

COUNTY OF NEVADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Cannabis Compliance Division

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 22, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Matt Kelley, Code & Cannabis Department Director

SUBJECT: Resolution adopting the Nevada County Good to Grow Direct

Grant Program Manual, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grants

Program (LJAGP)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Adopt the Nevada County Good to Grow Direct Grant Program Manual, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grants Program (LJAGP).

<u>FUNDING</u>: Resolution No. 22-104 accepted \$1,221,188 from the California Department of Cannabis Control Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Funds. There is no change to the financial support of this project and no General Fund dollars are required.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution Adopting the Nevada County Good to Grow Direct Grant Program Manual, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grants Program (LJAGP)
- 2. Exhibit A Nevada County Good to Grow Direct Grant Program Manual

BACKGROUND:

At its February 22, 2022 regular meeting, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, approved Resolution No. 22-104, accepting the California Department of Cannabis Control Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,221,188. As awarded, the grant funds will be utilized by Nevada County to aid provisional licensees in completing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance requirements necessary to achieve moving to an annual licensure.

In completing their review of the Nevada County Good to Grow Direct Grant Program, the California Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) has identified that the creation and

adoption of a Program Manual to assist in the awarding of grant funds to eligible provisional licensees is necessary.

The goal of the LJAGP Program Manual is to assist in the administration of grant funds to assist eligible State provisional licensees in meeting annual license requirements by providing LJAGP grant funding to pay for permitting fees and other costs directly related to CEQA Compliance and review, including but not limited to odor emission mitigation / controls, biological reporting, water quality improvements and testing, air quality / reduced greenhouse gas emissions, sound studies, remediation and correction expenses and other CEQA related projects as approved by the Nevada County Cannabis Compliance Division. In addition, the grant funds may be used for application and license fees related to CEQA compliance and review.

SUMMARY:

The Nevada County Cannabis Compliance Division opened an application window and accepted applications for our Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Funds, Cannabis Equity Grants Program between February 1, 2024, and March 4, 2024. After the closing of the application window, the California Department of Cannabis Control, notified the Cannabis Compliance Division that a Program Manual to assist in awarding LJAGP funds to provisional licensees is necessary. A draft Program Manual was created by the Cannabis Compliance Division and submitted to DCC beginning in March 2024 and final revisions and approval by DCC was given to Nevada County on September 3, 2024.

Attached for consideration and approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors is the Nevada County Good to Grow Direct Grant Program Manual, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grants Program.

Item Initiated By: Matt Kelley, Code & Cannabis Compliance Department, Director **Approved By:** Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency Director