

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR POLICE OVERTIME TO
ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS**

BACKGROUND:

In October of 2008, the City Council approved the Police Department entering into an agreement with Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) under which YSS reimbursed the Police Department for officer overtime and other expenses related to underage drinking laws. Under the agreement, the Police Department conducted compliance checks and special enforcement activities that specifically addressed underage drinking. The original program went well. Staff is now requesting permission to renew that agreement with YSS for another year under the same terms and conditions.

The grant is part of the Drug Free Communities Grant Program. The maximum reimbursement for the year would be \$5,000. There is no local match required with this grant.

The Police Department would continue to enforcement activities and compliance checks related to underage drinking with alcohol retailers. The officers conducting this enforcement would supplement regular Police Department staff on an overtime basis. The areas that this program would target will be selected by each Police Department shift supervisor.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Underage Enforcement agreement between the Police Department and Youth and Shelter Services.
2. Do not approve the Underage Enforcement agreement between the Police Department and Youth and Shelter Services.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These funds will supplement the Police Department's existing efforts to combat alcohol problems in the City of Ames. In addition, the Police Department has a record of successfully implementing this program.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Underage Enforcement agreement between the Police Department and Youth and Shelter Services.