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## Huntington Beach Police Department Awarded Grant for Child Safety Seat Education Program to Support Underserved Communities

The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) received a \$52,353.00 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to educate parents and caregivers in underserved communities on how to properly install and use child safety seats.

"The goal of this program is to significantly reduce death and injury to children riding in cars and trucks," HBPD Sergeant Mike Thomas said. "Eliminating the financial burden for low-income families helps every child in our community ride safely."

Funds will be used for various community outreach events, education classes, distribution of child safety seats, and training on the installation and use of child safety seats.

The car seat safety program includes:

- Child safety seat inspection events and education classes.
- Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) training and recertification courses.
- Child safety seats at no cost for families in need.
- Partnering with local organizations on car seat safety community outreach efforts in underserved communities.

The program runs through September 2023.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

