

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Cannabis Advisory Panel FY 2026 Budget Recommendations

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP) provides recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on how Deschutes County should spend its annual marijuana tax revenue. On January 27, 2025 the CAP heard presentations from four County departments requesting marijuana tax revenue. The marijuana tax revenue for the current fiscal year is \$185,811. The forecasted marijuana tax revenue for FY 26 is \$197,000. Following the presentations, the CAP deliberated and determined recommended budget allocations, as follows:

- 1. Community Justice, \$26,000
 - To provide substance use prevention and treatment services specifically for justice-involved youth and their families who are unable to receive timely services elsewhere in the community.
- 2. CDD, \$20,000
 - a. Code Enforcement related to marijuana code complaints.
- 3. Health Services, \$56,000
 - a. To continue paid media advertising focused on supporting parents and guardians in the County to talk with their kids about marijuana and other drugs.
- 4. Sherrif's Office, \$95,000
 - a. To continue the funding support of a marijuana detective.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The marijuana tax revenue will result in increased revenues by \$197,000 for FY 26. The marijuana tax revenue and associated expenditure will be included in the FY 26 Proposed Budget.

ATTENDANCE:

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager