

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.27  
(ID # 14365)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

FROM : TLMA-PLANNING:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PLANNING:  
Authorization of Application for, and Receipt of, Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Funds. All Districts. [Award amount approximately \$1,000,000]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. **AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT** the Director of Transportation and Land Management Agency, or designee, to apply for the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Program Grant.

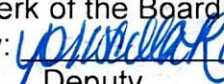
ACTION: Policy

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: January 26, 2021  
xc: Planning

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Proposition 64 Public and Safety Program Grant			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> FY 20/21 through FY 23/24	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The vast unimproved areas of Riverside County and favorable weather conditions have long lent themselves to clandestine cultivation of cannabis. With the passage of Proposition 64, the County undertook the creation of comprehensive permit evaluation and entitlement processes to address cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and retail sales of commercial cannabis in the unincorporated areas of the County. On October 23, 2018, Agenda Item 19.1, the Board of Supervisors adopted Riverside County Ordinance No. 348.4898, which established regulations related to cultivation, delivery, distribution, manufacturing, possession, processing, selling, storing, testing, and transporting of commercial cannabis and commercial cannabis related products in a responsible manner that protects the health safety and welfare of the residents of unincorporated Riverside County.

As these applications are moving through the public review/approval process, the need for comprehensive land use enforcement of this industry is growing. Additionally, the use of educational opportunities, community outreach, and environmental overwatch may lead to a reduction of illegal cannabis use and regulated products, creating a healthier community for all. Therefore, grant-funding is being sought in order to proceed with one or more of these programs.

On November 20th, 2020, BSCC California released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety (Prop 64 PH&S) Grant Program, and applications for the above grant are due by January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Total funding available for Cohort 2 Request for Proposals (RFP) of this grant is \$51,788,690. The total available grant funds in this RFP is contingent on timely deposits made available to the BSCC through the Proposition 64 Initiative (the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act), via the State and Local Government Law Enforcement Account in fiscal year 2020-21. Successful applicants will be funded for a three-year grant project cycle commencing on May 1, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2024. This grant may fund a variety of programs, including public education, public health, safety, and environmental impacts. The County's application may include one or more of the allowed programs, pursuant to the grant guidelines.

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In accordance with Board Policy A-30, the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency/Planning Department (Planning) is requesting authorization from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to submit an application for Prop 64 PH&S Grant funding up to an approximate maximum amount available to the County, which is \$1,000,000 that does not require local matching.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

A proactive approach in providing educational programs, community outreach, enforcement, and environmental overwatch could help reduce illegal cannabis activities before they become a danger to residents of Riverside County.

If the opportunity existed to continue Grant-Funded proactive programs and enforcement, based on an evaluation of the success/need of the program, the Department would, of course, request to be considered for such funding.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

No County general funds will be used, as no local match is required by the grant. The County is required to perform an Audit and can receive reimbursement for up to \$25,000 for audit costs.

  
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Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst      1/20/2021