



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: General Government Standing Committee

From: Cannabis

Meeting Date: February 27, 2023

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Time Allocated: 1 Hour

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Providing a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Approve the Cannabis Department's Request to File a Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grants Program (LJAGP) Budget Amendment Reducing the Amount of Direct Grant Funds Available to Approximately \$3.6 Million and Redirecting the Balance of Approximately \$6.8 Million to Fund Expenses Associated with Timely Application Review that were Not Known to the Department when Filing the Original Application
(Sponsor: Cannabis)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve the Cannabis Department's request to file a Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grants Program (LJAGP) budget amendment reducing the amount of direct grant funds available to approximately \$3.6 million and redirecting the balance of approximately \$6.8 million to fund expenses associated with timely application review that were not known to the department when filing the original application.

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 (LJAGP) 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.

On October 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors established the Cannabis Program Department appointing Kristin Nevedal as Cannabis Program Director

On November 9, 2021, the board approved 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.

Summary of Request/Referral:

County of Mendocino Cannabis Department staff requests that the General Government Standing Committee provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Cannabis Department Director to file the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grants Program (LJAGP) budget amendment referenced above.

The proposed budget amendment would redirect \$6,824,845.42 from the LJAGP Direct Grant and Fee Waiver Program to provide funding for the following expenses that were unknown to department staff when filing the LJAGP application in 2021. These expenses include the salaries of all currently allocated staff providing direct technical assistance and indirect administrative assistance with administering the LJAGP, increased contract planning services to ensure service availability through June 20, 2024, County Counsel expenses associated with the implementation of Chapters 10A.17 and 20.242, contract services for the completion of application review guidance materials, increased funding to cover the California Department of Fish and Wildlife contract, and expenses associated with the implementation of Acela.

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: Direction Given to Staff

Date: February 27, 2023

