

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Accept and Expend Grant and Amend the Annual Salary Ordinance - Department of Cannabis Control - Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program - \$3,075,769]

Ordinance authorizing the Office of Cannabis to accept and expend a grant award in the amount of \$3,075,769 from the Department of Cannabis Control for the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program for a term of on- or -around February 11, 2022, through March 31, 2025; and amending Ordinance No. 109-21 (Annual Salary Ordinance File No. 210644 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023) to provide for the addition of one grant funded Class 1824 Principal Administrative Analyst position (FTE 0.20), one grant funded Class 1823 Senior Administrative Analyst position (FTE 1.0), and three grant funded class 1822 Administrative Analyst positions (FTE 3.0) at the Office of Cannabis for the period of on- or -around February 11, 2022, through March 31, 2025.

Existing Law

In November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (“Proposition 64”), which legalized adult use cannabis in California for individuals 21 years of age and older. Police Code Article 16 authorized the Office of Cannabis to administer and enforce a local permit scheme for cannabis businesses. SB 129 (Stats. 2021, Ch. 69) created the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program, administered by the Department of Cannabis Control (“Department”), to dedicate funding to local jurisdictions with the greatest needs to transition provisional commercial cannabis licenses to annual commercial cannabis licenses.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance authorizes the Office of Cannabis to accept and expend a Local Jurisdiction Assistance grant from the Department to support the Office of Cannabis’ efforts to transition temporary local permits and provisional state licenses to permanent local permits and state licenses by funding additional staff and capacity in the Office of Cannabis. The grant term is from February 11, 2022 through March 31, 2025. The grant includes a provision for indirect costs of \$57,514.50.

Pursuant to Administrative Code §10.170-1(b), the ordinance also amends the Annual Salary Ordinance for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to reflect the additional grant funded positions.

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