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## Legislation Text

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Public Health Department recommending the Board approve and authorize, in concept, the submission of a proposal to the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for a prevention grant aimed at binge drinking in South Lake Tahoe among Hispanic/Latino youth, noting if said funds are awarded, the County shall receive \$620,800 over a 5-year period.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no fiscal impact or net County cost associated with this item.

Background: The Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant, offered by the California State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) - Prevention Branch, is focused on reducing the number of children and adolescents who engage in binge drinking and other alcohol-related issues affecting California minors. A significant number (32%) of youth in South Lake Tahoe, grades 7-12, are identified as Hispanic. It is estimated that 30-32% of these children binge drink or have experienced binge drinking in the last 30 days, (California Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1999). Emphasis is placed on children and youth who are not normally served by state and local educational agencies and populations that need special services or additional resources.

Reason for Recommendation: The objective of Public Health's proposal, titled "Las Decisiones Seguras" (Safe Decisions), is to provide early intervention and education to Hispanic youth in the South Lake Tahoe region of El Dorado County between the ages 12-18 years who are at risk of experiencing, or currently engage in, binge drinking. The Department is requesting \$620,000 to cover a period of 5 years.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Department to return to the Board with grant contract documents, if awarded.

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