



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cannabis

Meeting Date: November 9, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Submission of the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program Application; and Authorization for the Cannabis Program Manager, or Department Head, to Execute the Grant Agreement on Behalf of the County of Mendocino Should the Grant be Awarded

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve the submission of the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program application; and authorize the Cannabis Program Manager, or Department Head, to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Mendocino should the grant be awarded.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On October 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to prepare an application for up to \$18,084,837.00 in Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program funding, and to bring the completed application back to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval at the October 26, 2021 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

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 opened on October 8, 2021 and closes on November 15, 2021.

Staff is seeking approval of the Grant Program application from the Board of Supervisor and authorization for the Cannabis Program Manager, or Department Head, to execute the grant agreement with the DCC on behalf

of the County of Mendocino, should the grant be awarded in December, 2021.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternative direction to staff.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? Not Applicable

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

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:

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: -N/A

CEO Liaison: Judy Morris, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk II

Final Status:**Approved**

Date: November 12, 2021

