

I, David Silverstone, of Redwood Valley district 1 would like to know where the equity grant funds the state gave the county are and what is taking them so long to be distributed. I have submitted all that was required over two months ago and have been told nothing but "we will get back to you" over and over. I have been asked multiple times for the same documents which are already on file in other county offices prior to being told to wait for my application to be approved. Some of the grant fund expenditures proposed on the grant application are for items that are now due, and those bills are to be paid with what? the reason i am applying for this grant is because there has been insufficient profits after taxes which account for almost 50% of my gross income. Just to let you know a 5000 sq foot farm can only generate \$20,000 in net profits per year after all taxed and expenses are paid, therefore a \$5000 minimum tax on that income is 25% to the county alone. there is also another 50% tax on cultivation straight to the state called the cultivation tax which accounts for \$160 of every pound now valued at \$300 or >50%. the combination of the two tax forces is crushing the smallest of farmers and allowing only the largest companies to survive. immediate release of grant funds to pay the bills county departments are sending and Immediate repeal of county minimum tax to replace with a reasonable %of sales. is what is needed first and foremost to save this counties cannabis industry.