



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Criminal Justice Commission Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant
Application 2025 - 2027

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and the Deschutes County District Attorney's Office to apply for a Criminal Justice Commission Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant for 2025 – 2027.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2018, the Criminal Justice Commission Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement 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. Subsequent grant awards were made for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 and for July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

In early 2022, an additional grant was offered and was called the Illegal Marijuana New Hire Project. CSO applied for this 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. DCSO 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 with the CJC grant staff. At that time, the Deschutes County District Attorney's

Office asked to be added to the existing grant with DCSO. Both agencies were approved for funding until December 31, 2025.

Once again, the CJC has opened a formal grant application to law enforcement agencies in Oregon for 2025 – 2027 to help local communities with the costs incurred addressing unlawful marijuana cultivation and distribution operations. **Due to the deadline for submitting applications, DCSO submitted an application on June 12, 2025. That application can be withdrawn if the Board does not support seeking these funds for 2025-2027.**

If granted, the 2025-2027 funds would be used to continue funding two full- time Deputies, a part-time Intel Analyst, supplies, training and administrative costs for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. Some of the funds would be used to continue funding a part-time Management Analyst, overtime costs for a DA Investigator and partial salary of a DA for the Deschutes County DA's Office.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

CJC has confirmed that a total of \$7.5 million is available for grants in the 2025 – 2027 biennium. Multiple agencies have received funds in the past for this program, and it is unknown how many applications have been submitted for the upcoming period. Any grant offered to the County would be brought back to the Board for review and consideration to accept it.

ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Price, Business Manager, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office

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