

Dear County Officials,

I am writing with regard to item 4f, the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Program Grant Funding. This is a critical resource that deserves public consideration and comment. Please place it in open session for full transparency and community input.

With these grant funds, many cannabis operators languishing in the Provisional permitting pipeline could possibly have the resources they need to meet regulatory compliance. They are in this Provisional purgatory because they are trying to get an annual license and conduct business legally.

Their input into the grant application is crucial if you are sincere about not de facto pushing them out of the legal marketplace and back into the "free" / underground market.

If a standing BoS cannabis ad hoc committee existed, there would have likely been opportunities structured into this process that both provided transparency and secured comments from our local heritage farmers. Including open consideration of the various processes required to enable folks to get their annual permits and state licenses is the bare minimum needed in lieu of having a standing cannabis ad hoc committee.

Thank you for acting in support of our local craft cultivators and businesses by placing this item in open session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

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