



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Sheriff  
**Department No.:** 032  
**For Agenda Of:** 4/2/2019

**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Bill Brown Sheriff-Coroner  
Lieutenant Greg Sanders 805-681-4175  
**SUBJECT:** **Acceptance of Grant Funding for DCESP (Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program) from the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency for illegal cannabis eradication for the period October 01, 2018 to September 30, 2019.**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept the grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency in the amount of \$58,000.00 to fund increased enforcement of any crimes related to illicit cannabis production and/or cultivation for FY 2018-2019; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Sheriff to execute the Letter of Agreement No. 2019-44 with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency; and
- c) Find that the grant funding approval is a government funding mechanism which is not a project pursuant to section 15378(b) (4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

This grant focuses on eradicating and/or suppressing of domestic cannabis cultivation. The Federal funds provided are primarily intended for payments of Deputies overtime while they are directly engaged in the illicit cannabis eradication process. The funds shall only be used to pay the normal overtime rate, i.e. time plus one-half regular pay. The overtime reimbursement rate shall not include any cost for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, or other expenses, which is outlined in the Letter of Agreement No. 2019-44.

**Background:**

There is evidence that trafficking in marijuana, (illicit cannabis) has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of the State of California. The parties hereto agree that it is to their mutual benefit to cooperate in locating and eradicating illicit cannabis plants and to investigate and prosecute those cases before the courts of the United States and the Courts of the State of California. The Department of Justice/ Drug Enforcement Agency, pursuant to the authority of 21 U.S.C, Section 873, proposes to provide certain necessary funds, and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is desirous of securing funds.

**Performance Measures:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The FY 2018-19 Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program (DCESP) grant is effective from October 01, 2018 to September 30, 2019. The total award amount is \$58,000.00, of which \$32,000.00 of the total grant award will be available until June 30, 2019, with the remaining \$26,000.00 of the award available from July 01, 2019 until September 30, 2019. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis from U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency (DOJ/DEA), in which monthly expenditures incurred by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office for the eradication of illicit cannabis are submitted to the DOJ/DEA for reimbursement. Reimbursement to this agency by the DOJ/DEA are usually received within 60 days of the expense claims submittal.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return two fully executed copies of the amendment and a minute order to Hope Vasquez, CFO Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office and Lt. Greg Sanders, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, Special Investigations Bureau.

**Attachments:**

Letter of Agreement 2019-44, between the DOJ/DEA and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office.

Authored by:

Greg Sanders, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office, 681-4175.