

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

With City Council approval, in October of 2008 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 agreement was renewed for additional 12 month periods in each of the last four years. The Police Department is requesting permission to again renew that agreement with YSS for a fifth consecutive 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.** This is the last year of the YSS Drug Free Communities Grant Program.

If approved, the Police Department will continue to carry out enforcement activities and compliance checks related to underage drinking with alcohol retailers. The officers conducting this enforcement supplement regular Police Department staff on an overtime basis. Areas targeted by this program 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.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

These funds supplement the Police Department's existing efforts to combat alcohol problems in the City of Ames.

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.