



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cannabis

Meeting Date: October 5, 2021

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 60 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Program Including 1) Direction to Staff to Prepare an Application for up to \$18,084,837.00 in Local Jurisdiction Assistance Program Grant Funding, 2) Providing Recommendations to Staff on Program Purposes and Uses, and 3) Direction to Staff to Bring a Completed Application Back to the Board of Supervisors on the Consent Calendar for the October 26 or November 9 Meeting of the Board for Review and Approval Prior to Submission
(Sponsor: Cannabis)

Recommended Action/Motion:

1) Direct Staff to Prepare an Application for up to \$18,084,837.00 in Local Jurisdiction Assistance Program Grant Funding 2) Provide recommendations to staff on program purposes and uses, and 3) Direct staff to bring a completed application back to the Board of Supervisors on the consent calendar for the October 26 or November 9 meeting of the Board for review and approval prior to submission.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

The Budget Act of 2021 authorized the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program (Grant Program) which allows the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to award \$100 million in funding, on a one-time basis, to local jurisdictions with commercial cannabis licensees needing the greatest assistance in transitioning from provisional licenses to annual licenses. The Grant Program funds will aid local jurisdictions in more expeditiously reviewing local permitting requirements, including project specific California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. Additional funding has been allocated to those local jurisdictions that have received grant funding from the state to support the already established local equity program. Because the County of Mendocino has established a state recognized local equity program, and because the County has a significant number of commercial cannabis cultivation businesses, the County is eligible to apply for \$18,084,837.00 in Grant Program funding.

Eligible Grant Program expenditures may start no earlier than the date of approval by the local jurisdiction to enter into the Grant Agreement with the DCC and to accept the funding under the Grant Program. The application period for the Grant Program opens on October 8, 2021 and closes on November 15, 2021. Eligible costs, and uses, for funding may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Local government review, technical support, and certification for application requirements.
- Local government or other professional preparation of environmental documents in compliance with CEQA for permits, licenses, or other authorizations to engage in commercial cannabis activity.
- Mitigation measures related to environmental compliance, including water conservation and protection measures.
- Other uses that further the intent of the program as determined by the DCC, or as identified on a case-by-case basis through review of the local jurisdiction's application and Annual Plan, including Budget Forms.

Staff is seeking input from the Board of Supervisors to assist with the development of the Grant Program application and direction to move forward with developing the application. Additionally, staff is seeking direction from the Board of Supervisors to bring the completed application to the Board for approval and receive permission for the Cannabis Program Manager, or Department Head, to execute the grant agreement should it be awarded. This request for application approval and permission to execute the grant agreement should be placed on the consent calendar of the October 26, 2021 or November 9, 2021 regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternative direction to staff.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program **budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

current f/y cost: None

if no, please describe:

annual recurring cost: None

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Choose an item.

CEO Liaison: Judy Morris, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Choose an item.

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Final Status: **Approved with Modification**

Date: October 5, 2021



