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Applicant Name and Title	Cobb Road Association
Applicant Address	[REDACTED]
Applicant Phone	[REDACTED]
Applicant Email	[REDACTED]
Applicant interest in project/site	Road Association President, Cannabis Cultivation License Holder
Business/Association Name	[REDACTED]
Are you applying as a Humboldt County based business, cooperative, association, or nonprofit organization?	Yes
Are 75% or more of its operations based in Humboldt County?	Yes
Are you currently licensed and registered to operate in Humboldt County?	Yes
If you are not licensed or registered to operate in Humboldt County, are you in the process of doing so?	
Are the activities of your business, association, or organization, specific to the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution or retail of cannabis, or whose organization provides support and/or services to the cannabis industry?	Yes
\$10,000 Eligibility	
Cultivation Lighting (as defined in Humboldt County Code 719-3)	
\$50,000 Eligibility	Road Maintenance (As defined in Humboldt County Code Section 314-55.4.12.1.8.4)
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If Other, please explain	
What amount of the business is Humboldt-owned? "Humboldt-owned" is defined by registered residency of owners	51%-99% Humboldt-owned

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Ownership Structure and Owners	Road Association - Association Declaration document has been resubmitted to the County Recorder's Office for second time. This County Department is very difficult to engage and utilize due to COVID restrictions. Everything is done remotely and it is a complicated and back and forth to get a document registered.
# of FTE Employees	
Summarize the business/association and its activities Word Limit: 250	The activities by the Road Association include all powers relating to management, operation, and maintenance of the common road easement. The Association shall be responsible for CA Dept. Fish & Wildlife and State Water Resource Control Board compliance conformance. The Association will coordinate and employ services to repair and maintain Cobb Road. The Association shall also be the means for the promulgation and enforcement of all regulation necessary to govern the use and enjoyment of the common road.
Program / Project Name	Cobb Road Association
Requested Amount	USD 50000.00
Total project cost/funding needed:	USD 154000.00
Additional Funding Sources	Member/resident contributions
Type of project	Implementation
If Other, please explain	
Project Address	Cobb Road in Dinsmore, directly off of Hwy 36
Project Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):	208-341-(003, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 011, 015, 016, 028, 032, 034)
Does the project/business consist of a qualified outdoor cultivating operation (as per Humboldt County Land Use Ordinance) that produces less than 10,000 sq. ft. of cannabis (not including co-ops and associations whose cumulative area may exceed 10,000 square feet)?	Yes
Licenses & Permits	CDFA Cannabis Cultivation Provisional Permit, CDFW Lake And Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement or written verification if not needed., Humboldt County Provisional Permit
Licenses, Permits, & Agreements	archive-1.zip
Word Limit: 500	Cobb Road is our private community road just off highway 36 in Dinsmore. The Cobb Road Association comprises 12 cannabis cultivating compliant properties. As a criteria for compliance, Timberland Resource Consultants has facilitated a Lake and

Streambed Alteration Agreement with the CA Department of Fish & Wildlife for our Cobb Road Association. It has been determined that 10 culverts and one new road crossing culvert must be replaced over the duration of the Agreement. The first phase requires that 5 of the 11 culverts be replaced as soon as possible to prevent potential failures at key points along the road. Plans to improve road safety include also adding turnouts and turn-arounds along the road, as well as, implementing hill stabilization measures to ensure the road will support fire and emergency equipment accessibility.

A second assessment has also determined recommendations to improve the water crossings under the road. Efforts to implement the best practice measures to protect water quality have already begun, including removing debris, clearing out culverts and improving rock armoring to inlets and outlets.

Grant funding would be used to augment the Association's current funds to allow the upgrades of the first six culverts to be completed quickly, including the five with immediate concerns for CDFW, within one year. The current estimate from the CA Department of Forestry Services's recommended heavy machine operator is \$98,357 to replace the first six culverts. The remaining repairs will be ongoing through scheduled annual contributions and yearly projects until all repairs are completed.

To date our association has collected \$45,000 in initiation fees to cover the environmental assessments, road evaluations, consulting fees, the LSA 1600 permit application fees, and the initial road repairs which have helped to stabilize the road in preparation for the culvert replacement projects. The current pledged funds for 2021 will result in total contributions of \$165,000.

Despite the size of these expected contributions, the full project costs will exceed these funds. As a result, without additional support, the total financial burden of road repairs will lie with the small farmers on Cobb Road. A micro-grant award by the Trellis program would directly impact the community of farmers on Cobb Road and allow the additional funding to help make the necessary road improvements in 2021.

