

# Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant

## Department of Cannabis Control

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# Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant

- **Funding:** Nevada County has been awarded \$275,000.00 from Department of Cannabis Control
- **Grant Term:** June 30, 2026
- **Grant Award Uses:** development of proposed ordinance amendments to the Nevada County Cannabis Ordinance

## Funding Amount: \$200,000.00

- County staff time in development of proposed Cannabis Ordinance Amendments
- Consultants to assist with engaging stakeholders for public workshops
- Preparation of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Document

## Funding Amount: \$75,000.00

- *Retail Licensing Equity Program*
  - Financial assistance with County or State license applications, compliance training or financial assistance for County Permit applications
  - Funding provides would support the cannabis local equity program and assist qualified individuals to successfully operate in the regulated state and local cannabis retailer market.

# Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant

- **Type II Funding:** Nevada County was awarded and accepted \$1,221,188.00. (Resolution No. 22-104, February 22, 2022)
- **Grant term:** March 31, 2025
- **Grant Award Uses:** Assistance and preparation of environmental documents for compliance with CEQA, implementation of mitigation measures for environmental compliance, including water conservation and other environmental protection measures.
  - Contract with Sierra Business Council (Resolution No. 23-453, August 22, 2023)
    - \$40,760 – Sierra Business Council Administration
    - Contractual cost for outside grant management company (SBC) to assist with program implementation
    - Creating of applications with program to begin in the coming months
  - Local Cannabis Equity Program - \$775,600.00
    - Assist provisional licensees to assist in meeting annual license requirements.
    - Consultants to assess environmental impacts for applicants.
    - Contractor/consulting cost for environmental requirements to assist with local license requirements.
- EIR Addendum Consultant for Nevada County Cannabis Ordinance Update Funding Amount: \$49,770.00.
- Office Space Planning Funding Amounts: \$60,00.00.
- Direct Technical Assistance in review of applications to assist licenses in meeting annual requirements, Nevada County Cannabis Ordinance Update and Environmental Review Funding Amounts: \$295,058.00

# Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-BIZ)

## Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant

- **Type II Funding:** Nevada County was awarded and accepted \$755,895.55. (Resolution No. 23-086)
- **Grant term:** April 1, 2023-October 1, 2024.
- **Grant Award Uses:** Funding will assist equity applicants and future local equity licensees to gain entry to and successfully operate in the regulated cannabis marketplace.
- Contract with Sierra Business Council (Resolution No. 23-4189, August 22, 2023)
  - Equity Amounts for Applicants: \$650,450.85
  - Direct Technical Assistance Cannabis Compliance Staff Support: \$32,722.35
  - Grant Administration Sierra Business Council: \$40,000.00.
- Local Cannabis Equity Program
  - Assist existing smaller-scale legacy cannabis cultivators to overcome barriers to entry and
  - Build support for longer term viability through activities and implementation of supportive services.
  - Assist with startup and on-going costs
  - Provide direct communication and technical assistance to local equity applicants/licensees regarding cannabis licensing, permitting, site development and inspections.
- No more than 10% of the grant award funds may be used for administration (\$32,722.35).

# Recommendation

- Adopt the attached Resolution approving the acceptance of the California Department of Cannabis Control Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant in the amount of \$275,000.00