

Cannabis Program FY 2019-20 Budget Hearings



June 4, 2019

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Accomplishments

- Assisted with coordination and implementation of Cannabis Accommodation & Prohibition districts
- Intake, review, and processed 256 applications with 5 staff. Completed of 500 compliance inspections
- Operated over 20 “Satellite Offices” in Laytonville, Covelo, Leggett, and Ft. Bragg to assist with permit applications submission
- Participated with Cultivation Ad Hoc Committee and community working groups to help increase efficiencies, and develop new regulations in the cannabis application process
- Integrated Program into Planning and Building Services
- Participated with Costal Cannabis Forum sharing County Program “best-management-practices” and working with State resource agencies
- Completed initial phase of ETrakiT online application process with ClientFirst and working with I.S. & Auditor to provide a secure payment portal
- Developed, tested, and training iPad based inspection reporting software reducing the time to process compliance inspections

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FY 19-20 BUDGET SUMMARY

- Net County Cost Assigned= \$117,288
- **Proposed Net County Cost= \$315,335**
- Total Expenses (est.)= \$508,684
- Total Revenue(est.)= \$391,396
- Program FTE's = 8 Assigned

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FY 19-20 GOALS

- Assist with approval and implementation of Costal Cannabis Cultivation and Business Ordinances
- Complete roll out of Online TrakiT application submission
- Issue 200 Permits to Cannabis Industry applicants
- Work with Economic Development AD HOC to expand and diverse opportunities for Cannabis business's
- Work to promote a "Cannabis Business Friendly" atmosphere and implement strategies to increase program efficiencies
- Fully staff and retain all proposed positions with quality employees dedicated to the success of Mendocino County

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FY 19-20 Challenges

- Fill and Retain Cannabis Program Staff
- Develop and Implement County Cannabis Specific Training to educate and train staff in all phases of Mendocino County Cannabis Regulations
- Work with resource agencies to share cannabis application status to help assist in tracking license approval local and State Cultivation licenses
- Respond, implement and integrate State & Federal Changes to cannabis law into the local ordinance to increase efficiencies and reduce the barriers for entry