Currently, our Cobb Road Association members consist of twelve permitted cannabis farms having (2) newly approved but not yet activated licenses and (9) licensed cultivation businesses, accounting for approximately \$141,000 in annual Humboldt County Cannabis Excise Tax revenue. Our close proximity to Highway 36 has the potential to allow our neighborhood businesses to be more attractive for vendors doing product pick-ups including distributors and manufactures. We believe the proposed road improvements will encourage third-parties to engage our Cobb Road businesses as a result of being more easily accessible, and the road improvements will ensure better safety and security for their vehicles and drivers.

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Job Creation or Retention:

Similar to third-party accessibility, we believe a safer and more secure road will also enable association members to more easily attract site staff who wish to commute to our farms for work. By improving safety, accessibility, and enabling the use of smaller commuter vehicles, this will allow our members to attract more qualified candidates with greater flexibility in supporting both on-site and off-site employees.

How project and/or grant request will add to the sustainability of Humboldt County's cannabis industry:

By enabling road improvements in 2021, the grant will allow our Cobb Road Association members to build strong relationships with new buyers, establishing our place in the industry prior to the 2023 introduction of large industrial grows. It is crucial that these networks are developed as soon as possible, if Humboldt is to be considered a reliable and competitive source for high-quality products in the future.

Solvency:

The micro-grant will enable this project to move forward quickly and support a collection of small farmers and their emerging brands. Without this funding, the improvements will need to be done over a longer period of time and will not provide the advantage of safety and ease of accessibility for several years.

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The road repair will enable the area to better sustain waterflows to the capacity of a 100-year flood event. This will also ensure that all culverts have proper inflow and outflow mechanisms to prevent sediment and debris from entering the nearby Van Dusen river. The improvements will ensure stability of the roadway and reduce the potential for future erosion along the roadsides and waterways. This will provide additional stability and security for both residents and the local habitat.

Our Road Association has begun to make initial road improvements with minor re-grading, sculpting the road, installing drainage features and adding gravel. Plans to improve road safety include also adding turnouts and turn-arounds along the road, as well as, implementing hill stabilization measures to ensure the road will support fire and emergency equipment accessibility.

Efforts to implement the best practice measures to protect water quality have already begun, including removing debris, clearing out culverts, installing ditch relief culverts and french drain systems and improving rock armoring to culvert inlets and outlets.

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Project primary goals include:

Completion of culvert replacement and road turnout engineering designs
State Water Resource Control Board 401 certification for culverts project
Biologist site review prior to road work
Replacement of ten (10) undersized culverts and one (1) new culvert
Addition of ditch relief culverts for stormwater management at driveways
Improvement of existing road turnouts
Addition of two (2) new turnarounds in accordance with California Fire Safe Regulations
Replacement of Main gate with commercial grade locking mechanism
Addition of two (2) 1080P commercial wireless security cameras, motion sensors, and surveillance monitoring system

Readiness

- State Water Resource Control Board 401 application will be submitted by Margro Advisors
- Biologist site review prior to road work will be provided by Timberland Resource Consultants
- Plans ready to execute initial six (6) culvert replacements during June 15 - Oct 15, 2021
- Plans will be supplemented to add final four (4) culvert replacements and additional culvert installation, with existing project plans.
- Road turnout engineering designs will be developed
- Continue implementing and monitoring water quality best practices
- The association will consult with a commercial fencing company to receive recommendations on a replacement of the Main gate with commercial grade locking mechanisms and proper installation
- The association will obtain up to three bids from security surveillance providers on the addition of two (2) 1080P commercial grade wireless security cameras, motion sensors, and a surveillance system for the main entrance, along with installation.
- Current association members with construction experience have volunteered to assist with project facilitation, monitoring and support as needed. All services will be quoted by multiple contractors prior to securing a contract for the work to be performed.

Preparedness

Currently, the road association has obtained an LSAA from CDFW, an initial road evaluation from DNJ engineering, and an environmental assessment from Timberland Resource Consultants. A site visit was performed with CA Departments of Fish & Wildlife and Forestry Services. Implementation of recommendations resulting from these activities have already begun.

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Project Budget	archive-2.zip
Select each item being uploaded.	Any accompanying and supportive project documents such as site maps, equipment specifications, contractor bids and estimates., Timeline with expected project milestones and completion dates, Brief resumes of key personnel
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