



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

October 5, 2021

Re: Item 3b for 10/5/2021: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amendments to the County of Mendocino Cannabis Equity Program Including, But Not Limited To, 1) Eliminating the Income Threshold Associated with the Cannabis Equity Program's Eligibility Criteria, 2) Allowing Direct Grant Funds to be Dispersed in a Single Tranche, 3) Expanding the Direct Grant Criteria, and 4) Authorizing and Directing the Cannabis Program Manager (Director) to Execute Grant Agreements with Eligible Equity Awardees on Behalf of the County

Honorable Supervisors,

MCA is sincerely grateful to the MCP for hearing the comments of the community and fast-tracking these important items related to the management of the Equity Program. We support the recommended action, which provides MCP with the tools necessary to more efficiently distribute these essential funds to folks who need them as soon as possible.

While we do agree with eliminating the Income Threshold requirements, we do also believe that those who have applied already and fall under the previous Income Threshold requirements should be given priority access to available Equity funding.

Additionally, we request a full report from Elevate Impact Mendocino on work done to date as far as hours spent on the various tasks identified in their contract. It is our hope that any monies not spent directly on administering the program will be redirected to Equity Applicants.

Thank you for your consideration of these items.

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