

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 66-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS FOR THE GRAY AND BLACK MARKET MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

RECITALS.

At its October 17, 2018 meeting the City Council considered, and for the reasons provided herein, authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to provide financial assistance to the Grand Junction Police Department (GJPD) for the investigation and prosecution costs associated with unlicensed marijuana cultivation and/or distribution operations, also known as Gray and Black market enforcement.

In the past the GJPD has been a sub-recipient of this grant under the Mesa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). For the current grant cycle, the MCSO is TABOR limited and will not be applying: GJPD will apply for the grant which requires assurance of community support and that enforcement is considered a priority. Applications cannot be submitted unless approved by the City Council.

The DOLA has total funding of \$6,000,000 available annually (including program operations) - although it is unknown how much the City may be awarded, the fiscal impact of this grant will allow for personnel/overtime costs, equipment and supplies, travel, medical expenses related to injury or exposure during marijuana investigation(s), and the purchase of information or evidence to be reimbursed to the City.

In the last reimbursement period for the Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Program, the GJPD had \$46,973.39 of reimbursable costs ready for the Mesa County Sheriff Office grant application. When the MCSO discovered it is TABOR limited, the GJPD costs went unreimbursed. THE GJPD estimates another \$47,000 in reimbursable costs for its continued efforts in marijuana enforcement during the enforcement period included by this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Grand Junction supports and authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant request to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for an estimated \$47,000 of reimbursable costs related to marijuana enforcement in accordance with and pursuant to the above Recitals.

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, if the grant is awarded that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with DOLA to receive and expend for the purposes of Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2018



Barbara Traylor Smith
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Wanda Winkelmann
City Clerk

