



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

September 4, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Acceptance of the Proposition 64 Cohort 4 Grant Award from the California Board of State and Community Corrections to Implement the Angeles National Forest Workforce Training Project

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 14.6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity (Mayor's Office) hereby notifies the Los Angeles City Council of a funding award from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) under the Proposition 64 Grant. These funds will support the implementation of the Angeles National Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project. This initiative will hire and train City of Los Angeles residents to reduce wildfire risk in the project area by removing hazardous fuels, restoring native habitats, and addressing environmental damage from illegal cannabis cultivation. Transmitted herewith for consideration is a request to accept \$6,000,000 in grant funding for the performance period of July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031.

Background

In November 2016, California voters passed Proposition 64, the adult use of Marijuana Act. Proposition 64 legalizes specified personal use and cultivation of marijuana for adults 21 years of age or older; reduces criminal penalties for specified marijuana-related offenses for adults and juveniles; and authorizes resentencing or dismissal and sealing of prior, eligible marijuana-related convictions. The proposition includes provisions on regulation, licensing, and taxation of legalized use. Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC), Section 34019, subd. (f)(3)(C), states the Board of State and Community Corrections will provide grant funds to local governments that assist with law enforcement, fire protection, or other local programming to address public health and safety associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

In February 2026, the BSCC released the Proposition 64 Cohort 4 Request For Proposal making \$125 million available to California cities and counties to assist with law enforcement, fire protection, or other local programs addressing public health and safety associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity responded to the grant proposal requesting the maximum amount of \$6,000,000 allocated to local jurisdictions and public agencies to implement a workforce training program, called the Angeles National Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project.

In June 2026, the BSCC awarded the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity \$6,000,000 in funding to implement the Angeles National Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project. This project will hire and train 20-25 City of Los Angeles residents for twelve (12) months to reduce hazardous fuels around sites and fuel break reduction in the Angeles National Forest (ANF), where illegal cannabis cultivation is a persistent issue. This project will apply strategies to lower the intensity, spread rate and severity of a fire by reducing vegetation in areas that may involve trespass grows, the diversion of water, and the use of toxic chemicals, sometimes in proximity to hiking trails.

Program Information

In collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service, and two local community-based organizations, Tree People and Northeast Trees, the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity Proposition 64 Grant Program application proposed a new paid training program, titled "The ANF Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project." The ANF meets the grant requirements of being a project area that has been associated with illicit cannabis activity. In addition, the ANF has experienced multiple catastrophic fires over the past decade, most recently Bridge (2024) and Hughes and Eaton (2025). Fire scar areas remain active restoration priorities; however, restoration workforce capacity has not kept pace with this need.

Currently, local non-governmental organization, TreePeople, manages active restoration across more than eight hundred (800) acres of ANF forestland, however, the demand for treatment and monitoring far exceeds current field capacity. This project bridges this capacity gap by transforming the need for restoration into an opportunity for workforce development, creating a sustainable pipeline for fire prevention and conservation careers. This dual-purpose approach enhances public safety while addressing regional workforce shortages.

The Proposition 64 Cohort 4 Grant performance period, July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031, is in accordance with the proposal and budget approved by the BSCC. The project goals are to: 1) strengthen Los Angeles' capacity to identify and mitigate environmental hazards resulting from illegal cannabis-related activities through restoration and reforestation in the ANF and adjacent areas; 2) reduce wildfire risk in the ANF through removal of invasive flash-fuel species and restoration of fire-resilient native plant communities; and 3) hire 20-25 conservation workers who live in the City of Los

Angeles and commit to a paid 12-month hazardous fuel reduction, restoration and reforestation on-the-job training curriculum in the ANF.

Proposition 64 Grant Budget

The ANF Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project will strengthen the City of Los Angeles' capacity to identify, evaluate, and mitigate environmental hazards resulting from cannabis-related activities. For the purposes of this project, environmental impact refers to efforts that protect human health and ecological systems by limiting exposure to harmful substances and restoring damaged environments. Allowable uses of the Proposition 64 Grant funds include paid on-the-job training and related support services, environmental monitoring and mitigation, repair of environmental damage caused by illegal cannabis activity, fuel mitigation, and wildland/urban interface planning. A summary of the Project Budget is provided below in Table 1 and included with this report as Attachment B.

Table 1: Proposition 64 The Angeles National Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project Budget

Budget Category	Total Requested Grant Funds
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,111,956
Indirect Costs	\$726,679
Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Subcontracts	\$3,811,884
Services and Supplies	\$45,191
Other (Travel, Training, etc.)	\$4,290
Professional Services or Public Agency Subcontracts	\$300,000
Equipment/Fixed Assets	\$0
TOTAL	\$6,000,000

Project management, grant administration, services, supplies, and mandatory travel total \$1.1 million or 19% of the grant budget. This includes the salaries and fringe benefits of one Project Director full-time equivalent (FTE) and one Project Accountant at 50% FTE. An additional amount of \$726,679 is the maximum amount allowed for reimbursement of indirect costs.

Approximately \$3.8 or 63% of this budget shown in Table 1 is dedicated to project implementation through two non-governmental organizations (NGO) subcontracts, which includes personnel salaries and benefits, program participant wages, employer fees, supplies that will be used for outreach, printed materials, and public facility rental fees to host community recruitment events. The NGO subcontractor budget also includes operating expenses for the implementation of the project including curriculum development and materials, field training supplies, uniforms, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), training certification(s), tools, equipment, and transportation.

Proposition 64 Cohort 4 projects are required to complete a project evaluation that focuses on the achievement of the project's goals and objectives. Completion of the project evaluation requires the submission of a Local Evaluation Plan and Local Evaluation Report. The grant budget includes \$300,000, or 5% of the total funding to select a third-party evaluator in accordance with City and State procurement guidelines.

Program Services

The Angeles National Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project will be implemented during a five-year grant performance period, in partnership with the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, which manages the Angeles National Forest and provides expertise in safe, efficient, and economical fire management while sustaining, protecting and restoring ecosystems. A Memorandum of Understanding will be developed with project partners to ensure adherence to the U.S. Forest Service guidelines throughout the project training period.

For over a decade, NGO subcontractor TreePeople has been a trusted non-profit partner working with the U.S. Forest Service to manage degraded lands, including active treatment sites. As the lead implementing partner, TreePeople will serve as the technical trainer and long-term employer in this project. TreePeople's deliverables include three connected activities: delivering structured restoration and reforestation training to cohort participants at Northeast Trees/Operation Flame; integrating cohort participants into TreePeople's existing ANF field crews during training rotations; and hiring two to four cohort graduates as full-time staff following each partner's program. The Angeles National Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project will create a hiring pathway from cohort programs into full-time conservation roles.

The NGO subcontractor Northeast Trees/Operation Flame will lead up to 4 one-year cohort terms during the 4-year project period. TreePeople will provide training support during each cohort term at both organizations. Training combines classroom instruction and field-based sessions covering restoration ecology, invasive species management, native plant propagation, reforestation techniques, and field data collection. Participants complete training alongside TreePeople conservation staff, gaining exposure to professional restoration practice grounded in real job experience.

Curriculum and Implementation phase:

- Months 1 to 2: Foundational modules (forest ecology, wildfire nexus, safety, field protocols)
- Months 3 to 5: Invasive species identification and control, site assessment, nursery work
- Months 6 to 9: Reforestation and planting techniques, GIS data collection, site maintenance
- Months 10 to 12: Advanced restoration methods, career pathways, crew integration, capstone field project at active ANF restoration site.

To fulfill the training curriculum described in Table 2, the project will work closely with project partners to promote the training opportunity, conduct outreach in partnership with the city's WorkSource, YouthSource, and FamilySource Centers, City Council offices, and local community-based organizations. For the duration of the five-year grant performance period, more than half of the grant budget, \$3.8 million, will be allocated to two community-based organizations and one third-party program evaluator. Included in this amount is \$2.1 million that will be allocated to the wages of 22-25 City of Los Angeles adult residents who will be hired and trained for this program.

Program Goals and Output Measures

This project will apply strategies to lower the intensity, spread rate and severity of a fire by reducing vegetation in areas that may involve trespass grows, the diversion of water, and the use of toxic chemicals, sometimes in proximity to hiking trails. Utilize GIS-enabled field monitoring across every active restoration zone to record site conditions both before and after treatment interventions. Facilitate the permanent employment of two to four program participants as regular conservation personnel with TreePeople upon the conclusion of every training cycle. The program goals are as follows:

1. Reduce wildfire risk in the ANF through removal of invasive flash-fuel species and restoration of fire-resilient native plant communities.
2. Restore native habitats and address environmental damage from illegal cannabis cultivation.
3. Build a trained pipeline of conservation workers from communities adjacent to the ANF; deliver a 12-month restoration and reforestation training curriculum to participants at Northeast Trees/Operation Flame across the grant performance period.

The goals listed above are included in the BSCC required Project Work Plan, which details the project's top goals and objectives, how the goals will be achieved through project activities and services, and a list of the data elements that will be collected. A summary of the project output measures is provided below in Table 2:

Table 2: Project Output Measures

Outcome Area	Measure	Data Source
Invasive species removal	Acres treated	GIS field data, monthly crew reports
Native habitat restored	Native plants installed; acres treated	Planting records, monitoring data
Training completion for LA Residents	Modules completed; total training hours per participant	Training Manager records

The project will utilize a cohort training model to achieve the above-mentioned measures. NGO subcontractor, Northeast Trees/Operation Flame, will lead up to 4 one-year cohort terms during the 4-year project period. TreePeople will provide training support during

each cohort term. Training combines classroom instruction and field-based sessions covering restoration ecology, invasive species management, native plant propagation, reforestation techniques, and field data collection. Participants complete training alongside TreePeople conservation staff, gaining exposure to professional restoration practice grounded in real job experience.

Additionally, the project will integrate North East Trees/Operation Flame program participants with TreePeople ANF Field Crews. During training rotations, cohort participants join TreePeople's existing ANF field crews for supervised work sessions at the active project sites described above. TreePeople's conservation team includes more than ten staff and a four-person restoration technician crew focused on invasive species control. Participants will rotate across sites depending on season, treatment needs, and crew composition.

Following completion of each cohort term, TreePeople will hire two to four participants interested in continuing a career in conservation and forest health. These individuals join TreePeople's conservation team as paid staff, continuing to develop technical skills in habitat restoration, invasive species management, reforestation, and field monitoring. Hiring is based on demonstrated skill, attendance, and interest in long-term conservation work.

Grant Reporting and Evaluation

The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity is required to submit Quarterly Progress Reports to the BSCC. The Quarterly Progress Reports are a critical element in the BSCC's monitoring and oversight process and the primary data collection tool for the BSCC's statewide evaluation across all Proposition 64 Grantees. The BSCC staff will provide the design of the Quarterly Progress Report to ensure the data collected reflects the projects that were funded.

Both internal project staff and a qualified, independent external evaluator will evaluate the project to ensure comprehensive assessment of both ecological and workforce outcomes. The Project Evaluator will develop a data management plan, the method for storing data, and a process for identifying incomplete or inconsistent data as well as monitoring data throughout the duration of the project. The Project Evaluator will be responsible for the development and submission of the required Local Evaluation Plan and Final Report to the BSCC. The Local Evaluation Plan will ensure that the project has a plan in place to collect the data and information necessary to report on the extent to which the project's goals and objectives, as included in the proposal, were achieved. The Project Evaluator will also be responsible for developing the project's Local Evaluation Report. The purpose of the Local Evaluation Report is to document the extent to which the project achieved its goals and objectives once the grant performance period has ended.

Project success will be measured by: 1) the physical changes to the landscape, which include reducing fuel loads by thinning trees, pruning ladder fuels, reducing vegetation density, removing hazard trees (near trails, roads, & structures), and clearing vegetation along ingress/egress routes; 2) remediation of hazardous contamination, illicit grows,

toxic pesticides and chemical fertilizers due to the cultivation of illegal cannabis; and 3) by hiring and training 20-25 Los Angeles residents to gain experience and continue a career in conservation and forest health.

Management and Administration

As the Lead Public Agency (LPA) The Mayor's Office is responsible for the program and fiscal administration of the grant. The Mayor's Office staff will oversee this program from July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031. For the management and administration of this program, \$45,191 shall be used for grant supplies; \$4,290 for mandatory travel and training and \$1.1 million for grant salaries and benefits.

The Project Director, 100% full-time equivalent, will be responsible for overseeing and monitoring all grant activities and partner agencies. The Project Director will also be responsible for ensuring adherence to the project implementation plan and project objectives and submitting reports according to the timeline determined by BSCC. The Project Accountant, 50% full-time equivalent, will be responsible for all accounting activities related to the grant. The Project Accountant will also ensure timely, accurate, and appropriate execution of all grant expenditures, reimbursements, and fund drawdowns, and ensure compliance with accepted auditing standards.

Front-Fund Loan Request

The Proposition 64 Grant is administered by the BSCC on a reimbursement basis. To facilitate immediate service delivery and manage cash flow for project subcontractors, the Mayor's Office requests a "front-fund" loan of \$400,000. This loan will provide the necessary liquidity for the disbursement of funds prior to receiving reimbursements from the grantor.

The requested amount provides a four-month operating cushion to bridge the 60- to 90-day processing window for state reimbursements. This estimate is based on anticipated subcontractor invoices over the performance period beginning September 1, 2026. This arrangement ensures that contractors—primarily local non-profits—receive payments within 30 days, eliminating their reliance on high-interest commercial loans. The front-fund loan will be repaid in full upon receipt of grant funds from the BSCC, with final settlement occurring no later than the end of the grant period in December 2031.

This front-fund loan will ensure contractors receive payments in under 25–30 days, reducing their need to rely on high-interest commercial loans while awaiting city and grantor disbursements. The Mayor's Office will repay the proposed Reserve Fund Loan upon reimbursement of Proposition 64 grant funds from the BSCC. The front-fund loan will be repaid in full at the end of the grant performance period, December 2031.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS THEREFORE requested that the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the Mayor, or her designee, to:

- a. **ACCEPT**, on behalf of the City, the Proposition 64 Cohort 4 Grant from the California Board of State and Community Corrections in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2026, to December 1, 2031;
- b. **NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE** the Grant Award Agreement and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
- c. **NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE** contracts with community-based organization, TreePeople, in the amount of \$1,607,068 for the grant performance period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031, for project implementation, including the delivery of training curriculum for program trainees, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with City contracting requirements;
- d. **NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE** contracts with community-based organization, with Northeast Trees in the amount of \$2,204,816 for the grant performance period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031, for project implementation, including the payment of wages for 22-25 program trainees, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with City contracting requirements;
- e. **NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE** a contract with non-profit institution, the RAND Corporation, to provide data evaluation services for The Angeles National Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project, for the grant performance period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031, in an amount of \$300,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with City contracting requirements;
- f. **SUBMIT** to the grantor, on behalf of the City, requests for drawdown of funds for payment and/or reimbursements of City funds expended for approved grant purposes; and
- g. **RECEIVE, DEPOSIT, AND DISBURSE** from a new Proposition 64 Board of State and Community Corrections Grant fund, the grant funds from the Proposition 64 Board of State and Community Corrections Grant.

2. ADOPT the Governing Body Resolution (Attachment A) which endorses the grant agreements and agrees to comply with the program and funding requirements of the Grant.

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. **ESTABLISH** a new fund entitled "Proposition 64 Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Cohort 4 Grant Fund" and create a receivable in the Fund in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the Prop 64 Cohort 4 BSCC Grant;
- b. **ADOPT** the Proposition 64 BSCC Cohort 4 Grant Budget and authorize the Mayor to create new appropriation accounts within the new Proposition 64 BSCC Cohort 4 Grant Fund No. XXX as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
46E946	Management and Administration	\$ 4,888,044.00
46E146	Mayor	\$722,800.30
46E299	Related Costs	\$389,155.700
	Total	\$ 6,000,000.00

- c. **TRANSFER** appropriations from Proposition 64 BSCC Cohort 4 Grant Fund No. XXX to reimburse the General Fund as follows:

Transfer from:

Fund/Dept.	Account No.	Account Name	Amount
XXX/46	46E146	Mayor	\$722,800.30
		Total	\$722,800.30

Transfer to:

Fund/Dept.	Account No.	Account Name	Amount
100/46	001020	Grant Reimbursed	\$722,800.30
		Total	\$722,800.30

- d. **TRANSFER** up to \$389,155.7000 from Fund XXX, Department 46 to the General Fund, Department 46, Revenue source 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits; and
- e. **EXPEND AND RECEIVE** funds upon presentation of documentation and proper demand by the Mayor's Office for approved Proposition 64 BSCC Grant purchases.

4. AUTHORIZE a Front-Fund Loan request as follows:

- a. AUTHORIZE** a Front-Fund Loan advance in the amount of \$400,000 to support City of Los Angeles residents to reduce wildfire risks under BSCC Proposition 64, which is to be repaid by the Mayor's Office at the end of the performance period. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Unappropriated Balance Fund 100, Department 58 and appropriate therefrom to the Proposition 64 Grant Fund XXX, Department 46, Account No. 46E304 Contractual Services with the Front-Fund Loan advance to be reimbursed upon receipt of grant funds from the California BSCC; and
- b. REQUEST** that the Mayor, or her designee, submit grant reimbursement invoices to the grantor on a monthly basis to ensure timely repayment of the General Fund advance.

5. AUTHORIZE the Mayor, or her designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required to implement the actions approved by the Mayor and Council on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative officer and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

Sincerely,



KAREN BASS
Mayor

Attachments: A. Resolution
 B. Project Budget
 C. Application
 D. Award

ATTACHMENT A

Resolution

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles desires to participate in the Board of State and Community Corrections the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety (Prop 64) Grant Program;

WHEREAS Los Angeles voters overwhelmingly approved Measure M, a ballot initiative that ordered the Los Angeles City Council to replace old medical marijuana restrictions with a new, comprehensive commercial licensing and taxation structure.

WHEREAS the Los Angeles City Council voted 12-0 to adopt the regulatory ordinances, including the Commercial Cannabis Location Restriction Ordinance, setting rules for where and how cannabis could be grown, distributed, and sold.

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles began accepting applications, approved its first batch of local retail licenses, with the first physical retail shops opening doors for legal recreational sales days later on January 19, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles, Office of the Mayor be authorized on behalf of the City of Los Angeles to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections, including any amendments thereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the Los Angeles City Council in a meeting thereof held on (insert date) by the following:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____

ATTEST: Signature: _____ Date: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____



2026 Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program - Proposal Budget and Budget Narrative				
Name of City or County Applicant: City of Los Angeles				
Grant Term: July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031 Budget Category: PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement- "A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement- "B. Grant Funds for				
<i>Note: Budget Categories 1 - 7 will auto-populate based on the information entered in the sections below.</i> <i>Do not alter or recreate this budget template. Applicants that do not use the BSCC Budget Template will be disqualified.</i>				
Budget Category	A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement	B. Grant Funds for PPA 2, 3, and/or 4	Total Requested Grant Funds (A+B)	
1. Salaries and Benefits	\$0	\$1,111,956	\$1,111,956	
2. Services and Supplies	\$0	\$45,191	\$45,191	
3. Professional Services or Public Agency Subcontracts	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	
4. Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Subcontracts	\$0	\$3,811,884	\$3,811,884	
5. Equipment/Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	
6. Other (Travel, Training, etc.)	\$0	\$4,290	\$4,290	
7. Indirect Costs (For PPAs 1 through 4)	\$726,679		\$726,679	
TOTAL	\$0	\$5,273,321	\$6,000,000	
Percentage of Grant Funds Dedicated to PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement (excludes amount budgeted for Indirect Costs)				
1a. Salaries and Benefits				
Position Title	(Show as either % FTE or Hourly Rate) & Benefits	A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement	B. Grant Funds for PPA 2, 3, and/or 4	Total Requested Grant Funds (A+B)
MOEO Project Director/MAVI, Step 7 (100% FTE)	\$52/salary rate/hour x 2080 hours per year x 4.5 years	\$0	\$540,800	\$540,800
Mayor's Office Accountant/MAV, Step 6 (50% FTE)	\$35/salary rate/hour x 1040 hours per year x 4.5 years	\$0	\$182,000	\$182,000
Fringe Benefits (53.84%)	Total salaries x Fringe Benefits at 53.84%	\$0	\$389,156	\$389,156
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$0	\$1,111,956	\$1,111,956
1b. Salaries and Benefits Narrative: Provide a brief description for each position that addresses their role on the grant project.				
1) One (1) Project Director, 100% FTE, will oversee all project activities, project partners procurement and selection, contract monitoring and contract compliance and project reports for 4.5 years at a starting salary rate of \$52/hour at 2080 hours annually; fringe benefit rate is 53.84% of total salaries. 2) One Project Accountant, 50% FTE, will review project invoices for completion, prepare project claims for reimbursement, provide technical assistance to project partners as needed for 4.5 years at a starting salary rate of \$35/hour at 1040 hours annually; fringe benefit rate is 53.84% of total salaries. Total cost is \$1,111,956.				
2a. Services and Supplies				
Description of Services or Supplies	Calculation for Expenditure	A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement	B. Grant Funds for PPA 2, 3, and/or 4	Total Requested Grant Funds (A+B)
Outreach, Recruitment, Materials	\$75 Project Specific Materials x 100 Project Recruits x 3 Recruitment Job Fairs	\$0	\$22,500	\$22,500
Printing Materials and Supplies	\$5 x 1,500 Project signage x \$300 x 2 Pull-up Banners x \$151 x 2 Project Tablecloths	\$0	\$8,402	\$8,402
Facility and Supplies Rentals	\$2,300 facility use fee + 1,263 custodial fee + 1,200 AAA Rents x 3 Recruitment Fairs	\$0	\$14,289	\$14,289
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$0	\$45,191	\$45,191
2b. Services and Supplies Narrative: Provide a brief description for each item that explains how it will be used toward fulfilling grant objectives.				
1) Outreach, Recruitment, Materials includes \$75 program package of project folder, notebook, pens, sanitizer, reusable water bottle, travel flashlight, project tote for 100 project recruits at 3 recruitment job fair events. 2) Printing Materials and Supplies includes \$5 x 1,500 project posters, directional signage, table toppers, job fair employer layouts, miscellaneous attendee job fair related handouts; 2 tall pull-up project banners at \$300 each; 2 six-foot project event table cloths at \$151 each 3) Public facility daily rental rate of \$2,300 plus \$1,263 custodial fee plus \$1,200 rental cost for event table, table linens, and chairs each for 3 recruitment job fairs. Total cost is \$45,191.				
3a. Professional Services or Public Agency Subcontracts				
Description of Professional Service(s)	Calculation for Expenditure	A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement	B. Grant Funds for PPA 2, 3, and/or 4	Total Requested Grant Funds (A+B)
Third Party Evaluator	One third party data evaluator to be procured post award at 5% of the total budget	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
3b. Professional Services or Public Agency Subcontracts Narrative: List each consultant and/or public agency that will receive grant funds. Provide a brief description of the services that will be provided.				
The City will select a third party evaluator, based on 5% of the total budget, through the city required procurement process for professional services; once selected, the third party evaluator will assign one or more representatives to be lead researcher for this project who will be responsible for providing guidance on project ongoing data collection methods from project partners, quarterly data collection and analysis, creating data sharing and collaboration agreements with the project partners, preparing information for submission in the required quarterly progress reports, prepare the Local Evaluation Plan and the final Local Evaluation Report. Total cost is \$300,000.				

