

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Accept and Expend Grant and Amend the Annual Salary Ordinance - California Highway Patrol - Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program - \$986,248]

Ordinance authorizing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$986,248 from the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program; and amending Ordinance No. 166-20 (Annual Salary Ordinance File No. 200568 for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022) to provide for the addition of one grant funded Class 2403 Forensic Laboratory Analyst (FTE 1.0), and one grant funded Class 2456 Forensic Toxicologist (FTE 1.0), for the period beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

Background Information

With the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, California voters legalized the possession of cannabis for recreational use and mandated the State to set aside funding for the California Highway Patrol to provide grants for enforcement of impaired driving laws. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner performs driving-under-the-influence testing for law enforcement. To mitigate caseload demands of impaired driving in San Francisco, the California Highway Patrol intends to award a grant to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner from the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program.

Proposed Ordinance

The proposed ordinance authorizes the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to accept and expend a grant of \$986,248 from the California Highway Patrol's Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program to fund the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's development of a more efficient program for driving-under-the-influence testing to meet caseload demand. The grant term is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. The grant will fund the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's procurement of an automated extraction instrument as well as two personnel, a Forensic Toxicologist and a Forensic Laboratory Analyst.

Pursuant to Administrative Code §10.170-1(d), the proposed ordinance also amends the Annual Salary Ordinance to reflect the addition of one grant-funded Class 2456 Forensic Toxicologist and one grant-funded Class 2403 Forensic Laboratory Analyst for FY 2021-2022.

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