



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/24/2021

File #: 21-1166

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Increasing Fixed Asset Line for Sheriff's Budget Unit 1100-221930 - Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an appropriation transfer request increasing a fixed asset line in FY 2020-21 Budget Unit 1100-221930 - Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCESP) for purchase of a portable cannabis analyzer (Attachment 1).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Drug Enforcement Administration of the United State Department of Justice

DISCUSSION:

This cannabis analyzer provides non-technical users with a portable cannabinoid testing laboratory. Using two common analytical methods, this device will allow the Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) to test plant material for cannabinoids in the field. Often farmers operating illegally will tell deputies that their crop is only hemp, rather than marijuana. Currently the MET has no method to perform testing in the field and verify these claims. The device could also prevent potential litigation due to unjust eradication. This purchase has been approved by the Drug Enforcement Administration using DCESP funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This purchase will be made with DCESP grant funds. The cost of this analyzer with its essential accessories is \$19,119. There is no match or additional general fund requested. The purchase meets the fixed asset threshold and therefore an appropriation transfer to establish the fixed asset is requested (Attachment 1).

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure and investing in county employees.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Drug Enforcement Administration of the United State Department of Justice

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to approve the recommendation; however, this is not recommended as this purchase has been approved by the grant agency and identified as necessary by MET.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Request for Budget Transfer for Budget Unit 221930

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: None

Meeting of: February 9, 2021

File No: 21-36