



Legislation Text

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Sheriff's Office recommending the Board approve and ratify the Sheriff's signature on the Amendment to the Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program grant funding from Letter of Agreement 2015-24, No. 486-F1511 with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration increasing the amount from \$80,000 to \$94,000 for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, to defray costs relating to the eradication and suppression of illicit marijuana.

FUNDING: United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Sheriff's Office recommends the approval and acceptance of this increase in annual funds. These funds will be used for costs related to the eradication and suppression of illicit marijuana.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

On June 2, 2015, the Board approved the acceptance of the DCESP Letter of Agreement in the amount of \$80,000 for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 to defray costs relating to the eradication and suppression of illicit marijuana. This amendment is to increase the amount by \$14,000 to \$94,000 for the same period.

This is an annual agreement that the Sheriff's Office has participated in since 1997.

As in the past year, 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.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendment to 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

Chief Administrative Office recommends the Board approve and ratify the Sheriff's signature on the Amendment to the Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no impact to Net County Cost. The revenue offsets the Sheriff's Office's costs for the marijuana eradication program. Funding has been included in the Sheriff's FY 2015/16 budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Original documents will forwarded to the Department of Justice.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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