

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of April 28, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 20-33

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT AMENDING  
RESOLUTION 19-45 ESTABLISHING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY CANNABIS  
MICRO-GRANT & LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2019, the County of Humboldt adopted Resolution 19-45 forming the Humboldt County Cannabis Micro-Grant & Loan Advisory Committee (Committee) to implement Project Trellis: The County of Humboldt Cannabis Micro-grant, Marketing, and Local Equity Program (Project Trellis);

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Project Trellis is, in part, to bolster the cannabis industry, and protect future cannabis excise tax revenues by providing services to populations and communities in Humboldt County who were adversely affected by the criminalization of cannabis, to develop a framework for supportive programs designed to sustain and grow Humboldt County's cannabis industry, and to assist cannabis businesses as they work to overcome the financial and logistical challenges of coming into compliance;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 19-45 sets forth the purpose of the Committee is to review, rank, and select Project Trellis applications for micro-grant & loan monies, subject to Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approval;

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the County of Humboldt issued a Shelter in Place order on March 20, 2020, which was updated on March 30, 2020, and the Sheriff declared a Local Emergency on March 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has reviewed and ranked Micro-Grant applications but, due to public meeting, technology, and other discussion limitations related to COVID-19, the Committee has not yet made funding recommendations for Board of Supervisors' approval;

**WHEREAS**, expeditiously making funding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors will allow Project Trellis funding to be distributed to cannabis applicants who, because of federal regulations regarding cannabis, are not entitled to federal relief funding under the CARES act;

**WHEREAS**, providing funding to applicants during the COVID-19 pandemic will assist applicants who may be experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, amending Resolution 19-45 so that the Committee reviews, ranks, and scores applications, then submits the scoring to staff, which makes funding recommendations to the Board based on the scores of the Committee, will expedite distributing funds to the selected applicants; and

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**WHEREAS**, so that Project Trellis funds may be distributed more efficiently to applicants, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt wishes to amend Resolution 19-45 to revise the Committee's purpose to "rank, review, and score" applications, and direct Project Trellis staff to provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors based on the Committee's ranking and review of the applications.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of Resolution 19-45 is amended as follows:**

Purpose

The purpose of the Humboldt County Cannabis Micro-Grant & Loan Advisory Committee (hereinafter the Committee) is to announce, review, rank, and ~~select~~ **[score]** applications for micro-grant & loan monies~~[,] which [Project Trellis staff shall utilize the Committee's ranking and scores to prepare funding recommendations for the]~~ shall be subject to Humboldt County Board of Supervisors~~[']~~ approval, ~~and~~ as defined under Project Trellis: The County of Humboldt Cannabis Micro-grant, Marketing, and Local Equity Program.

~~In making recommendations regarding funding~~ **[ranking and scoring applications for]** micro-grants and loans the Committee shall take into consideration all applicable county and state cannabis funding sources and programs.

Upon adoption of criteria governing monies allocated to Project Trellis Cannabis Micro Grant & Loan Trust Fund; the Committee shall **[provide ranking and scoring based on the criteria to Project Trellis staff, which will rely on the Committee's ranking and scoring to]** make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as to which of the applications meeting criteria should be funded.

**SECTION 2. Subsections K and L of Section 3 and the first sentence of subsection O of Section 3 of Resolution 19-45 are amended as follows:**

- K. Assume responsibility for **[reviewing, ranking, and scoring applications and submitting scores to Project Trellis staff, which will utilize the scores in]** making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for expending monies in the form of micro-grants and loans from resources allocated to the

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Community Reinvestment Fund and pursuant to the criteria adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

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- L. Assume responsibility for [**reviewing, ranking, and scoring micro grant and loan applications**] utilizing the below criteria to assist with evaluation of applications.

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- O. Announce, review, rank, and ~~select~~ [**score**] applications for disbursement of Cannabis Business Grant, and Local Equity Grant monies from the Community Reinvestment Fund in accord with the following: ...

**SECTION 3. Section 7 of Resolution 19-45 shall be amended as follows:**

Meetings

The Committee shall hold a total of three (3) regular meetings per-year, and during a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, at such time and place as shall be agreed upon -by the Committee, the purpose of which shall be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Committee business & announcement of applications.

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: Application presentations and review.

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: Application rankings and ~~selection~~ [**scoring**].

The Committee may hold special meetings as shall be required from time to time. Special meetings shall be called by the Chair or, in his/her absence from the County, by the Vice Chair. Special meetings shall be effective for the transaction of business only if notice has been given to\_ each member at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the special meeting, and the notice shall contain the subject of the special meeting. No action taken at either regular or special meetings shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting, and unless a quorum is present.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date**

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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Dated: April 28, 2020



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Estelle Fennell, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bass, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Bohn, Fennell, Madrone, Wilson, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
County of Humboldt     )

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



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Ryan Sharp  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Humboldt, State of California