4a. Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Subcontracts				
Description of Subcontracts	Calculation for Expenditure	A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement	B. Grant Funds for PPA 2, 3, and/or 4	Total Requested Grant Funds (A+B)
TreePeople Salaries & Fringe	Salaries \$1,156,501 + Benefits \$346,950 = 1,503,451	\$0	\$1,503,451	\$1,503,451
TreePeople Training	Curriculum Development and Materials (\$20,000), Field Training Supplies and PPE (\$7,500 x 4 cohorts), Training certification(s) at \$500 x 20 participants	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
TreePeople Restoration Supplies	Field Equipment and Restoration Supplies \$5,000 x 4 cohorts	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
TreePeople Travel (mileage/truck usage)	Mileage (\$3,480) + Truck Usage (\$21,137)	\$0	\$23,617	\$23,617
North East Trees/Operation Flame Salaries & Fringe	Contract Salaries \$961,067 + Participant wages \$1,014,000 + employer fees \$131,820 = 2,106,887	\$0	\$2,106,887	\$2,106,887
North East Trees/Operation Flame Fuel Reduction and Restoration Supplies	Manager Training Supplies for 4 cohorts (\$2929) + Supplies for 22 trainees (\$44,504) = \$47,433	\$0	\$47,433	\$47,433
North East Trees/Operation Flame Travel (mileage/truck usage)	Truck usage 16 days/month x 48 months x .725/mile = \$38,976	\$0	\$38,976	\$38,976
North East Trees/Operation Flame Other Operating	Fuel for Participant Transportation \$240 x 48 months = \$11,520	\$0	\$11,520	\$11,520
TOTAL		\$0	\$3,811,884	\$3,811,884
4b. Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Subcontracts Narrative: List each NGO subcontractor that will receive grant funds. Provide a brief description of the services that will be provided. <i>Tree People Salaries and Benefits: Director(s) (.25 FTE 4 yrs) at \$66.92/hour x 2080 hrs = \$139,200; Training Manager (1 FTE 4 yrs) at \$47.40/hour x 8320 hrs = \$394,400; Post-Cohort Conservation Staff Hires (4 FTEs 1.5 yrs) at \$33.46 x 12,480 hrs = \$417,581; Field Supervisor Support (2 .50 FTEs 2 yrs) at \$41.83 x 2080 hrs = \$87,000; Contracts and Finance Staff (0.1 FTE 4 yrs) at \$47.40 x 832 hrs = \$39,440; Operations Manager (0.20 FTE 4 yrs) at \$47.40 x 1,664 hrs = \$78,880; 30% of staff salaries \$1,156,501 x 30% = \$346,950 in Benefits. Curriculum Development and Materials at \$20,000; Field Training Supplies and PPE at \$7,500; Training certification(s) at \$500 x 20 participants. Field Equipment and Restoration Supplies at \$5,000. North East Trees Contract salaries at \$961,067 + participant wages at \$1,014,000 + employer fees at \$131,820. Reduction and Restoration supplies: Sthl Chain Saws - MS 39125 x 4 cohorts + 1 manager x \$860 each = \$4,300; Pole Saws HT 250-Z14 x 4 groups + 1 supervisor x \$869 each = \$4,345; Chaps x 22 trainees x \$240 each = \$5,280; Hard Hats x 22 trainees x \$70 each = \$1,540; Green Nomax Pants x 22 trainees x \$204 each = \$4,488; Nomax Yellow x 22 trainees x \$154 each = \$3,388; Book Vibram x 22 trainees x \$600 each = \$13,200; Ear Pro x 22 trainees x \$20 each = \$440; Gas Mix 2 Stroke x 4 cohorts + 1 manager x \$200 each = \$1,000; Bar Oil x 4 cohorts + 1 manager x \$23 each = \$115; Fuel Can 4 cohorts + 1 manager x \$77 each = \$385; Snake Gaiters x 22 trainees x \$45 each = \$990; Eye Pro x 22 trainees x \$17 each = \$374; Range PTT Walk x 1 manager x \$900 each = \$900; Operation Flame Uniform T-Shirts Short Sleeve x 22 trainees x \$25 each = \$550; Operation Flame Uniform T-Shirts Long Sleeve x 22 trainees x \$30 each = \$660; Bastard File x 22 trainees x \$18 each = \$396; File Grip x 22 trainees x \$131 each = \$2,882; Medium Gloves x 22 trainees x \$50 each = \$1,100; Large Gloves x 22 trainees x \$50 each = \$1,100; Total = \$47,433. North East Trees Travel: Truck usage 16 days x 70 miles x .725/mile x 48 months = \$38,976. North East Trees Other Operating Cost: Fuel for Participant Transportation \$240 x 48 months = \$11,520; Total cost is \$3,811,884.</i>				
5a. Equipment/Fixed Assets				
Description of Equipment/Fixed Assets	Calculation for Expense	A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement	B. Grant Funds for PPA 2, 3, and/or 4	Total Requested Grant Funds (A+B)
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0
5b. Equipment/Fixed Assets Narrative: List any equipment or fixed assets that will be purchased with grant funds and provide a brief description of each item that explains how it will be used toward fulfilling grant objectives. <i>Not applicable to this project</i>				
6a. Other (Travel, Training, etc.)				
Description of Other (Travel, Training, etc.)	Calculation for Expense	A. Grant Funds for PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement	B. Grant Funds for PPA 2, 3, and/or 4	Total Requested Grant Funds (A+B)
Airfare	Round Trip Airfare \$310 + Baggage fee \$40 x 5 Project Partners = \$1,750	\$0	\$1,750	\$1,750
Lodging	One Night Hotel lodging \$250 x 5 Project Partners = \$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,250
Transportation/Airport Transfer	Round Trip Airport Transfer to Sacto \$60 and LA Return \$60 x 5 Project Partners = \$600	\$0	\$600	\$600
Meals	3 Per Diem Meals/day \$69 x 2 day training x 5 Project Partners = \$690	\$0	\$690	\$690
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$0	\$4,290	\$4,290
6b. Other (Travel, Training, etc.) Narrative: Provide a brief explanation for how each item listed above will contribute toward fulfilling grant objectives. Please budget for at least one 2-day trip to Sacramento for 3-5 key grant team members. <i>Airfare: Round Trip Airfare \$310 + Baggage fee \$40 x 5 Project Partners = \$1,750; One Night Hotel lodging \$250 x 5 Project Partners = \$1,250; Round Trip Airport Transfer to Sacto \$60 and LA Return \$60 x 5 Project Partners = \$600; 3 Per Diem Meals/day \$69 x 2 day training x 5 Project Partners = \$690; Total cost is \$4,290.</i>				
7a. Indirect Costs				
For this grant program, indirect costs may be charged using only <u>one</u> of the two options below:		Grant Funds	Total Requested Grant Funds	
1) Indirect costs not to exceed 15 percent (15%) of all grant-funded costs, excluding equipment and fixed assets . Applicable if the applicant does not have a federally approved indirect cost rate.		\$726,679	\$726,679	
<i>If using Option 1) grant funds allocated to Indirect Costs may not exceed:</i>		<i>\$790,998</i>		
2) Indirect costs not to exceed 20 percent (20%) of all grant-funded costs, excluding equipment and fixed assets . Applicable if the applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. Amount claimed may not exceed the applicant's federally approved indirect cost rate.		\$0	\$0	
<i>If using Option 2) grant funds allocated to Indirect Costs may not exceed:</i>		<i>\$1,054,664</i>		
<i>Please see Instructions tab for additional information regarding Indirect Costs. If the amount exceeds the maximum allowed and/or turns red, please adjust it to not exceed the line-item noted.</i>		\$726,679	\$726,679	
7b. Indirect Costs Narrative:				
<i>Project will comply with a maximum 15% indirect costs rate, based on \$6,000,000 budget, for indirect costs for lead agency (\$154,897), TreePeople (\$241,060) and North East Trees/Operation Flame (\$330,722). Total cost is \$726,679.</i>				

FINAL DRAFT: BSCC Prop 64 Narratives
March 30, 2026

Name of Lead Public Agency (LPA):
 Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity

Project Title:
 Angeles National Forest: Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project

Project Summary:
 This project will reduce hazardous fuels around administrative sites and fuelbreak reduction in the Angeles National Forest (ANF), where illegal cannabis cultivation is a persistent issue. This project will apply strategies to lower the intensity, spread rate and severity of a fire by reducing vegetation in areas that may involve trespass grows, the diversion of water, and the use of toxic chemicals, sometimes in proximity to hiking trails. Project goals are:

- 1) Strengthen Los Angeles' capacity to identify and mitigate environmental hazards resulting from illegal cannabis-related activities through restoration and reforestation in the ANF and adjacent areas.
- 2) Reduce wildfire risk in the ANF through removal of invasive flash-fuel species and restoration of fire-resilient native plant communities.
- 3) Hire 20-25 conservation workers who live in the City of Los Angeles and commit to a paid 12-month hazardous fuel reduction, restoration and reforestation on-the-job training curriculum in the ANF.

Project Purpose Areas (PPAs):
 PPA 4: Environmental Impacts

PROPOSAL ABSTRACT:

The purpose of this project is to reduce hazardous fuels around administrative sites and fuelbreak reduction in the Angeles National Forest (ANF) where illegal cannabis cultivation is a persistent issue. This project will apply strategies to reduce fire behavior, by reducing available vegetation in areas that may involve trespass grows, the diversion of water, and the use of toxic chemicals, sometimes in proximity to hiking trails. This project goals are as follows:

- Strengthen Los Angeles capacity to identify and mitigate environmental hazards resulting from illegal cannabis-related activities through restoration and reforestation in the ANF and adjacent areas.
- Reduce wildfire risk in the ANF through the removal of invasive flash-fuel species and restoration of fire-resilient native plant habitats.
- Build a pipeline of trained 20-25 conservation workers who commit to a 12-month hazardous fuel reduction, restoration and reforestation training curriculum in the ANF.

This project is located in the ANF area, which is easily accessible from various points along Interstate 5, Highways 2,14,39, and the 210 travel corridors. The ANF features significant areas of montane forest that are heavily impacted by illegal marijuana cultivation. It is characterized by steep, rugged terrain, rising from chaparral to pine and fir-covered slopes, making it a target for illicit "trespass" grows. It is also where high-elevation mountain habitats are surrounded by lower, drier ecosystems. These areas are primarily dominated by coniferous species such as pine and fir. These ecosystems face significant threats from land development, climate change, and fire activity. Project participants will receive classroom and on the job training in habitat restoration and reforestation and fuel reduction techniques, including the use of fuel reduction chainsaw through weed whips, and hand tools; fuel break construction and road brushing; and other preparation such as hand line construction, cut and pile, and cut and lay. Program participants will start with basic hazardous fuel reduction activities and learn more complex treatments as experience and capabilities increases. Planned management activities, called treatments, will be used to modify vegetation, reduce wildfire hazards, or improve ecosystem health. Treatments will be based on topography, soil type, vegetation type, and stand condition. Project activities will consist of reducing fuel loads by thinning trees, pruning ladder fuels, reducing vegetation density, removing hazard trees near trails, roads, & structures, releasing young trees from competition. Treatments will be accomplished by hand and mechanical methods (mastication) depending on the slope, terrain, and vegetation conditions.

Proposal Need:

The Invasive Species and Wildfire Nexus. Illegal cannabis cultivation, referred to as "trespass grows," within the Angeles National Forest (ANF) initiates a severe ecological cascade, which creates a direct catalyst for catastrophic wildfires. These types of illicit operations inflict ecological damage through the introduction of toxic pesticides and chemical fertilizers, which contaminate watersheds and harm local wildlife, requiring initial remediation and stabilization. When these illicit operations are abandoned or remediated, the resulting soil disturbance provides a primary pathway for highly combustible invasive plants, including giant reed, tree of heaven, and salt cedar. These species of plants dry out much more rapidly than native flora and carry fire with significantly greater intensity, accelerating the spread of wildfires into adjacent vulnerable communities. By restoring these degraded sites to fire-resilient native habitats, this project seeks to address the adverse local impacts of cannabis legalization, which is an important environmental goal and vital public safety mandate to reduce fire severity in the region.

This project will target damage resulting from illicit cultivation during the grant performance period in the following ways:

- Remediation of Hazardous Contamination: Illicit grows introduce toxic pesticides and chemical fertilizers that contaminate watersheds and harm local wildlife. This project prioritizes support for the stabilization of these areas to protect regional water quality.
- Invasive Fuel Load Reduction: By aggressively removing invasive species that thrive in the wake of illegal cultivation, we eliminate the flashy fuels that drive high-intensity fire behavior.

- **Native Habitat Restoration:** Re-establishing fire-resilient native vegetation ensures long-term ecological health and significantly reduces the probability of fire spread into inhabited areas.

