

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



**ITEM: 3.10
(ID # 29761)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

FROM : ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Adopt Resolution No 2026-019 to Authorize the Department of Environmental Health to Accept Tobacco Grant Program Funding in the amount of \$385,664, Administered by the California Department of Justice (DOJ), through June 30, 2029; All Districts. [Total: \$385,664 - 100% State Funds] 4/5 Vote Required.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the California Department of Justice, Tobacco Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$385,664 for the grant period of November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-042 with the Cal DOJ;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-019, authorizing the Director of Environmental Health or his or her designee, to execute the MOU with the DOJ and any related grant documents, including modifications, amendments, extensions, progress reports, reimbursement requests and other related documents for the acceptance of the funds; as approved by County Counsel, on behalf of the County; and
3. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments in the attached Schedule A.

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

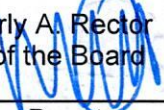


Kristin Lorge 1/12/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 10, 2026
xc: EH

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 55,016	\$ 149,950	\$ 385,664	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State Funds			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	25/26 -28/29

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In November 2016, California voters approved the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56). This initiative increased the tax on specific tobacco products to provide local public agencies with funding to promote a healthier California by reducing illegal sales and marketing of cigarettes and tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to minors. The Office of the Attorney General makes these annual funds available to local law enforcement agencies through the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program.

The Riverside County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is the designated agency for the Retail Tobacco Program, responsible for permitting and inspecting tobacco retailers within the unincorporated areas, as well as all cities within the county who have adopted Riverside County Ordinance (RCO) 838. DEH staff inspects tobacco retailers to promote compliance with RCO 838 which includes, but is not limited to, verifying tobacco products are not sold to individuals younger than 21 years of age and ensuring that tobacco retail employees are trained to verify valid identification for all tobacco transactions. DEH staff also coordinates and conducts unannounced decoy compliance checks at each retail site to prevent the sale of tobacco and tobacco paraphernalia to individuals under the age of 21.

On November 24, 2025, the DOJ approved DEH's application and awarded \$385,664 to augment retail tobacco inspection activities, bolster enforcement of all tobacco retail laws, produce and provide educational materials to all tobacco retailers.

DEH is requesting Board approval of Resolution 2026-019 which authorizes the Director of DEH to accept Tobacco Grant Program Funding in the amount of \$385,664 over four Fiscal Years (FY) starting with FY 25/26 through FY 28/29.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Retail law enforcement activities focused on preventing youth access to tobacco products have a direct and positive impact on community health and safety. By providing education on retail tobacco laws, such as age-verification requirements, proper ID checking, and responsible sales practices, these efforts help retailers understand and comply with the law. Educational outreach also builds cooperative relationships between enforcement agencies and businesses. By

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ensuring retailers comply with age-of-sale laws and responsible sales practices, these efforts reduce the availability of tobacco products to minors, supporting healthier outcomes for young people and the broader community.

Additional Fiscal Information

This grant allocation is funded through the State of California Proposition 56 revenue and is 100% reimbursable, with no match requirement. The California Department of Justice will reimburse selected public agencies for approved expenditures upon receipt of approved invoices and proof of payment. The State will appropriate funding as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2025/2026	\$55,016
2026/2027	\$149,950
2027/2028	\$118,450
2028/2029	\$62,248
Total	\$385,664

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Schedule A
2. Resolution No. 2026-019
3. MOU - DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-042


Crystal Carrillo, Senior Management Analyst 1/21/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-019

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), TOBACCO PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Health (DEH), desires to undertake a certain project designated as the Tobacco Grant Program to be financed with funds made available through the California Department of Justice (DOJ) administered by the office of Attorney General, and

WHEREAS, DEH staff is responsible for permitting and inspecting all retail tobacco facilities within the unincorporated area as well as the following cities which have adopted Riverside County Ordinance 838: City of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Springs, Perris, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, San Jacinto and Wildomar, and

WHEREAS, DEH staff is also responsible for unannounced decoy compliance checks at each retail tobacco facility to prevent the selling of tobacco and tobacco paraphernalia to individuals under the age of 21, and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used for creating training material for both DEH staff and retail tobacco operators, as well as increasing inspection frequencies and tobacco decoy operations, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, or his/her designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and acceptance of payment, necessary to complete the grant project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorizations are effective for four (4) fiscal years starting with FY 25/26 through FY 28/29.

