



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/17/2026

File #: 26-156

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Governing Body Resolution for Grant Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, 2026 and 2027 between Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the United States Department of Justice Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign Resolution, the Governing Body Resolution (Attachment 1) for the DEA of the Department of Justice DCE/SP and direct the Clerk of the Board to certify; and
2. Authorize the Sheriff, Undersheriff and the Deputy Director of Financial and Support Services to execute all the necessary applications, strategic plans, letters of agreements, contracts, amendments and reimbursement claims, in the name of the County of Humboldt, required by the United States Department of Justice DEA DCE/SP program with approval from the County Administrative Office and County Counsel; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a signed copy of the Governing Body Resolution to the HCSO, Attention: Lucinda Jackson.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

Each year the DEA makes funding available to reimburse agencies for certain expenditures related to the eradication of black-market cannabis in local jurisdictions. HCSO has recently received approval for grant FY 2025 in the amount of \$145,000 for the period of Oct. 1, 2025, to Sept. 30, 2026. The HCSO expects similar amounts awarded in subsequent years.

The funds will be spent for overtime of deputies or officers directly engaged in the black-market cannabis eradication process, as well as some direct costs associated with the eradication and/or arrest of controlled substance violators. Examples of direct costs utilized by HCSO in the past include rental of aircraft, fuel for aircraft and minor repairs and maintenance to support black market cannabis eradication.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

United States Department of Justice DEA

General Fund (Grant Fiscal Year 2025 1100-221931)

General Fund (Grant Fiscal Year 2026 1100-221930)

General Fund (Grant Fiscal Year 2027 1100-221931)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

<i>Expenditures (1100, 221930 & 221931)</i>	FY25-26	FY26-27 Projected*	FY27-28 Projected*
<i>Budgeted Expenses</i>	<u>\$145,000</u>	<u>\$145,000</u>	<u>\$145,000</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

<i>Funding Sources (1100, 221930 & 221931)</i>	FY24-25	FY25-26 Projected*	FY26-27 Projected*
<i>General Fund</i>			
<i>State/Federal Funds</i>	<u>\$145,000</u>	<u>\$145,000</u>	<u>\$145,000</u>
<i>Total Funding Sources</i>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

Funds provided will be used for specified activities directly related to the black-market cannabis eradication and controlled substance investigation and arrest. There is no grant match or additional general fund request for this program. Grant income and expenditures for county FY 2025-26 were budgeted in 1100-221931 DCE/SP as part of the annual budget submission. HCSO will bring back a supplemental budget at a later date, if necessary.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Award of this funding will allow HCSO to work overtime hours for specified activities related to the black-market cannabis eradication and controlled substance investigation and arrest. The maximum overtime allowable per deputy for the grant performance period is \$22,155.25.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

United States Department of Justice DEA
 United States Department of Justice DCE/SP

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny the request to sign the Governing Body Resolution for the DCE/SP grant however, this is not recommended as these funds are integral to continuance of the county's black-market cannabis control programs. Continuing these programs without interruption would require the department to seek funding elsewhere or request additional General Fund to cover overtime and other direct costs associated with the eradication program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Governing Body Resolution

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 11/29/2022
 File No.: 22-1561