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OAK PARK COMMUNITY RECEIVES \$875,000 DOJ GRANT FOR WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

(Sacramento, CA. October 16, 2006) - The Oak Park community has been awarded a federal grant of \$875,000 over the next five years for the Weed and Seed Program.

The Weed and Seed Program is a dynamic community based multi-agency approach for law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization funded by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ).

Oak Park community partners will soon begin the first year of activities to support a five-year strategic work plan. The plan will include strategies and tactics to address reducing drug activity and violent crimes, and improving neighborhood livability in the area. The grant will also enhance existing activities in the Oak Park community including the Friday Late Nite program at the Oak Park Community Center and YouthWORKS after-school program.

“This is a great accomplishment for the Oak Park community,” said United States Department of Justice Attorney McGregor Scott. “It is significant to note that these funds will go directly to the community so that residents can decide the best way to design after-school and evening programs for children and youth and to create a better and safer community.”

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency contributed \$30,000 to help support the program which will help achieve the City’s values of public safety, quality of life and neighborhood engagement.



DOJ Attorney McGregor Scott presents a mock check for \$875,000 for the Weed and Seed Program to City officials and Oak Park community representatives who are joined by Oak Park school children.

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