEES**

#### **I. Enforcement Activities**

- a. **Authorized** - If enforcement activities were proposed, only activities that target retailers for illegal sales/marketing of tobacco products were approved. It is expected that the flavor ban will be enforced within one or more enforcement activities.
- b. **Unauthorized** - Community or school patrols, or other enforcement actions related to tobacco use and possession, are not permitted.

#### **II. Educational Activities**

- a. **Authorized** – Retailer and/or officer educational activities on tobacco laws and ordinances, if included, are authorized as noted below.
- b. **Unauthorized** – School or community education efforts, including media campaigns, are not permitted as part of this award. All educational efforts should be directed to retailers and/or officers.

**III. Removed Personnel or Other Items**

- a. If specific personnel or other items were removed and not funded, they cannot be reinstated during the grant term.

**IV. Reduced Line Items**

- a. If a specific line item was reduced, the intention was to not fully fund it or the activities it represents.

**V. Mileage/Fuel**

- a. Budgets that include mileage or fuel were amended to include both together in one line item for flexibility and the type of backup documentation available. Mileage is limited to the state rate in effect at the time of travel.

**VI. Equipment**

- a. All equipment items must be purchased during the first year of the project as noted on the Budget Detail. Their awarding is intended to support project goals and be used to support grant activities throughout the grant term.

*Please reference the Tobacco Grant Program Grantee Handbook for more information regarding allowable costs.*

## GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

### *Retail Inspections – Not applicable*

### *Minor Decoy Operations*

- Per year, **12** minor decoy operations will be conducted.
- Per year, **175** retailers will be targeted through these operations.
- Additional details regarding these operations:
  - The Sergeant will choose the retailers for the operation randomly or a call for service will be forwarded to the Tobacco Officer. Each minor decoy will be under constant supervision, given specific directions and will wear an audio listening device so all communications will be in line with the operation. Decoys will be selected through the SPD cadet program or family of department members and will align with Title 4 Rule 141.1, "The appearance of minor decoys." If the decoy is sold, a citation will be conducted along with an inspection of the location and may result in a follow-up operation. If the retailer does not sell to the minor, a letter will be sent to the business owner advising they have successfully passed a minor decoy operation.

### *Shoulder Tap Operations*

- Per year, **12** shoulder tap operations will be conducted.
- Per year, **175** retailers will be targeted through these operations.
- Additional details regarding these operations:
  - The Sergeant will choose the retailers for the operation randomly or a call for service will be forwarded to the Tobacco Officer. Each minor decoy will be under constant supervision, given specific directions and will wear an audio listening device so all

communications will be in line with the operation. Decoys will be selected through the SPD cadet program or family of department members and will align with Title 4 Rule 141.1, "The appearance of minor decoys." If the decoy is sold, a citation will be conducted along with an inspection of the location and may result in a follow-up operation. If the retailer does not sell to the minor, a letter will be sent to the business owner advising they have successfully passed a minor decoy operation.

#### *Undercover Buys*

- Per year, **12** undercover buy operations will be conducted (other than minor decoy or shoulder tap).
- Per year, **175** retailers will be targeted through these operations.
- Additional details regarding these undercover operations:

The Sergeant will choose the retailers for the operation randomly or a call for service will be forwarded to the Tobacco Officer. Operations will be utilized in the purchase of singles/loosies, flavored tobacco, and unlicensed retailers. As some retailers within the city limits of Stockton are selling marijuana and narcotics, these missions will enforce illegal distribution including flavored tobacco. Undercover officers will be utilized in these situations. The information gathered in these locations is from confidential informants, citizen complaints, and calls for service.

#### *Retailer Education – Not Applicable*

#### *Enforcement Officer Education – Not Applicable*

#### *Prosecution – Not Applicable*

#### *Task Force – Not Applicable*

#### *Other Activities – Not Applicable*

### **PARTNERING AGENCIES – NOT APPLICABLE**

***Please notify your Grant Program Officer of any proposed changes to partnering agencies, particularly if they are included within your budget.***