



Legislation Text

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Sheriff's Office recommending the Board approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program (DCESP) grant funding Letter of Agreement 2023-14, with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DS DOJ/DEA) in the amount of \$50,000 for the period October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023 to defray costs relating to the eradication and suppression of illicit marijuana only.

FUNDING: DCESP Funds.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The DCESP grant is an annual agreement that the Sheriff's Office has participated in since 1997. The funding is for activities related to the cooperation with the DOJ in locating and eradicating illicit cannabis plants, and investigating, arresting, and referring cases to the prosecuting authorities.

As in the past years, the DOJ is requiring that none of this funding be used to offset costs associated with law enforcement oversight of legal marijuana activities. The Sheriff's Office is complying with this requirement and has put procedures in place to separate the illicit marijuana suppression activities of staff from the legal marijuana monitoring activities.

The DCESP annually funds overtime, clothing/protective gear, container/space rental, equipment, miscellaneous commercial contracts, supplies/materials, training, travel/per diem, and vehicle rentals. This Letter of Agreement was received by the Sheriff's Office on January 12, 2023, and covers the reimbursement period from the beginning of the Federal fiscal year on October 1, 2022.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

Legistar # 22-0272, 3/8/22, gave approval for the FY 21/22 funding cycle.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Letter of Agreement and the Sheriff's Office willingness to comply with the restriction of use of funds for suppression of illicit marijuana operations only.

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The revenue offsets the Sheriff's Office's costs for the marijuana eradication program and will reduce the Sheriff's Net County Cost.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

The Sheriff's Office coordination with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration allows for resources to be leveraged to enhance public safety.

CONTACT

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