

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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

BACKGROUND:

In October of 2008, after City Council approval, the Police Department entered into an agreement with Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) under which YSS reimbursed the Police Department for officer overtime and other expenses related to enforcement of 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, and the agreement was renewed for an additional twelve months last year. The Police Department is requesting permission to renew that agreement with YSS for a third year under the similar terms and conditions.

The grant is part of the Drug Free Communities Grant Program. The maximum reimbursement for the year would be \$6,000. There is no local match required with this grant.

The Police Department would continue to carry out 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 shift supervisor.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Underage Enforcement agreement between the Ames 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 existing efforts to combat alcohol problems in the City. 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 Ames Police Department and Youth and Shelter Services.