



# Monterey County Board of Supervisors

## Board Order

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A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor John M. Phillips to:

- 1) **Adopted Resolution No. 20-120** authorizing the Monterey County Cannabis Program Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to receive grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 to conduct an equity assessment to identify marginalized segments within Monterey County and groups of individuals most impacted by economic disparities and cannabis arrest/conviction rates which will inform the creation of a local equity program; and
- 2) Provide direction to staff as appropriate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Parker 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 May 12, 2020.

Dated: May 12, 2020  
File ID: 20-338  
Agenda Item No.: 22

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

  
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Joel G. Pablo, Deputy

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

**Resolution No. 20 – 120**

Resolution of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors authorizing the )  
Monterey County Cannabis Program Manager to execute the grant agreement )  
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program..... )

**WHEREAS**, the members of the California Legislature have recognized the need for cannabis equity grant funding; and

**WHEREAS**, funding has been provided to the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development to provide grant funds to local governments pursuant to AB 97 (Stats. 2019, Ch. 40); and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Board of Supervisors supports the development of a local equity program; and

**WHEREAS**, a local equity program would foster equitable ownership and employment opportunities and ensure the cannabis industry is representative of the county’s population by supporting populations and communities that have been negatively or disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and the War on Drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Board of Supervisors has determined that it will use grant funds from the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development to conduct a cannabis equity assessment and/or assist the development of a local equity program as fully described in its application for grant funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cannabis Program Manager of County of Monterey is authorized to execute the grant agreement with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, including any extensions or amendments thereof and any subsequent grant agreement with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development 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 Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development and the State of California disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, by roll call vote:

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NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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