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Applicant Name and Title	[REDACTED] owner/operator
Applicant Address	[REDACTED]
Applicant Phone	[REDACTED]
Applicant Email	josh@epressfarms.com
Applicant interest in project/site	Owner
Business/Association Name	Empress Farms
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 (as defined in Humboldt County Code 719-3)
Cultivation Lighting (as defined in Humboldt County Code 719-3)	Outdoor, Mixed Light
\$50,000 Eligibility	Other
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If Other, please explain	Not applicable
What amount of the business is Humboldt-owned? "Humboldt-owned" is defined by registered residency of owners	100% Humboldt-owned
Ownership Structure and Owners	LLc [REDACTED]
# of FTE Employees	

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Summarize the business/association and its activities Word Limit: 250	Empress Farms is a county-permitted and state-licensed cannabis farm, located along the Mattole River, in between the communities of Petrolia and Honeydew. Owned and operated by Humboldt County legacy cultivators who have been working in the cannabis space since 1995 and went on to raise their family in the Mattole Valley water shed in the midst of the destructive “war on drugs” and is now a second generation operation and continues to be family owned. We currently cultivate just over an acre of cannabis on two properties. Planning and applications are currently underway to increase cultivation on these properties by becoming reception sites for several cannabis Retirement, Remediation, and Relocation (RRR) projects. While some infrastructure currently exists at each of our properties, additional structures and improvements will be required to accommodate the reception of the RRR sites. It is our intention that a key piece of this additional infrastructure can also fill a gap in the supply chain from farm to market for other local cannabis farmers.
Program / Project Name	Community Processing Facility
Requested Amount	USD 10000.00
Total project cost/funding needed:	USD 393910.00
Additional Funding Sources	self funding
Type of project	Capital Investment
If Other, please explain	
Project Address	
Project Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN):	104-321-001
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)?	No
Licenses & Permits	CDFA Cannabis Cultivation Annual Permit, Humboldt County Annual Permit, Jurisdiction Business License, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration tax permit, CDFA Weighmaster license, Articles of Incorporation, Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
Licenses, Permits, & Agreements	empress_Business_License.png

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Empress Farms proposes to build a commercial processing center with additional space for non-flammable extraction. An architect and licensed contractor will be hired for planning and construction. Funds are specifically requested to help offset the cost of building materials and protecting future cannabis excise tax revenues.

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A local processing and extraction center will allow Empress Farms and other community farms to have product processed locally, thus bringing efficiency to these steps in the supply chain from farm to distribution

This would help increase employment opportunities for local workers and help keep revenue in Humboldt County

Centralizing and localizing processing will insure the highest quality product entering the market from an estate grown approach which is primary to an Appellation of Origin mission. the proposed processing facility will help Empress Farms will be successful in meeting the enhanced quality standards set forth by an Appellation of Origin in which we are eager to participate

Keeping processing local means that this critical step in the supply chain does not need to be outsourced to areas outside of the Mattole Valley or Humboldt County. It also means that Empress Farms can keep this step as well as manufacturing in-house, thereby reducing costs and increasing business success and sustainability

As a community oriented medium farm, Empress Farms can also be in a position to offer competitive pricing for processing services to small farms in the community, thus increasing the chance of success for these farms and their economic sustainability

By keeping processing in-house, the cost of production for Empress Farms will decrease, allowing us the opportunity to gain a competitive edge in a retail marketplace that is dominated by mega farms in southern California

By also having on site manufacturing, we can create a value-added product without losing costs and control to an outside company

Our medium farm can then in turn pass along our savings to smaller farms by offering them competitive pricing and local convenience for processing services. This increases the likelihood that more small farms in our rural area will not only remain solvent, but actually thrive.

A local processing center is an identified area of needed industry growth among local cannabis farmers in the Mattole Valley. Efficient processing is currently a bottleneck in the supply chain, with only a few places existing in the county where this can be done

In addition, by keeping processing and manufacturing within the county, we can assure that a cannabis product isn't just grown in Humboldt County, but also made in Humboldt County. This further identifies and promotes Humboldt's place as a lead supplier of quality cannabis products in today's legal marketplace.

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Having a local processing and manufacturing center results in a reduced transportation (i.e. carbon) footprint for Empress Farms and other local farms. All manufacturing will be done via non-flammable extraction methods, meaning that no toxic chemicals are used, nor hazardous wastes produced. From an energy input perspective, in the beginning, the facility will be grid-tied, with 100% renewable energy purchased from Redwood Coast Energy Authority's REpower Plus program. Empress Farms intends to add a solar system in the future to reduce and/or supplement the amount used from grid power.

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The entire project consists of the following components in temporal order:

- 1) Finalize design
- 2) Planning/application to county
- 3) Contractor selection and materials acquisition
- 4) Construction upon county approval

Output: Construct commercial processing and extraction building
Objective: Create local commercial processing center and on-site manufacturing

Requested funds will go toward building construction materials. Empress Farms will also contribute to the cost of construction materials, as well as architect and contractor fees.

An architect has been consulted and secured for building design. A final design will be completed and submitted with a cannabis application to Humboldt County Planning & Building Department during the first few months of 2020. Concurrent with the application approval process, a licensed contractor will be secured for building construction and building materials will be assembled. Once approval is complete and any additional permits secured, construction will begin. At this time, applications will be submitted to state licensing authorities for processing and manufacturing.

The proposed building site has been selected. We have already met with an architect for the initial design phase of the building, and a building plan has been drafted. Several licensed contractors have also been contacted to discuss the project and gain estimates for construction costs.

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