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: BRADEN J. HOLLY
DATE: 1/14/26

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-019**

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF**
6 **JUSTICE (DOJ), TOBACCO PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

7 ROLL CALL:

8 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

9 Nays: None

10 Absent: None

11 Abstain: None

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13 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
14 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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16 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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18 By:  _____

19 Deputy



**Tobacco Grant Program
Grant Services Branch – Local Assistance
Division of Operations**

Riverside County Department of Environmental Health

DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-042

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health ("Grantee"), for the purpose of disbursing grant funds to Grantee for reimbursement of expenditures in compliance with the California Code of Regulations and the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Grantee Handbook.

Commencing January 1, 2023, the California Code of Regulations, Title 11, Division 1, Chapter 5: Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program ("TGP Regulations") shall govern the policies and procedures of the Tobacco Grant Program.

The TGP Regulations, Request for Proposals, Grantee Handbook (dated April 2025), and Summary of Award document are hereby incorporated by reference into this MOU. Grantee will expend funds for the purposes identified in the approved Summary of Award document. Reimbursements are to be funded under the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016, approved by the voters as Proposition 56.

COST REIMBURSEMENT

DOJ agrees to reimburse Grantee in arrears, for Grantee's actual expenditures in performing the project or scope of work included in the approved Summary of Award document. Reimbursements for line items in the approved Budget Detail will be made upon receipt of invoices from Grantee and approval of the invoices by DOJ, in accordance with the reimbursement procedures set forth in the TGP Regulations and Grantee Handbook.

BUDGET CONTINGENCY CLAUSE

It is mutually agreed, if the Budget Act of the current fiscal year and/or any subsequent years covered under the MOU does not appropriate sufficient funds, the MOU shall be of no further force and effect. In the event this situation occurs, DOJ shall have no liability to reimburse/pay any funds to Grantee, or to furnish any other considerations under this MOU. As well, Grantee shall not be obligated to continue performing the provisions of this MOU, for which the Grantee would have been reimbursed.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted in the Budget Act for purposes of this MOU, DOJ shall have the option to either cancel this MOU with no liability occurring to DOJ or offer an addendum to the Grantee to reflect the reduced amount.

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WHEN DOCUMENT IS FILED BY COUNTY CLERK:

CLERK'S COPY

in Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Stop 1010
Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, CA 92502-1147
Thank you

DOJ and Grantee, by their duly authorized officials, have executed this MOU on the respective dates indicated below. This MOU and any future addendums shall be e-mailed to TobaccoGrants@doj.ca.gov, care of the Division of Operations, Local Assistance Unit, Tobacco Grant Program, and will become fully executed upon completion of signatures from all parties.

GRANTEE AUTHORIZATIONS	
 NAME: Steve Van Stockum Title: Interim Director Agency: Riverside County Department of Environmental Health	<u>2/24/2026</u> Date
	FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL BY:  <u>1/14/26</u> BRADEN J. HOLLY DATE

DOJ AUTHORIZATIONS	
Jennifer Ivery Johnson Digitally signed by Jennifer Ivery Johnson Date: 2026.03.09 14:51:45 -07'00'	_____ Date
DOJ GRANT MANAGER Division of Administrative Services California Department of Justice	
 DOJ CHIEF OF OPERATIONS Division of Administrative Services California Department of Justice	_____ Date

SCHEDULE A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Increase Appropriations:

10000-4200430000-510040	Regular Salaries	55,016
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10000-4200430000-762040	Fed-Health Grants	55,016
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