This strategy will support Project Purpose Area 4, Environmental Impacts by addressing illegal cannabis activity through the remediation, fuel reduction and habitat restoration efforts described above.

Regional Forest Health and Workforce Needs. The ANF has experienced multiple catastrophic fires over the past decade, including the Powerhouse (2013), Sand (2016), San Gabriel Complex (2016), Lake (2020), Bobcat (2020), Bridge (2024), Hughes and Eaton (2025) fires. These events left thousands of acres of exposed, degraded land that, without active restoration, are colonized by invasive species rather than recovering to native habitat. Fire scar areas across the Blue Ridge, Guffy Campground, Charlton picnic site, and Sawmill Liebre areas remain active restoration priorities.

Restoration workforce capacity has not kept pace with this need. Currently, local non-governmental organization, TreePeople, manages active restoration across more than 800 acres of ANF forestland, however, the demand for treatment and monitoring far exceeds current field capacity. This project bridges this capacity gap by transforming the need for restoration into an opportunity for workforce development, creating a sustainable pipeline for fire prevention and conservation careers. This dual-purpose approach enhances public safety while addressing regional workforce shortages in the following ways:

- **Fuel Load Mitigation:** The project will train individuals to support the reduction in the rate of spread and severity of wildfires, creating essential defensible space in California's highest-risk fire zones.
- **Operational Safety:** Individuals will receive training in strategic thinning around administrative sites and fuelbreaks to improve the ability of first responders to safely engage and suppress emerging fires.

Habitat Restoration and Workforce Training Program. Research data supports this project's dual-purpose approach to reduce environmental hazards due to illegal cannabis related activities while addressing regional workforce shortages. According to the Wall Street Journal (WSJ), there is a high unemployment rate among 18 to 35 year-olds. (WSJ, "Young Graduates Are Facing an Employment Crisis", Justin Lahart and Te-Ping Chen, June 2025). Recent data also shows new college graduates facing significant hurdles with a 6.6% unemployment rate in 2025, driven by economic uncertainty, skills mismatches, and AI-driven role changes. High school graduates aged 18-19 without further education have faced up to 14.5% unemployment (WSJ, June 2025). Many young people are underemployed or not in education, employment, or training, putting them at risk of long-term economic hardship. A lack of vocational skills and alignment between education and market needs persists. Since 2019, more than 600,000 individuals have been served through California's evidence-based apprenticeship and "earn and learn" initiatives (California Department of Industrial Relations, Advancing Apprenticeship in California, Five Point Action Plan, July 2022). This project seeks to connect interested adult job

seekers with paid training in fuel reduction to support wildfire management strategies and help these individuals learn effective, safe, and sustainable practices. Skilled personnel, trained in forestry, equipment operation, and some ecological planning, would create fuel breaks, help lower wildfire intensity, and protect the forest and nearby communities.

To ensure the resilience of both our forests and our communities, this project establishes a robust workforce pathway. High school graduates aged 18 to 19, who face disproportionately high unemployment rates, will be recruited into a specialized 12-month program. In partnership with Operation Flame and Northeast Trees, this program provides full-time placements for 22–25 participants at a competitive wage of \$25 per hour. By providing training and hands-on experience, this project is not only restoring land; this project is investing in a new generation of conservation professionals. By directly linking the environmental damage caused by illegal cannabis cultivation to a comprehensive public safety and workforce development strategy, this proposal embodies the core intent of Proposition 64 – to remediate the adverse local impacts of cannabis and build a safer, more resilient California.

Project Description:

This project is a 4-year hazardous fuel reduction, habitat restoration and reforestation project in the Angeles National Forest (ANF), addressing damage caused by illegal cannabis cultivation, invasive species, and/or wildfire. This project removes flash-fuel invasive plants, restores native chaparral, oak woodland, and conifer ecosystems, and reforests fire-scarred areas to reduce future wildfire risk. Adults aged 18 and older, recruited by non-governmental organizations (NGO) North East Trees/Operation Flame, will be trained in forest health and fuel reduction activities, and receive hands-on training. Adult cohorts will occur across the two one-year terms per organization. TreePeople, an NGO, will support training delivery. Following each cohort, TreePeople will have 3 to 4 graduates as paid conservation staff working on forest health activities. On-the-ground activities conducted by program participants will include invasive species removal, native plant propagation, seedling installation, site maintenance, and field data collection.

TreePeople, will serve as the technical training partner and long-term employer in this project. TreePeople's scope includes three connected activities: delivering structured restoration and reforestation training to cohort participants with North East Trees/Operation Flame; integrating cohort participants into TreePeople's existing ANF field crews during training rotations; and hiring 3 to 4 cohort graduates as full-time staff following each partner's program.

Project Sites in the Angeles National Forest. TreePeople holds active agreements with the U.S. Forest Service at the following ANF locations. Cohort participants will be integrated into field work across these sites during their training rotations.

- Grasshopper Canyon, Castaic Recreation Area (Route Fire Scar)
- Sandberg/Liebre Mountain (Lake Fire Scar)
- San Francisquito Canyon (Copper Fire Scar)
- Blue Ridge/Guffy Campground (Bridge & Narrow Fire Scar)
- Charlton picnic area/Barley Flats (Bobcat Fire Scar)

- Copper/Powerhouse Fire Scars

Cohort Training Model. Northeast Trees/Operation Flame will lead 4 one-year cohort terms during the 4-year project period. TreePeople will provide training support during each cohort term. Training combines classroom instruction and field-based sessions covering restoration ecology, invasive species management, native plant propagation, reforestation techniques, and field data collection. Participants complete training alongside TreePeople conservation staff, gaining exposure to professional restoration practice grounded in real job experience.

Integration with TreePeople ANF Field Crews and Post-Cohort Hiring. During training rotations, cohort participants join TreePeople's ANF field crews for supervised work sessions at the active project sites described above. TreePeople's conservation team includes more than ten staff and a four-person restoration technician crew focused on invasive species control. Participants rotate across sites depending on season, treatment needs, and crew composition. Following completion of each cohort term, TreePeople will hire 2 to 4 participants interested in continuing a career in conservation and forest health. These individuals join TreePeople's conservation team as paid staff, continuing to develop technical skills in habitat restoration, invasive species management, reforestation, and field monitoring. Hiring is based on demonstrated skill, attendance, and interest in long-term conservation work.

Project Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Strengthen Los Angeles capacity to identify and mitigate environmental hazards resulting from illegal cannabis-related activities through hazardous fuel reduction, restoration and reforestation in the ANF and adjacent areas; reduce wildfire risk in the ANF through removal of invasive flash-fuel species and restoration of fire-resilient native plant communities. This project will remove invasive species across identified high-risk treatment areas in the ANF, install native chaparral, oak woodland, conifer, and riparian plants at post-fire and invasive-dominated restoration sites, and conduct Geographic Information System (GIS) enabled field monitoring at all active restoration sites, documenting pre- and post-treatment conditions.

Goal 2: Reduce wildfire risk in the ANF through removal of invasive flash-fuel species and restoration of fire-resilient native plant communities. This project will deliver a 12-month hazardous fuel reduction, restoration and reforestation training curriculum, led by TreePeople, to 22-25 cohort participants at Northeast Trees/Operation Flame across all four cohort 12-month terms. TreePeople and North East Trees/Operation Flame will provide on-site coaching and guidance to new cohort participants and integrate cohort participants into active field crew rotations during each cohort term.

Goal 3: Build a pipeline of trained 20-25 conservation workers who live in the City of Los Angeles and commit to a 12-month hazardous fuel reduction, restoration and reforestation training curriculum in the ANF; hire 3 to 4 trainees who successfully complete the 12-month career in conservation and forest health. This project will plan and conduct outreach to maintain 5 full-time training crews in each of the 4 cohorts; immediately back-fill vacancies as needed, develop and maintain a list of candidates who are interested in joining one of the 4 training

cohorts; provide updates on future cohort start dates, and successfully graduate 3 to 5 cohort participants from each cohort, interested in continuing a career in conservation and forest health who will be hired by TreePeople.

The following Project Output Measures will be tracked and reported quarterly.

Outcome Area	Measure	Data Source
1. Invasive species removal crew reports	1. Acres treated	1. GIS field data, monthly
2. Native habitat restored monitoring data	2. Native plants installed; acres treated	2. Planting records,
3. Training completion	3. Modules completed; total training hours/participant	3. Training Manager records

To support Project Purpose Area 4, Environmental Impacts, the ANF was selected because of the known illegal cannabis activity taking place in the forest and the workforce capacity gap needed to address fuel reduction, habitat restoration and reforestation activities. This project will target adults, ages 18 and over, who are interested and/or committed to protecting human health and ecological systems by limiting exposure to cannabis and restoring damaged environments. As evidenced through research cited by the Wall Street Journal (WSJ, June 2025), there is a high unemployment rate among 18 to 35 year-olds. This project will prioritize outreach to adults in this age group, which will result in the successful training of 22-25 individuals, and eventual placement of 3- 5 successful training graduates with TreePeople for long-term conversation work. In addition, a 2018 report from the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center Learning suggest that wildland training that focuses on the unique, critical skills required for wildland environments may increase both skill development and long-term interest in the Wildland Fire Service (Learning in the Wildland Fire Service, Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center, 2018).

The core strength of this program is the specialized 12-month training curriculum, developed and led by TreePeople. This intensive training focuses on Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Ecosystem Restoration and Reforestation, preparing participants for careers in conservation. The 12-Month Training Schedule includes:

- Months 1–2: Foundational Skills – Forest ecology, wildfire nexus analysis, site safety protocols, and field operations.
- Months 3–5: Restoration Techniques – Invasive species identification and control, comprehensive site assessment, and essential nursery work.
- Months 6–9: Applied Field Operations – Reforestation and planting techniques, Geographic Information System (GIS) data collection, and long-term site maintenance.
- Months 10–12: Career Integration – Advanced restoration methods, exploration of career pathways, crew integration, and a capstone field project at an active ANF restoration site.

Upon successful completion of the 12-month program, participants will earn critical industry certifications, including: Basic First Aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) Wilderness First Aid, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-Hour General Industry Safety as applicable. Furthermore, the program provides pathway support for licensing in high-demand fields, including the California Department of Pesticide Regulation Qualified Applicator License and the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Arborist Certification/Tree Risk Assessment Qualification for those pursuing arboriculture.

Evidence Based. As the training lead, Tree People's restoration methods, including applied nucleation, passive restoration, seed-based reforestation, and mixed species installation, have been tested across multiple post-fire site types in the San Gabriel Mountains in partnership with the USFS. These methods are specifically adapted to southern California montane conditions and informed by ongoing monitoring data collected at all active ANF sites. TreePeople's workforce pathway model has shown consistent success across the Compton YouthBuild Youth Forester Program, the Cindy Montanez Young Leaders program, and AmeriCorps partnerships. From 2020-2024, TreePeople provided 94 structured workforce development opportunities. Applying this model to wildland conservation extends proven practice to a documented staffing need.

Project Resources. The \$6,000,000 investment covers a grant term from July 2026 through December 2031. Approximately \$3.8 million or 63% of the budget is dedicated to project implementation, including delivery of the training curriculum, wages for 22 to 25 trainees who will work full-time for a 12-month period, and the purchase of fuel reduction and restoration personal protective equipment and supplies, ensuring that funds directly support local economic resilience through trusted NGOs, TreePeople and North East Trees/Operation Flame. The remainder of the budget, \$1.1 million, supports project oversight by the Mayor's Office, \$300,000 is allocated for project evaluation, \$4,290 for required travel, and \$726,629 allocated project indirects are within the 15% amount allowed. If awarded, successful implementation of this project will result in a scalable model, supported by technical oversight across high-priority fire sites through collaboration with TreePeople and its existing relationship with the U.S. Forest Service. An investment in this project delivers measurable, long-term impacts for regional safety and forest health.

Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination:

As the Lead Public Agency (LPA), the Mayor's Office will be the grant administrator for this project and oversee the program coordination through a dedicated Project Director, a 100% Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) and fiscal administration through a shared fiscal manager at 50% FTE. The LPA is very knowledgeable about program and fiscal grant compliance methods. The LPA has administered various local, state, and federal grants and has demonstrated administrative capacity to establish contract agreements with TreePeople and North East Trees/Operation Flame as partners on this project. The LPA will also procure and contract with a third-party evaluator within six months of the grant award. North East Trees/Operation Flame has an existing contract with the City of Los Angeles to provide wildland firefighter training to

young adults. The Mayor's Office intends to "piggy-back" on the existing agreement with North East Trees. It is anticipated that a contract with North East Trees would be executed in January 2027 for a project launch during the same month. The LPA will establish regular meetings with all project partners to monitor program activities, meet grant requirements and to ensure the project goals are being met. The LPA will also monitor the project partner's fiscal administration. The LPA will review and approve project grant invoices for eligibility and appropriateness for this grant. In addition, the LPA will lead the Project Steering Committee, which will include representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, TreePeople, and North East Trees/Operation Flame, meeting monthly to review field data, adaptive management strategies, and workforce safety compliance.

As the training lead, TreePeople's restoration and reforestation methods, including applied nucleation, passive restoration, seed-based reforestation, and mixed species installation, have been tested across multiple post-fire site types in the San Gabriel Mountains in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. These methods are specifically adapted to southern California montane conditions and informed by ongoing monitoring data collected at all active ANF sites. TreePeople's workforce pathway model has shown consistent success across the Compton YouthBuild Youth Forester Program, the Cindy Montanez Young Leaders program, and AmeriCorps partnerships. From 2020-2024, TreePeople provided 94 structured workforce development opportunities. Applying this model to wildland conservation extends proven practice to a documented staffing need. The Mayor's Office intends to "piggy-back" on TreePeople's existing agreement with the U.S. Forest Service.

Both TreePeople and North East Trees are long-time experts in fuel reduction, habitat restoration and reforestation. These NGOs have demonstrated programmatic and fiscal administrative capacity to implement local, state, and federal grant programs. In addition, both non-governmental organizations have established networks of partners in environmental firms, city, county, state, and federal parks departments, and utility contractors requiring vegetation management services. TreePeople, North East Trees/Operation Flame are deeply rooted in the greater Los Angeles area and have committed to protecting the environment, driving meaningful change to create a more sustainable future. The expertise of these NGOs is evident in the communities they serve. Their extensive network ensures that program graduates have immediate access to a variety of employment pathways beyond the immediate scope of the grant, reinforcing the long-term workforce development goals of the initiative.

The Mayor's Office is prepared to begin implementation of this project within six months upon receiving notice of award. Upon notice of the award, the LPA will:

Month 1: Prepare a report for City/Council Board Resolution, accepting the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant.

Month 2: Issue a request for bid for the project evaluator; begin drafting contracts for the project partners.

Month 3: Review bids for the evaluator; meet with project partners to discuss contracts, budgets, & project implementation launch.

Month 4: Select project evaluator, discuss contract, budget and project implementation launch.

Month 5: Begin to execute contracts with project partners; discuss data collection; continue planning project launch.

Month 6: Complete contract execution for all partners; confirm regular data reporting timelines and January 2027 launch details.

These administrative steps listed above adhere to City of Los Angeles policies and procedures for grant acceptance and contracting. These important milestones, which will be led by the LPA in collaboration with the project partners, demonstrate readiness for this project to launch in January 2027.

Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program Awards

Cohort 4 (July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2031)

Project Summaries

(alphabetically by applicant category)

Applicant Category: Small Cities and Counties

1. City of Adelanto

Project Title: Growth Resilience Opportunity Wellness (GROW)

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The City of Adelanto's Growth Resilience Opportunity Wellness (GROW) project advances enforcement supported by public health/safety, community engagement, environmental protection, and youth development in alignment with Prop 64 Project Purpose Areas (PPA) 1-4. The project will strengthen compliance across 75% of cannabis-related businesses, increasing compliance from below 50% to over 80% and reducing illicit activity. It will also deliver community-wide education and awareness efforts reaching 11,000 residents, including approximately 7,800 youth, and increase knowledge of cannabis laws, risks, and safe practices. Additionally, 150 youth will be engaged in leadership and prevention activities to build resilience, improve decision-making, and strengthen area protective factors. Outcomes: improve enforcement effectiveness, increase community awareness, enhance environmental safety, and reduce risk of cannabis misuse among youth, resulting in a safer and more informed Adelanto community.

2. City of Belmont, Police Department

Project Title: City of Belmont Illicit Cannabis Enforcement Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$999,447

Summary: The City of Belmont is located within San Mateo County and has an approximate population of 28,000 residents. The City will seek to work with the BSCC to engage in enforcement related to this grant. The City of Belmont has two recently opened licensed cannabis retail storefronts. The Belmont Police Department seeks to ensure that we are identifying, investigating and disrupting illegal cannabis activity in our city. The Belmont Police Department will seek to complete grant-funded activities through funding a part of a detective corporal position. The Detective Corporal will direct staff, enforce laws, and coordinate with external partners to work towards ensuring the safety of the community. Since legal cannabis retail storefronts are new to the City and there are real and defined budgetary constraints associated with the state economy/other external factors, the assistance provided by this grant will provide a profound benefit.

3. City of Benicia

Project Title: City of Benicia Illicit Cannabis Enforcement and Compliance Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The City of Benicia proposes to implement a comprehensive illicit cannabis enforcement program to identify, investigate, disrupt, and deter illegal cannabis activity while strengthening compliance among licensed operators. The Benicia Police Department will use grant funding to support officer and sergeant overtime for targeted enforcement operations, including investigations, compliance checks, and coordinated responses to illicit activity. The project will also fund unmarked vehicles to enable undercover operations, along with monitoring infrastructure to review live camera feeds from licensed businesses. A facility upgrade will support centralized enforcement coordination, and a cannabis consultant and records staff will enhance regulatory oversight and data tracking. This project will improve public safety, increase compliance with state and local laws, and reduce the prevalence of illicit cannabis activity.

4. City of Ceres

Project Title: Ceres Cannabis Enforcement and Prevention Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$998,344

Summary: The City of Ceres proposes to establish a Cannabis Enforcement Unit (CEU) within the Ceres Police Department to address increasing illicit cannabis activity and associated public safety risks. The project will fund one dedicated Cannabis Code Enforcement Officer to conduct proactive inspections, investigations, and enforcement targeting unlicensed retail sales, illegal cultivation, and organized cannabis operations. The CEU will also strengthen coordination with regional partners to improve multi-agency enforcement effectiveness and reduce reliance on external agencies. In addition, the project includes a targeted youth prevention component, providing education on cannabis risks and laws through school-based outreach and community engagement. This initiative will transition Ceres from a reactive, complaint-driven approach to a proactive, data-driven enforcement model, improving community safety, reducing illegal cannabis activity, and supporting the intent of Proposition 64.

5. City of Clearlake

Project Title: Clearlake Cannabis Enforcement and Community Protection Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: City of Clearlake proposes an enforcement-focused project to address illicit commercial cannabis activity within the city. Located in the Emerald Triangle region of Lake County, Clearlake has experienced significant increases in cannabis-related police cases, search warrants, arrests, and code enforcement activity from 2023 through 2026. The project centers on PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement, with approximately 82 percent of direct costs dedicated to strengthening the City's capacity to investigate, disrupt, and deter illicit cannabis operations through dedicated investigative personnel, code enforcement and abatement support, overtime and backfill, and field resources. A secondary component under PPA 3: Youth Development

supports structured camps, outdoor recreation, transportation, and community engagement to reduce cannabis-related risk factors for youth.

6. City of Colfax

Project Title: Colfax Youth Public Safety and Skate Park Activation Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$790,612

Summary: The City of Colfax will complete and safely activate a long-planned skate park as a youth and public safety asset, install an 8-camera Verkada surveillance system across the skate park and dispensary corridor, add recreation-grade lighting, perimeter fencing with controlled access, and drug-free/public health signage, and implement a two-phase public safety coordination model with the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Phase 1 begins at grant execution with directed patrols and cannabis compliance monitoring around the dispensary, ball field, and youth gathering areas. Phase 2 expands coverage after skate park activation. The project includes illicit cannabis enforcement monitoring per SB 141, cannabis prevention education programming for youth, and independent evaluation. The project builds on \$522,952 in committed community funding and an existing PCSO law enforcement contract valued at over \$1 million annually.

7. City of Colusa, Department of Parks and Recreation

Project Title: Safe Roots, Strong Communities: A Comprehensive Health and Safety Initiative for the City of Colusa

Grant Funds Requested: \$991,282

Summary: The City of Colusa requests \$991,282 over five years to sustain and expand a coordinated, multi-departmental response to the public health and safety challenges of illicit cannabis activity. This proposal builds directly on Cohort 3, transitioning from capacity-building to sustained, outcome-driven implementation. As the county seat of one of California's smallest and most rural counties, Colusa has historically lacked the staffing, equipment, and programming infrastructure to address illegal cannabis impacts felt citywide and countywide. This grant changes that. Cohort 4 funds a dedicated Police Officer for enforcement, Public Works capacity for site remediation, and a Recreation Coordinator for youth programming. Partnering with the Arts Council and 4-H, and overseen by a Community Development Specialist, every dollar is deployed with precision for maximum community benefit. This is a model for how rural California delivers outsized impact with focused investment.

8. City of Eureka, Police Department

Project Title: Eureka Cannabis Retail Enforcement and Public Safety Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$518,820

Summary: The Eureka Police Department Cannabis Retail Compliance and Enforcement Program is a five-year initiative designed to reduce illegal cannabis activity, ensure compliance among licensed retailers, and enhance public safety with the City of Eureka jurisdiction. The program will conduct targeted enforcement operations, including controlled buys, minor decoy operations, surveillance, and compliance inspections. These will be supported by specialized

equipment, trained personnel, and digital tools to achieve measurable outcomes and strengthen law enforcement capacity.

9. City of Firebaugh

Project Title: Firebaugh Youth Outreach and Cannabis Compliance Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$996,587

Summary: The City of Firebaugh's proposed project aligns with PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement and PPA 3: Youth Development/Youth Prevention and Intervention. The City proposes to continue and expand its Youth Outreach and Cannabis Compliance Program to address the ongoing youth prevention and public safety needs described. The project will combine school-based cannabis prevention and education with targeted enforcement and investigative activities related to illegal cannabis operations, marijuana sales to youth, and related narcotics activity. This continuation model builds Firebaugh's current Cohort 2 and Cohort 3 work and reflects how the program is operating today, with the BSCC Grant Officer dedicating 80% of his time to enforcement and public safety operations activities and 20% to school-based educational programming and coordination with the Firebaugh Las Deltas School District.

10. City of Grass Valley, Police Department

Project Title: Grass Valley Cannabis Enforcement Grant

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The City of Grass Valley proposes a Proposition 64 Cohort 4 project under PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement. The project sustains and expands a cannabis enforcement position created under Cohort 3, transitioning the Park Resource Officer into a citywide Parks and Cannabis Enforcement (PACE) Officer. The PACE Officer will patrol four zones – parks, school grounds, the downtown commercial district, and neighborhoods – with minimum monthly hours and enforcement engagements in each. The officer will perform quarterly compliance inspections at the City's licensed dispensary and support multi-agency cultivation operations with Fish and Wildlife and the Nevada County Sheriff's Office. The project also funds a surveillance camera system expanding Grass Valley Police Department's Avigilon network into the Mill Street Plaza area and a 4WD enforcement vehicle for urban and rural operations.

11. City of Hollister, Police Department

Project Title: Code Enforcement and Cannabis Compliance Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: This project aims to support effective local cannabis regulations under Prop 64 by improving compliance, coordination, and community engagement. The program will focus on streamlining administrative processes, enhancing oversight, and providing resources to promote equitable and responsible cannabis operations within the jurisdiction. The proposed project will implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach to address illicit commercial cannabis activity through targeted enforcement, public outreach, and education. The program is designed to identify, investigate, disrupt, and deter illegal cannabis operations that undermine the regulated

market established under Proposition 64 and negatively impact public safety, environmental resources, and community well-being.

