

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-__

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT AMENDING RESOLUTIONS 19-45, 20-33 AND 21-06 RELATED TO THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT PROJECT TRELLIS COMMITTEE (FORMERLY HUMBOLDT COUNTY CANNABIS MICROGRANT & LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, on March 12th of 2019 the County of Humboldt’s Project Trellis initiative was adopted by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to bolster Humboldt County’s cannabis industry and protect future cannabis excise tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, on May 28th of 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 19-45 forming the County of Humboldt Project Trellis Committee (Committee),to implement components of the Project Trellis: Micro-grant, Marketing, and Local Equity Program; and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-45 was amended on April 28, 2020, by Resolution 20-33 and again on January 21, 2021, by Resolution 21-06 to reflect recommendations from staff and the community to improve the programs and processes; and

WHEREAS, to encourage public input and improve efficiency by moving responsibilities for the Marketing the Committee, the Committee and staff have identified additional revisions to Resolution 19-45 necessary to improve the ability of the Committee to perform its duties, and improve the efficacy of Project Trellis programs; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution incorporates recommended revisions for the purpose of achieving the enumerated goals of Project Trellis.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors adopts the following;

SECTION 3. Section 3 of Resolution 19-45, as revised by Resolution 20-33 and Resolution 21-06, Item O is added and Item M is amended as follows:

Duties

The duties of the Committee shall include:

- A. Work with Staff to prepare formal draft bylaws to be adopted by the Committee;
- B. Work with Staff to prepare criteria governing the Community Reinvestment Fund (Fund No. 4215) to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors and established by the County’s Auditor Controller, and in accord with-the Board’s direction for Project Trellis: Cannabis Micro-grant, Marketing, and Local Equity Program.
- C. Work with Staff to maintain thorough records of its activities.
- D. Work with Staff to provide a forum for public expression of desires regarding expenditure

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- of funds derived from the Community Reinvestment Fund.
- E. Work with Staff to provide a forum for the public to address potential public concerns about the expenditure of funds derived from the Community Reinvestment Fund.
 - F. Work with Staff to provide recommendations on ongoing sources of funding for the Community Reinvestment Fund.
 - G. Work with Staff to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for improvements, alterations and changes to Project Trellis: Cannabis Micro-grant and loans, Marketing, and Local Equity Program.
 - H. Work with Staff to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for expending monies in the form of micro-grants and loans from resources allocated to the Community Reinvestment Fund and pursuant to the criteria adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
 - I. Work with Staff to review and score micro-grant and loan applications utilizing the below criteria (L1.a-L2.a) to assist with evaluation of applications.
 - J. Work with Staff to develop an application form and submittal process for Cannabis Business Grants and Local Equity Grants.
 - K. Work with Staff to publicize and market the availability of grants and the details of the application process for public benefit.
 - L. Work with Staff to review and score applications for disbursement of Cannabis Business Grant monies from the Community Reinvestment Fund in accord with the following:
 - 1. Cannabis Business Grants**
 - a. Eligibility**
 - i. Applicant must be a Humboldt County based business, cooperative, road association, or nonprofit agency having 75% or more of its operations based in Humboldt County and must be licensed and registered to operate in Humboldt County, whose activities are specific to the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution or retail of cannabis, or whose organization provides support and/or services to the cannabis industry.
 - 2. Detailed Project Description to Include**
 - a. Applicants must provide a detailed project description for use of grant funds to include:
 - i. Description of business and activities; narrative of proposed project and use of funds; ownership or interest in project or site(s); proof of business or agency licensing; proof of regulatory compliance, any accompanying and supportive project documents such as site maps, equipment specifications, contractor bids and estimates.
 - 3. Detailed Budget**
 - a. Applicants must provide a description of attempts to secure alternative funding sources, and a detailed operational budget of the project or grant request which shall include revenues and expenses.
 - 4. Weighted Considerations**
 - a. For Cannabis Business Grants and Loans, where numerous or competing applications exist, the Committee shall give weighted consideration to applicants and applications whose operational activities.
 - i. Are from Humboldt County residents, or whose businesses are majority owned by owners residing in Humboldt County.
 - ii. Consist of cultivating 10,000 square feet of cannabis or less (not to exclude

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- co- ops and associations whose cumulative area may exceed 10,000 square feet); or
- iii. Add to revenues collected through the Cannabis Excise Tax, or;
- iv. Whose project and/or grant request will result in the creation and/or retention of jobs, or;
- v. Whose project and/or grant request adds to the sustainability of Humboldt County's cannabis industry.
- vi. Where receipt of requested micro-grant or loan is needed to become solvent.

5. Additional Considerations

- a. The Committee may work with Staff to develop additional criteria for consideration when evaluating funding applications. These criteria will be reflected in the committee approved application, application instructions and/or developed selection criteria.

6. Local Equity Program Grants

- a. All Local Equity Grants will be made in accord with the County of Humboldt Cannabis Local Equity Program Manual as adopted and defined in Resolution 19-24, "Resolution 19-24, "RESOLUTION ADOPTING HUMBOLDT COUNTY CANNABIS LOCAL EQUITY PROGRAM MANUAL FOR OPERATION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT LOCAL EQUITY PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA CANNABIS EQUITY ACT OF 2018"

- M. Work with Staff to promote, market and publicize opportunities related to, and act on as the County of Humboldt’s advisory committee for the County’s Project Trellis Marketing Initiative and Program(s).
- N. Work with Staff to market, publicize and review (but not select) contracts related to Equity services.
- O. Work with Staff to engage the public and promote, market and publicize Project Trellis programs through community meetings and other forms of community engagement.

SECTION 7. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

VIRGINIA BASS, Chair of the Board

Adopted on motion by Supervisor, Seconded by Supervisor, and the following vote:

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

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I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

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

KATHY HAYES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Humboldt, State of California