

RESOLUTION 2024-125
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRAY AND
BLACK-MARKET MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT FUNDING FOR
FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES

A. Fort Collins Police Services (“FCPS”) is applying for a grant through the Gray and Black-Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program (the “Program”) from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (“DOLA”) to fund investigation and prosecution of unlicensed marijuana cultivation and distribution operations (the “Project”).

B. As part of the Program grant application process, DOLA requires that the governing body of any entity applying for grant funds pass a resolution to show that it is aware of and supports the application and recognizes the obligations the grant creates.

C. The City would not be required to provide any matching funds toward the Project.

D. The Program provides financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys through local governments.

E. The total amount of grant money to be dispersed statewide by DOLA amongst applicant agencies and district attorneys is approximately \$790,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 Program funding.

F. In the last FY 2023-2024, FCPS received \$39,641 from the Program.

G. Funds received through this grant program support FCPS in investigating criminal activities over unlicensed/illegal marijuana, supporting a safer community.

H. FCPS continues receiving complaints about the sale of Hemp intoxicants to minors at local smoke shops (not licensed marijuana businesses) and has several active investigations.

I. In early 2024, FCPS used Program grant funds to investigate an unlicensed smoke shop following repeated complaints of underage tobacco and marijuana sales from parents. A search warrant was served which subsequently resulted in felony charges on the owner.

J. FCPS recommends the continuation of the above referenced grey-market and black-market marijuana investigations.

K. FCPS has utilized money from this Program to acquire long-term evidence storage units for illegal black-market marijuana, and for an increase in staffing to help with investigations of black-market grow operations in the City.

L. The grant money would allow FCPS to continue to improve neighborhood livability and provide insight into the extent of the problems associated with unlicensed, illegal marijuana activity in the City.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports the City's FY 2024-2025 application for a grant through the Program from DOLA to fund the Project; and

Section 2. If the grant is awarded, the City Council supports the completion of the Project.

Passed and adopted on October 15, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: October 15, 2024
Approving Attorney: Ethan Doak