12. City of Imperial, Police Department

Project Title: IPD

Grant Funds Requested: \$ 792,781

Summary: The Imperial Police Department seeks BSCC funding for a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) serving Ben Hulse, T.L. Waggoner, and Robert Rosas Elementary Schools. Currently, no dedicated SRO exists, limiting proactive safety efforts and early intervention in issues such as bullying, behavioral health, family instability, and youth THC vaping. The SRO will provide consistent campus presence, focusing on safety, mentorship, and education. Duties include safety planning, emergency response, student engagement, and instruction on prevention topics like substance abuse, internet safety, and conflict resolution. The SRO will also connect at-risk students with counseling and partner agencies. Using a trauma-informed approach, the program aims to improve school safety, reduce disciplinary incidents, strengthen community trust, and support early intervention. Funding will cover all SRO costs without an impact on existing services.

13. City of Lemoore

Project Title: Lemoore Public Park Safety and Surveillance Enforcement Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The City of Lemoore and the Lemoore Police Department (LPD) seek BSCC funding to install surveillance cameras across seven city parks, with live feeds monitored in real-time by LPD Dispatch. Since 2021, Lemoore's parks have generated 566 calls for service, including a homicide, gang-related juvenile shooting, carjacking, and armed robbery. The LPD patrol division does not have the capacity to proactively monitor parks alongside its existing call volume. Cameras will deter criminal activity, improve officer response, and provide critical video evidence to support investigations and prosecutions. Signage posted at each park will notify the public that surveillance is active. This project directly addresses the local public safety impacts of cannabis legalization on Lemoore's public spaces.

14. City of Lompoc

Project Title: Lompoc Cannabis Enforcement and Youth Prevention Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The City of Lompoc proposes a coordinated project addressing cannabis-related impacts through enforcement and youth prevention strategies under PPA 1 and PPA 3. The project will support the continued funding and operation of a Cannabis Compliance Officer to oversee local permitting, conduct inspections, ensure compliance with state and local regulations, and coordinate with the Department of Cannabis Control. This role strengthens enforcement capacity and protects public safety by addressing non-compliant and illicit cannabis activity. Additionally, the project will establish a new School Resource Officer (SRO) at Lompoc Valley

Middle School to provide early intervention, cannabis education, mentorship, and youth engagement. While an SRO currently serves Lompoc High School, increased cannabis exposure among younger students has highlighted the need for expanded prevention efforts. Together, these components address both enforcement and youth impacts of cannabis legalization.

15. City of Live Oak

Project Title: Live Oak Pool Rehab

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The City of Live Oak will rehabilitate the City's community swimming pool to restore a safe, modern, and fully accessible aquatic facility that meets current health, safety, and accessibility standards. Improvements will include structural repairs, equipment upgrades, enhanced water quality systems, and ADA-compliant access features. The revitalized facility will support youth substance use prevention and community safety by providing a structured, supervised environment for at-risk youth through recreation and programming, including swimming lessons and organized activities. The pool will serve as a hub for youth engagement, offering positive alternatives to high-risk behaviors and early substance use while promoting healthy lifestyles. By expanding access to inclusive recreational opportunities in an underserved community, the project will help reduce risk factors associated with substance use and justice system involvement while fostering community connection and well-being.

16. City of Mendota, Police Department

Project Title: Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$923,000

Summary: The City of Mendota's Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant project will be utilized to address public safety and public health issues associated with cannabis legalization. The project will allocate funding for equipment and resources necessary for the Mendota Police Department to more effectively enforce against illegal cannabis activities and ensure compliance among commercial cannabis operators. The project will also support a youth-focused education and outreach campaign addressing recreational cannabis use, cannabis safety, and the harms of substance abuse and addiction.

17. City of Nevada City, Police Department

Project Title: Nevada City Cannabis Enforcement Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The Nevada City Police Department will collaborate with the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance to ramp up enforcement efforts, which have been historically underfunded. The Police Department will be able to hire and train a new Cannabis Detective to pursue investigations of illegal cannabis activity while building good relationship with existing legal operators, in part by providing site security analysis and recommendations. Nevada County Cannabis Alliance will facilitate connections it's 200+ member businesses who are legal cannabis operators, and they

will implement a Keep it 21+ awareness campaign to educate retailers and adult consumers about keep cannabis out of underage hands.

18. City of Sonora, Police Department

Project Title: Prop 64 Compliance Grant

Grant Funds Requested: \$999,959

Summary: The Sonora Police Department (SPD) will implement a comprehensive enforcement and prevention project to reduce illegal cannabis activity and youth access in the City of Sonora and Tuolumne County. The project will establish a dedicated School and Community Resource Officer and deploy a trained cannabis-detection K-9 unit to conduct retail compliance checks, targeted enforcement, and school-based inspections. SPD will collaborate with local schools, public health, and state partners to increase inspections, strengthen retailer compliance, and deliver youth-focused prevention education. By combining enforcement, outreach, and cross-sector collaboration, the project will reduce the availability of illicit cannabis, protect consumers, and strengthen rural community resilience to substance use, improving public health and safety outcomes.

19. City of South El Monte

Project Title: South El Monte Cannabis Remediation Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: The City of South El Monte is requesting BSCC Prop 64 funding to conduct expansive code enforcement efforts to increase cannabis retail inspection, community education, school district coordination, cannabis-related enforcement, and mitigate illicit cannabis use across the City. South El Monte is also requesting funding for signage, lighting security enhancements, and park enhancements to their future Sports Park Facility next to South El Monte High School to create a cannabis-free and smoke-free recreation space within the City.

20. County of Calaveras, Department of Public Health

Project Title: Bridging Systems, Strengthening Communities: The Calaveras Cannabis Safety Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$999,981

Summary: Calaveras County proposes a coordinated cannabis safety, health, and prevention initiative to address rising cannabis-related harms, limited cross-departmental coordination, and youth cannabis use rates that exceed state averages. The project includes three integrated components: (1) strengthening consumer safety by establishing a cross-departmental regulatory and compliance workgroup, (2) expanding public health capacity by conducting a cannabis community needs assessment and policy analysis, and (3) reducing youth cannabis use through evidence-based curriculums and providing pro-social involvement opportunities through a youth coalition. These efforts will improve regulatory coordination, strengthen public health systems, and reduce youth cannabis harms across Calaveras County.

21. County of Trinity, Department of Community Development

Project Title: Trinity County Prop 64 Public Safety / Enforcement

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Summary: Trinity County, a rural Northern California jurisdiction, seeks Proposition 64 grant funding to combat illicit cannabis cultivation threatening public safety and the legal market. The project will fund a coordinated enforcement program led by the Trinity County Community Development Department, Code Compliance/Enforcement, in partnership with local, state and federal agencies. Activities include utilization of on-demand high resolution aerial imagery, targeted investigations, issuance of civil citations, eradication of illicit cannabis grows, and compliance promotion. Outcomes will include reduced illicit cultivation, enhanced community safety, and support for lawful cannabis businesses. This program strengthens enforcement capacity and fosters a safer, sustainable community

Applicant Category: Medium Cities and Counties

22. City of Cathedral City

Project Title: Cathedral City Cannabis Enforcement Capacity Improvement Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The City of Cathedral City proposes a comprehensive, multi-department Proposition 64 Public Safety and Enforcement program that addresses the significant public safety, public health, youth protection, and environmental impacts generated by one of the densest cannabis industry clusters in California. With more than 60 licensed cannabis businesses and persistent illicit market activity, the City faces escalating challenges including hazardous materials incidents, illegal extraction operations, widespread odor impacts, youth exposure risks, and high regulatory demand. The proposed project strengthens enforcement capacity, modernizes regulatory systems, and expands environmental and public health protections.

23. City of Chico

Project Title: Implementing Coordinated Cannabis Enforcement to Protect Youth Health and Safety in Chico

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The City of Chico – Butte County's only jurisdiction permitting retail cannabis sales – faces growing challenges tied to illicit cannabis activity. Chico youth have been most gravely impacted, with rising school incidents, overdose rates above the state average, and youth access increasing through unpermitted retailers selling THC products illegally. As a federally designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, these risks heighten the need for early intervention and enforcement. The City of Chico will leverage \$4.5 million in BSCC Prop 64 funds to enforce cannabis laws at schools, parks, and retail outlets, while enhancing safety through targeted education. New School Resource Officers deployed at local high schools will conduct patrols and investigations, supported by Code Enforcement through inspections and compliance checks at

retailers. Youth outreach efforts will raise awareness, promote reporting tools, and engage community partners to reduce misuse and strengthen compliance.

24. City of Chula Vista, City Manager's Office

Project Title: Chula Vista Youth Cannabis-Harm Reduction Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$3,207,603

Summary: The City of Chula Vista proposes a coordinated initiative between the Chula Vista City Manager's Office, Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD), SBCS (a community-based organization), and SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) to strengthen cannabis regulation, enhance enforcement, and expand youth-focused prevention. Rising youth marijuana use, declining perceptions of harm, and persistent illegal activity highlight the need for expanded education, intervention, and compliance efforts. The City Manager's office will oversee fiscal management and overall project coordination. CVPD will conduct inspections, training, product testing, minor-decoy operations, and quarterly enforcement against illegal operators, while also improving officer readiness and investigating juvenile cases. SBCS will deliver assessment-driven diversion, prevention, and intervention services for referred youth. SANDAG will serve as the independent evaluator to support a data-driven, community-centered approach that reduces youth cannabis risks and enhances public safety.

25. City of Chula Vista, Fire Department

Project Title: Chula Vista Fire Department EMS Career Pipeline: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,424,765

Summary: The City of Chula Vista, in partnership with SBCS (a community-based organization), proposes the Chula Vista EMS Career Pipeline, an earn-and-learn program designed to divert transition-age youth from the illicit cannabis economy into high-demand healthcare careers. The program provides leadership development, trauma-informed support, and a 16-week EMT certification course with stipends to stabilize participation. Through a vertically integrated model, participants receive training from the Chula Vista Fire Department and direct pathways to employment, including potential department hire. By combining prevention, workforce development, and wraparound services, the project reduces youth vulnerability while addressing regional shortages of emergency medical personnel and strengthening public safety outcomes.

26. City of Covina

Project Title: Covina Cannabis Enforcement, Compliance, and Public Safety Grant

Grant Funds Requested: \$ 4,449,833

Summary: The City of Covina, in partnership with the Covina Police Department, proposes the Covina Cannabis Enforcement, Compliance, and Public Safety project to address public health impacts associated with cannabis legalization. Following adoption of a limited retail cannabis program, Covina has experienced emerging challenges including illegal dispensaries, unlicensed grow operations, youth access to THC products, and regulatory compliance concerns among

licensed retailers. Grant funding will expand public safety capacity through two integrated components: (1) two Community Impact Team police officers dedicated to enforcement, one Community Service Specialist dedicated to data analysis, community outreach, and one Neighborhood Preservation Officer to conduct compliance inspections and code enforcement at licensed and unlicensed cannabis operations; and (2) a Drone First Responder program, three enforcement vehicles, and Covina's first Lenco BearCat armored vehicle for high-risk incidents.

27. City of Daly City

Project Title: INSPIRE Daly City

Grant Funds Requested: \$ 4,500,000

Summary: INSPIRE Daly City is an initiative led by Daly City and Daly City Youth Health Center (DCYHC). Grounded in local data on youth access to cannabis, low perceived risk, and increasing mental health challenges, addressing gaps in prevention education, youth leadership, early intervention, policy advocacy, and substance use treatment. We educate youth, families, school staff, and community members to increase prevention, knowledge, refusal skills, and confidence in discussing substance use. Our "Be the Change" Youth Coalition will lead peer education, conduct participatory research, and develop policy solutions. Youth will assess cannabis retail density, advertising exposure and advance policy proposals. Our YouthPoint Sound Lab will provide creative programming to at risk youth that integrates prevention messaging and builds self-efficacy and connection. We will implement trauma-informed brief interventions using Teen Intervene. DCYHC will provide substance use treatment and counseling.

28. City of El Monte, Police Department

Project Title: CASE and Continued Diversion Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$ 4,500,000

Summary: The City of El Monte's Cannabis Awareness, Safety, and Enforcement (CASE) project will focus on continuing to address the impacts from its established Commercial Cannabis Permit Program. The grant program has three priorities. First, continue to fund the first-of-its-kind Commercial Code Enforcement and Community Service Officer positions, as well as a new Community Education Specialist civil position. Together, these individuals will take a "social determinants of public health" model toward addressing the impact of cannabis on the El Monte community, actively work towards improving the Commercial Cannabis Program, and serve as the liaison between City and community stakeholders. Second, awareness programs for El Monte's youth, specifically in its most vulnerable census tracts and adjacent to legal cannabis operators. Third, fund the increased capacity of the El Monte Police Department to proactively enforce both illegal and legal cannabis operators citywide.

