



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Sheriff to submit an application to the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program, Cohort 4, for the grant term July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2031.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution

FUNDING: If received, state funding would be for the grant term July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031 and impact the Sheriff's Office budgets and Community Development Agency budgets. The Sheriff's Office will bring the item back to the Board if the funding is awarded and any required budget amendments will be done at that time. This is a state grant. The Sheriff's Office will work with the CEOs Office to minimize any General Fund impact over the grant period.

BACKGROUND: Proposition 64 (Adult Use of Marijuana Act) which passed in 2016, legalized adult-use cannabis in California, created a dedicated cannabis tax revenue stream, and directed funds to BSCC to administer a grant program to support local programs addressing public health and safety impacts of legalization (Revenue & Taxation Code Section 34019).

To be eligible to apply for Proposition 64 grant funding, a local government must allow retail sale of cannabis in storefronts, or, for jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 or less, must allow cannabis delivery for medicinal and adult-use. With the passage of Ordinance 2538, which became effective December 12, 2024 (Nevada County Code Section 12.03.300), Nevada County is now eligible to apply for Proposition 64 funding.

The Sheriff's Office (SO) and the Community Development Agency (CDA) would like to submit a joint application focused on Public Purpose Area (PPA) 1 – Public Safety/Enforcement and PPA 3 – Youth Development/Youth Prevention and Intervention. Applicants dedicating 70% or more of their budget to enforcement activities will receive priority points and our understanding is that BSCC wishes to focus on the prevention/enforcement of illicit cannabis.

Last year, NCSO experienced a 16% increase in violent crime reported from 2024 to 2025, with several cases tied to cannabis operations, including a robbery series. The volume of illicit cannabis in Nevada County exceeds the capacity of our current investigations staffing levels. For this reason, their efforts are concentrated on the most serious cannabis cases, such as those with environmental violations or other co-mingled offenses like weapons, human trafficking, and violent crimes. This necessary investigative triage can unfortunately leave other illicit cannabis cases unresolved, allowing additional such activities to continue violating our community and resulting in a negative impact to the very market that Prop 64 was designed to stabilize.

The Sheriff's Office desires to dedicate staff to a cannabis enforcement team, which would necessitate the need to increase staffing as the grant funding cannot be used for existing staffing levels (supplantation is prohibited). The grant proposal includes support for 2 Sheriff Deputies/Detectives that would be dedicated to cannabis enforcement 75% of the time plus an Administrative Analyst dedicated to investigation support as well grant reporting, with approximately 60% of their time funded by the grant. Additional costs related to operation of the cannabis enforcement team, such as software, phones, and vehicles are also included in the proposal.

CDA is requesting a limited term position or potentially a contracted position that would focus on the prevention of youth cannabis use in conjunction with local park districts. Additionally, support for Cannabis Enforcement is included with funding a new vehicle and drone.

The grant request is approximately \$4.5 million and includes a 15% overhead rate, which will be used to offset the cost to implement the grant which would be borne by the general fund. The \$4.5 million over the grant period is the maximum amount the County is eligible for. The grant period is anticipated to be from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2031.

Initiated and Approved by: Shannan Moon