

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.: 22-005

Resolution authorizing:

The County Administrative Officer, or his designee, to execute a grant agreement with the Department of Cannabis Control through the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program to receive grant funding in the amount of \$1,737,035 to pass-through funds to qualified licensees to assist with transitioning from provisional to annual licensure, conduct environmental review to establish the Growing Equity Together and Retirement, Remediation, and Relocation Programs, conduct a programmatic-level environmental analysis related to outdoor cultivation within a portion of Supervisorial District 5, outsource planning and building permits to specialized consultants, and hire a consultant to manage this grant and assist with the implementation of the equity program.

WHEREAS, the members of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors seek a fully permitted and licensed commercial cannabis industry that will result in economic opportunity for cannabis entrepreneurs, retention of infrastructure investments within the County, stable employment opportunities for County residents, and sustainable and predictable tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, funding has been provided by the Department of Cannabis Control to provide funding to local jurisdictions with the greatest needs to transition provisional licensees to annual licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors supports the continuous development of the licensed cannabis industry, including equity based initiatives to reduce barriers to entry; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors supports coordinating strategies and resources between the Cannabis Program and Housing and Community Development Department which will expedite the application review process for cannabis-related building and planning permits and more quickly attain the goal of attaining a fully permitted and licensed commercial cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, the Program was informed of the \$1,737,035 award on December 24, 2021 to conduct approved activities outlined in the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program grant agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby:

Authorizes the County Administrative Officer, or his designee, to execute the grant agreement with the Department of Cannabis Control, including any extensions or amendments thereof and any subsequent grant agreement with the Department of Cannabis Control in relation thereto.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this grant agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The Department of Cannabis Control and the State of California disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of January 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Askew and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(Government Code 54953)

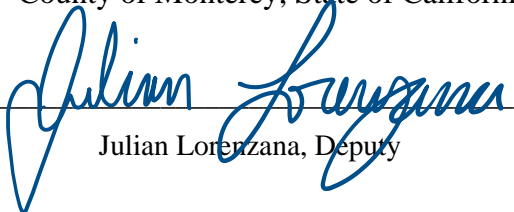
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting January 11, 2022.

Dated: January 12, 2022

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Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California


Julian Lorenzana, Deputy