29. City of Hanford

Project Title: Hanford Police Department Cannabis Enforcement Unit

Grant Funds Requested: \$963,500

Summary: The Hanford Police Department seeks to establish a Cannabis Enforcement Unit with the creation of a Cannabis Enforcement Officer position. The Cannabis Enforcement Officer will address gaps in cannabis compliance, enforcement, and youth access prevention. The City of Hanford currently has two cannabis retail locations, but that number is expected to increase throughout the Prop 64 Cohort 4 grant period. The department currently faces challenges due to limited staffing and dedicated compliance oversight, which has led to inconsistent monitoring of the City's cannabis retailers. The Cannabis Enforcement Officer will ensure compliance, complete required cannabis retail employee background checks, and investigate illegal cannabis activity. The officer will also work alongside the department's School Resource Officers to educate the youth and reduce youth access to cannabis. The department is confident that this project will enhance public safety throughout the community.

30. City of La Mesa

Project Title: La Mesa Illicit Cannabis Remediation Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$2,159,585

Summary: The City of La Mesa is requesting Proposition 64 Cohort 4 funding to remediate the adverse impacts of cannabis and illicit cannabis activity on public safety and health in our community. The City will implement an integrated system of cameras, license plate readers, and upgraded software to support real-time monitoring across cannabis retailers, public parks, and key corridors. The project will also increase community outreach at City events to educate the public about cannabis impacts, including a billboard campaign and pop-up booths at City events. These will be paired with increased code enforcement capacity and additional Fire Department equipment to allow for better enforcement and investigation capabilities citywide.

31. City of Lancaster

Project Title: Cannabis Compliance and Enforcement Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,149,655

Summary: The project is designed to help reduce illegal activity revolving around cannabis. The Cannabis Compliance and Enforcement Program (CCEP) is a two-pronged approach to address PPAs 1 and 3. For PPA 1, the CCEP will operate through a structured enforcement model that integrates intelligence-driven investigations, coordinated enforcement operations, and multi-agency regulatory enforcement. For PPA 3, the City intends to collaborate and provide services that support youth diversion and prevention through youth development, skill building, and education using interactive experiences. This will be implemented using evidence-based practices that focus on social resistance skills by teaching adolescents how to recognize situations where they may experience peer pressure to use cannabis.

32. City of Long Beach, Department of Health and Human Services

Project Title: Long Beach Cannabis Safety Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,499,948

Summary: The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services proposes a comprehensive initiative to address the public health and safety impacts of expanding cannabis access. Aligned with Proposition 64 PPAs 1, 2, and 3, the project focuses on youth prevention, community education, and regulatory compliance. Key strategies include peer-led youth prevention programs, school-based education, and a diversion program for at-risk youth; community workshops and a multilingual public health campaign; and modernization of the Responsible Cannabis Vendor Training Program. The project will also establish a centralized reporting system for illicit cannabis activity and strengthen cross-departmental coordination. These efforts aim to reduce cannabis-related harms, prevent youth use, improve compliance, and promote a safer, more equitable cannabis environment in Long Beach.

33. City of Madera, Department of Public Health

Project Title: Madera Youth Cultura and Resilience Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,018,568

Summary: Within our Local Lead Agency jurisdiction is the City of Madera which faces elevated risks for youth cannabis use driven by social inequities, low perception of harm, early initiation, and increased exposure following legalization. Local data show high lifetime use, secondhand smoke exposure, and rising cannabis-related health impacts. The Madera Youth Cultura and Resilience Initiative is an evidence-informed, multi-level primary prevention program serving youth ages 13-18. It combines culturally grounded arts-based education, a Youth Leadership Peer Ambassador model, and family engagement strategies to strengthen protective factors and awareness. Environmental approaches, including school-based turn-in programs and restorative discipline support, reduce normalization. Through community partnerships, the initiative expands equitable access to prevention services, strengthens resilience, and reduces youth cannabis use and related harms across Madera.

34. City of Modesto, Police Department

Project Title: Public Health & Safety Grant

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,495,735

Summary: Modesto Police Department is requesting funding for equipment and staff for the following targeted areas: Identify, investigate, and deter illicit commercial cannabis activity; protect community safety, consumer health, and the licensed cannabis market; prevent youth cannabis use; promote healthy decision-making by youth; support early intervention and youth engagement; and build competencies for successful transition into adulthood. Operational strategies will include use of aerial reconnaissance to identify large-scale cultivation sites; intelligence-driven investigations utilizing surveillance, data analysis, and informant development to identify networks and co-conspirators; coordinated inspections of suspected illegal retail locations; and community engagement efforts to enhance reporting, awareness, and deterrence

35. City of Oakland, Special Activity Permits Division

Project Title: Improving Public Safety through Enforcement of Illicit Cannabis Activity

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The City of Oakland is committed to ensuring public safety as one of the jurisdiction's top priorities. The proposed project, Improving Public Safety through Enforcement of Illicit Cannabis Activity, is vital to the City's efforts to reduce the impact the illicit cannabis market on the legal cannabis industry and to ensure public safety across multiple districts of Oakland. The Proposition 64 Cohort 4 Grant opportunity offers funding to assist the jurisdiction's capacity to conduct coordinated enforcement and public safety operations targeting illicit cannabis activities, including unlicensed cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and retail. Support provided by this grant funding will enhance enforcement effectiveness, improve interagency coordination, and address the multifaceted risks associated with illicit cannabis operations.

36. City of Oceanside, Police Department

Project Title: Oceanside Youth Thrive: Prevention, Diversion, & Wellness Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,458,762

Summary: The proposed project will deliver comprehensive youth development, prevention, intervention, and behavioral health support in relation to cannabis misuse in the City of Oceanside. The project will serve the full range of youth from elementary to high school, as well as youth who have had contact with the justice system, through substance use education, programs to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors for substance use and other delinquency, strengthening law enforcement-school-community partnerships, enhancements to juvenile diversion, and increased availability of behavioral health services. The project will implement new youth programming at elementary and high schools, enhance an existing middle school program with youth leadership development, increase parent/caregiver engagement and strengthen family support, bolster local cross-sector collaborations, improve diversion outcomes, and increase access to behavioral health care for Oceanside youth and families.

37. City of Oxnard, Police Department

Project Title: Cannabis Enforcement and Teen Intervention Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,495,538

Summary: The Cannabis Enforcement and Teen Intervention Program will address the impacts of Proposition 64 in the City of Oxnard through coordinated enforcement, public health education, and youth prevention strategies. Under PPA 1, the Oxnard Police Department will conduct cannabis retail inspections, minor and shoulder-tap operations, and dispensary operator training to strengthen regulatory compliance and reduce youth access. Under PPA 2, Ventura County Public Health will implement public health-informed cannabis education and prevention strategies. Under PPA 3, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme will offer youth development and prevention/intervention programming.

38. City of Palm Desert

Project Title: Illicit Cannabis Response and Education Campaign

Grant Funds Requested: \$3,087,400

Summary: The City of Palm Desert is requesting funding to focus on responding to the impacts of illicit cannabis on our community, particularly our youth. Our project will fund two full-time School Resource Officer Deputies to work in Palm Desert schools to educate and host events regarding the impacts of illicit cannabis on youth and teens. The City will also host several educational community engagement outreach campaigns at City fairs and events to inform the public about the challenges of illicit cannabis. Lastly, the grant will allow the City to work towards better data management, public safety response, and real-time crime response by equipping our police officers and Code Enforcement with additional cameras placed around cannabis shops alongside additional monitoring equipment to allow for rapid and quick incident response.

39. City of Pomona, Police Department

Project Title: Cannabis Regulatory Compliance & Equity Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The City of Pomona proposes the Cannabis Regulatory Compliance & Equity Initiative to enhance enforcement of state and local cannabis laws, address illegal cannabis activity, and implement a structured diversion pathway for eligible low-level offenses. The Pomona Police Department will serve as the Lead Public Agency and will conduct proactive compliance inspections, targeted investigations, and cannabis-specific training to improve regulatory consistency and accountability. A pre-arrest diversion component, delivered by PCS Family Services, will provide case-managed services including restorative programming, behavioral support, and workforce readiness. The project utilizes a coordinated, data-driven approach to strengthen regulatory compliance, reduce recidivism, and support equitable and effective public safety outcomes consistent with Proposition 64.

40. City of Redwood City, Police Department

Project Title: Illegal Cannabis Enforcement and Community Protection Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The Redwood City Police Department's (RCPD) Illegal Cannabis Enforcement and Community Protection Program addresses the persistent illegal cannabis market in Redwood City through coordinated enforcement and youth-focused prevention. Since 2024, RCPD has documented 241 cannabis-related calls for service, 48 investigative reports, and six active Narcotics Task Force investigations. The program will expand enforcement capacity through a dedicated Cannabis Enforcement Officer, multi-agency operations, a covert surveillance vehicle, and Accela cannabis compliance software targeting unlicensed storefronts, delivery services, and street-level sales. Community education and the Community Power Path program, delivered with Pal Center will provide prevention, early intervention, and diversion to hundreds of youths and adults annually, with curriculum informed by Redwood City's Youth and Teen Advisory Boards. The program will be independently evaluated by Stanford's Gardner Center.

41. City of Richmond, Office of Neighborhood Safety

Project Title: Rooted in Richmond: Cannabis Awareness, Reduction & Education

Grant Funds Requested: \$3,674,258

Summary: Richmond's Office of Neighborhood Safety, with Advance Peace and RYSE (a community-based organization), proposes a 5-year youth cannabis prevention, early intervention, and harm-reduction initiative, Rooted in Richmond: Cannabis Awareness, Reduction & Education (ROOT CARE). The initiative will respond to Proposition 64 and local drivers of youth cannabis use, such as trauma, inequality, and economic stress. The program targets youth using cannabis or those at risk. In total, the project will serve 1,100 youth through prevention (60 per year in grades 4-8), early intervention (60 per year in grades 9-12), and harm reduction (100 per year, ages 13-20), and will train 100 service providers. Services will include cannabis-use prevention education, mentoring, case management, stipends, transformative travel excursions, employment supports, and support groups. Twice-yearly convenings and a Community of Practice will support service providers to align referral protocols and best practices.

42. City of San Bernardino

Project Title: San Bernardino Cannabis Community Safety and Health Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,476,076

Summary: San Bernardino is a medium sized city of approximately 220,000 residents where residents have limited access to accurate cannabis health information. This initiative brings enforcement, education, and prevention together under one coordinated effort. The City of San Bernardino will engage adults and youth via up to 100 community events and local school visits where residents receive direct cannabis education. Youth in local schools will learn through the Stanford Cannabis Prevention Toolkit, adult education will be based on best practice, and NGO partners will expand reach to community members who need additional support.

43. City of Santa Monica, Police Department

Project Title: Santa Monica Analytical Real-Time (SMART) Center: Driven Cannabis Enforcement and Community Health Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The City of Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) proposes a data driven program to reduce illicit cannabis activity, combat retail theft, and protect public health. The project addresses Proposition 64 priorities under Public Safety and Enforcement and Public Health. SMPD will use sworn personnel and the SMART Center to conduct targeted enforcement, including inspections, compliance checks, surveillance, controlled buys, and follow up investigations of unlicensed cannabis operators, storefronts, delivery services, and cultivation sites. Public health and education efforts will be led by SMPD's Community Engagement Unit through press releases, public messaging, and outreach campaigns, increasing awareness of the risks of illicit cannabis, promoting identification of licensed retailers, and encouraging reporting of illegal activity.

