



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: January 26, 2021

To: The Honorable Bruno Sabatier, Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer

Subject: Consideration of Resolution Adopting a Lake County Cannabis Equity Assessment and Adopting the Lake Local Equity Program and Program Manual

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

On April 21, 2020, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development announced its intent to award a \$150,000 Type I Funding grant to Lake County to fund the development of a cannabis equity program. The California Center for Rural Policy at Humboldt State University (CCRP) was selected by the County as the consultant to assist in this process.

The State requires that an independent Cannabis Equity Assessment (CEA) for Lake County be completed in order to create a Local Equity Plan (LEP). The stated goal of the CEA is to provide "a summary of that data and recommendations for a local equity program that will provide assistance to community members that experienced harm from decades of criminalization of cannabis and poverty and support their participation in the legal cannabis industry in Lake County." On December 8, 2020, your Board approved the CEA.

Last month, the State announced updated program criteria and the next round of funding becoming available, with a submittal deadline of February 1, 2021. In order to submit its Type II application and secure the state funding needed to implement the program, the LEP must be approved. This has required work on both the application and the LEP to proceed on an accelerated timeline. As the equity program develops in the future, jurisdictions can continue to update and adapt the LEP to meet changing needs.

The proposed Local Equity Plan and authorizing Resolution are attached for your consideration.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology Upgrades |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revenue Generation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?

Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action:

Approve the Resolution Adopting a Lake County Cannabis Equity Assessment and Adopting the Lake Local Equity Program and Program Manual, authorizing the chair to sign.