



**COUNTY OF NEVADA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Cannabis Compliance Division

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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Matt Kelley, Director of Code and Cannabis Compliance

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting award of the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Local Equity Grant Fund program

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution accepting the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00.

FUNDING: The County of Nevada has been awarded \$500,000.00 from California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Fund.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2024, Nevada County applied for the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant. On January 23, 2025, the County was awarded \$500,000, with funds required to be expended by October 31, 2026.

Once accepted, the Community Development Agency will allocate these funds to support the local cannabis industry in the following areas:

- Licensed professional consultants
- Environmental site development
- Grant administration
- Application fee waivers, deferrals, or reductions
- Grants to assist in bringing properties into compliance
- Grants to incentivize new businesses
- Grants to promote best management and sustainable practices

This funding will enhance Nevada County's local cannabis equity program, helping qualified individuals successfully operate within the regulated state and local cannabis markets.

Previous California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development Grant Award

On February 28, 2023, the Board approved Resolution No. 23-086, accepting a \$755,895.55 grant with an expiration date of October 31, 2024. This funding supported applicants with local and state fees, licensing, regulatory costs, capital improvements, and additional resources such as professional consulting, environmental site development, business training, and compliance assistance. It also covered county staff costs for grant management and implementation.

Most recently, through the Sierra Business Council, the Nevada County Cannabis Compliance Division awarded \$650,450.85 in grant funds to 106 qualified applicants—both current legal cannabis operators and those seeking to enter the regulated market.

These continued efforts aim to strengthen Nevada County's regulated cannabis industry by reducing financial barriers and promoting sustainable business practices.

Item Initiated and Approved By: Matt Kelley, Director of Code and Cannabis Compliance

Submitted: February 10, 2025