



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Criminal Justice Commission Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Award

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to accept the award of additional grant funding from the Criminal Justice Commission to address unlawful marijuana cultivation and distribution operations.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2018, the grant program was established to assist law enforcement with the costs incurred by local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys' offices in addressing unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution operations.

The Deschutes County District Attorney's Office, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and Bend Police Department were awarded grant money to address the problem. The first grant was offered for a period of one year, July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. Since that time, the CJC has continued to offer the opportunity to apply for and receive funding to continue addressing illegal marijuana in our community. The next grant funding was awarded from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2021. The next grant was awarded from July 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023.

In early 2022, an additional grant was offered and was called the Illegal Marijuana New Hire Project. Deschutes County Sheriff's Office applied for additional funding to help support the DCIMME unit with funds for personnel and equipment. This grant was only for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office was awarded the additional grant money, and it was combined with the original grant funds. The two grants combined are called the DCSO Illegal Marijuana New Hire Grant from 2022 to December 2025.

In January of 2024, the CJC reached out to existing grant holders and offered additional funds. A formal application was not required, only a new budget request form and a meeting the CJC grant staff. The form required existing expenditures and any additional expenditures to be added to the budget. At this time, the Deschutes County District

Attorney's Office was able to request to be added to the existing grant with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

Both agencies supplied information for the CJC funding request. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office furnished information on the current spending and requested additional funds for the management analyst, new deputies, equipment, computer subscriptions, training and administrative costs.

The Deschutes County District Attorney's office requested funds for a part-time management analyst, overtime for the DA Investigator, equipment for the DA staff when working in the field on illegal marijuana cases, funds to continue utilizing an environmental company and training for the DA staff working illegal marijuana cases.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's office and the Deschutes County District Attorney's Office were awarded additional funds for the grant until December 31, 2025. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office administers the grant for both agencies.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$1,268,652 total revenue, of which \$1,000,000 is already included in the FY25 adopted budget. A budget adjustment will be forthcoming to recognize the additional \$268,652 in grant revenue and increase DCSO Program Expense appropriations as well as Transfer Out appropriations, which will allow the DCSO to make a transfer to the District Attorney's Office for the requested funds.

ATTENDANCE:

Paul Garrison, Undersheriff
Danielle Martell, Management Analyst
Elizabeth Lopez, Administrative Analyst