44. City of Stockton

Project Title: Stockton Cannabis Public Safety & Prevention Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The City of Stockton proposes the Stockton Cannabis Public Safety and Prevention Project, a coordinated initiative addressing public safety and community impacts associated with cannabis legalization through targeted enforcement and youth prevention strategies. The project will support enforcement operations focused on marijuana-impaired driving, illegal cannabis activity, and nuisance properties through dedicated personnel, vehicles, equipment, and data-driven deployment. In coordination with enforcement efforts, the project will support youth prevention and early intervention programming through the Launch Pad Youth Development Initiative, which provides cannabis education, mentorship, skill-building, and pro-social activities for at-risk youth. Together, these coordinated enforcement and prevention efforts will improve public safety, reduce cannabis-related harm, and prevent youth involvement in substance use and illegal activity.

45. City of Tulare, Tulare County Office of Education

Project Title: Empowering Youth Leaders: A Strategic Framework for Community Cannabis Prevention

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: This project strengthens illicit cannabis prevention in Tulare through an infrastructure grounded in youth voice and community change. An evergreen prevention program will be developed, drawing on Friday Night Live's peer led model to shift youth attitudes and behaviors, while partnering with law enforcement to reduce illicit product sales. A youth council will co-design a data driven program guide, deliver culturally relevant education on laws and penalties, and guide the development and administration of a survey on perceptions and use. Findings from the survey will guide education and engagement initiatives, inform enforcement and compliance strategies against the illicit market. Over five years, the initiative builds capacity, establishes baseline data, and scales responsive strategies that reduce youth access and harm. This work offers a model grounded in youth engagement and community partnerships that can be replicated statewide, creating an opportunity for broader investment.

46. City of Union City Police Department

Project Title: Union City Police Department Public Safety Enhancement Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$226,252

Summary: Union City Police Department is pursuing the acquisition of AI Powered Evidence Analysis and Investigation Software, in addition to two unmarked enforcement vehicles for targeted operations to reduce dangerous and harmful activity involving illicit cannabis activity within City boundaries. The Union City Police Department has faced an increasing number of dangerous incidents disproportionately impacting vulnerable and marginalized groups. The pursuit of AI Powered Evidence Analysis and Investigation Software will allow officers more time and opportunities to respond to dangerous situations involving illicit cannabis activity near licensed cannabis centers with the help of an AI tool that can help parse an incredible amount of data and video that may help in future and ongoing investigations. The acquisition of the two

unmarked enforcement vehicles would enable officers to covertly observe suspicious activity and repeat offenders who are routinely causing distress and harm to the community.

47. City of Vista

Project Title: City of Vista Cannabis Public Safety, Enforcement, and Youth Prevention Initiative
Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The City of Vista proposes a comprehensive initiative to address cannabis-related public safety and youth health impacts through enforcement, prevention, and education. The project will strengthen enforcement against illegal cannabis activity through coordinated efforts between the San Diego County Sheriff's Office and Code Enforcement, including inspections, investigations, and multi-agency operations. The project will also expand prevention and early intervention services by placing a dedicated School Resource Officer in middle schools to deliver cannabis education, identify at-risk youth, and connect students to supportive services. Community outreach efforts will increase awareness of cannabis laws and health risks. This balanced approach reduces illegal activity, prevents youth cannabis use, and improves community safety outcomes.

48. City of Watsonville, Police Department

Project Title: Cannabis Enforcement Project
Grant Funds Requested: \$2,712,053

Summary: The Watsonville Police Department will address local impacts to public health and safety associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act by creating a dedicated task force that will focus on illicit cannabis enforcement. The project goals include (1) increasing compliance with local and state cannabis laws (2) disrupting illicit cannabis activity, and (3) outreach campaign addressing safety risks of illicit cannabis products. These combined efforts will improve community health, consumer safety and the integrity of the licensed cannabis market.

49. County of Humboldt, Sheriff's Office

Project Title: Humboldt County Illegal Grow Analysis, Enforcement, and Community Education Project
Grant Funds Requested: \$4,499,899

Summary: Funding from the Prop 64 grant program will support the Humboldt County Illegal Grow Analysis, Enforcement, and Community Education Project, a multi-pronged approach that investigates and analyzes illegal grow sites, provides enforcement and safety, and addresses legalization's impacts on young people, public health, safety, and the environment. The Department of Health & Human Services and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office have partnered with the Southern Humboldt Family Resource Center to provide youth-focused juvenile diversion and substance use prevention education in Southern Humboldt and will expand these efforts countywide. Partnership with the Integral Ecology Research Center will facilitate cultivation site assessment, tracking, and creating restoration plans. The Marijuana Enforcement Team

personnel are expanded and equipped with necessary hazardous mitigation Personal Protective Equipment to protect personnel from harmful grow pesticide fumigants. This project addresses the past, present, and future outcomes of the cannabis industry in Humboldt County.

50. County of Lake, Department of Probation

Project Title: Lake County Public Safety and Youth Programs Enhancement

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,496,900

Summary: Illegal cannabis cultivation poses significant risk to public safety, the environment, and community well-being in Lake County. Unpermitted cultivation sites are associated with water theft, habitat destruction, illegal pesticide use, and unsafe conditions. This strains local law enforcement and contributes to criminal behavior. Individuals involved in cannabis-related offenses often return to illegal cannabis cultivation. Youth exposure to cannabis use further underscores the need for early intervention and prevention. This project addresses these issues through a coordinated, multi-department approach focused on enforcement, rehabilitation, and education.

51. County of Mendocino, Department of Public Health

Project Title: Youth VAPE SAFE: Cannabis Prevention & Education Mendocino County

Grant Funds Requested: \$2,733,260

Summary: Youth VAPE SAFE aims to reduce youth cannabis use in Mendocino County through a comprehensive, culturally responsive prevention strategy. Targeting youth ages 12-20 and their families, and integrating community education, parental engagement, responsible vendor training, and accessible cannabis support. Activities include school-based programs, culturally relevant outreach, and partnerships with local organizations, healthcare providers, and law enforcement. The project also addresses environmental health by providing safe disposal options for vaping devices and batteries on school campuses. Guided by an Adult-led Cannabis Coalition and an active Youth Coalition, the initiative leverages community assessments and existing resources to deliver impactful, sustainable interventions. Expected outcomes include decreased youth cannabis use, increased awareness of risks, and improved environmental safety

52. County of Mendocino, Sherriff's Office

Project Title: Mendocino Illicit Cannabis Enforcement Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office seeks Prop 64 Cohort 4 funding to address extensive illicit commercial cannabis cultivation across more than 3,500 square miles of remote terrain. Illegal grows drive local homicides, human trafficking, and severe environmental damage, disproportionately impacting rural communities. Over 80% of the funds will expand enforcement of illicit commercial cannabis operations through essential personnel, specialized vehicles, and equipment otherwise unattainable within the county's limited budget. Additional resources will support investigations directly linked to illicit commercial cannabis-related violent crime, environmental remediation, and coordinated operations with partner agencies. This investment

will reduce community harm, protect natural resources, and strengthen long-term public health and safety.

53. County of Monterey, District Attorney's Office

Project Title: Monterey County District Attorney Cannabis Enforcement and Public Health Collaborative

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,276,075

Summary: The Monterey County District Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Monterey County Health Department, proposes a coordinated effort to reduce the harms caused by illicit cannabis activity in Monterey County. The project will support investigations into illegal cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and retail activity that threaten public safety, damage the environment, and undermine the regulated cannabis market. In coordination with partner agencies, the project will also address environmental violations and the sale of unsafe, unregulated cannabis products. The Health Department will complement this work through youth education, prevention, and Crime Prevention Through environmental design strategies that promote safer schools and healthier community environments.

54. County of Monterey, Sheriff's Office

Project Title: County of Monterey Marijuana Eradication Team

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,498,009

Summary: The Monterey County Sheriff's Office Marijuana Eradication Team is proposing a project to reduce illegal cannabis cultivation and improve community safety. Illegal grow sites continue to impact rural areas through environmental damage, water theft, and related criminal activity. This project focuses on increasing targeted enforcement operations, including eradication efforts, search warrants, and follow-up investigations. Additional deputy overtime will expand the team's ability to respond more quickly and conduct more frequent operations. Funding will also support equipment such as Utility Terrain Vehicles, 4x4 trucks, and night vision devices, allowing deputies to safely access remote locations and operate in low-light conditions. Community outreach will help increase awareness and encourage reporting through workshops, multilingual materials, and anonymous tip options. Progress will be measured by operations conducted, sites eradicated, arrests, and community reports.

55. County of Nevada, Sheriff's Office

Project Title: Enforcement and Prevention of Illicit Cannabis in Nevada County

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,499,900

Summary: Nevada County's project proposal is to expand the county's capacity to address public health and safety concerns brought about by the legalization of cannabis under Proposition 64. Our enforcement project is a collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and the Community Development Agency Cannabis Compliance and Recreation Divisions and includes the addition of new investigative staff to focus on illicit cannabis, added enforcement vehicles and investigative

equipment such as intelligence software and a drone, and a parks outreach position with a focus on prevention cannabis use among youth.

56. County of Santa Cruz, County Executive Office

Project Title: Radio Network Improvements to Support Rural Cannabis Enforcement

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,500,000

Summary: The County of Santa Cruz seeks Proposition 64 funding under Public Safety and Enforcement (PPA 1) to expand radio communications in rural areas impacted by illegal cannabis activity. Since 2019, the Sheriff's Office has served approximately 300 search warrants at cannabis sites, where violent and property crimes – including robbery, burglary, theft, and homicide – have occurred, often involving firearms. These incidents frequently occur in remote areas with limited or no radio coverage, creating significant risks to officers and limiting coordination with dispatch and partner agencies. Grant funds will support equipment costs for a new Regional Interoperable Next Generation (RING) Radio System to improve reliable communications in these high-risk areas. Enhanced coverage will strengthen officer safety, improve multi-agency coordination, and support more effective enforcement and emergency response, directly aligning with Proposition 64 public safety goals.

57. County of Yolo, Department of Environmental Health

Project Title: Yolo County Illegal Cannabis Enforcement and Compliance Enhancement Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,764,660

Summary: Yolo County will apply Proposition 64 funding to build and strengthen its enforcement against illegal cannabis activity. Grant resources will sustain critical staffing to ensure consistent investigation of complaints, execution of inspection warrants, and coordination of multi-agency enforcement efforts. Strategic investments, such as drones for aerial assessments, will modernize how inspectors document evidence, assess sites, and collaborate with partner agencies. Legal and investigative services, supported through County Counsel and specialized contractors, will amplify the County's ability to prepare cases and pursue administrative or civil actions when needed. Infrastructure upgrades, including secure refrigerated storage and transport capacity, will ensure seized materials are preserved safely and compliantly. Together, these elements expand the County's capacity to identify, disrupt, and deter illegal cannabis activity.

Applicant Category: Large

58. City and County of San Francisco, Department of Children, Youth, and their Families

Project Title: Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$4,995,000

Summary: To fund projects addressing public health and safety associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. The purpose of these funds will be to address: PPA 1: Public Safety/Enforcement and PPA 3 Youth Development/Youth Prevention and Intervention. The San Francisco Office of Cannabis, through

the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families seeks to leverage this grant opportunity to strengthen compliance, enforcement, and inspection efforts in addition to addressing youth development, prevention, and intervention strategies to mitigate substance abuse and promote healthy decision making.

59. City of Fresno, City Attorney's Office

Project Title: Illegal Cannabis Eradication-Environmental Impact

Grant Funds Requested: \$1,440,788

Summary: The City of Fresno Code Enforcement Division seeks funding in the amount of \$1.4 million to address the eradication of illegal cannabis of illegal cultivation and illegal retail sales. The environmental impact of residential and commercial illegal cultivation sites is detrimental to the health and safety of any occupants of the structures involved. Illegal cultivation site workers will carelessly dump hazardous chemicals, adversely affecting the water table, not to mention the mold damage left behind where the grows took place. Illegal retail sales of cannabis have been a problem at the 150+ local smoke shops. Utilizing the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and other agencies, we have assisted with processing illegal cannabis seizures. Code Enforcement then issues formal notices for zoning and building violations then citing for non-compliance. To date, our Cannabis Administrative Prosecutor Program team program has effectively removed over \$71 million of cannabis in street value from illegal cultivators and tens of thousands of illegal sales from smoke shops.

60. City of Fresno, Police Department

Project Title: Fresno Illicit Cannabis Market Enforcement & Public Safety Initiative

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,000,000

Summary: The Fresno Police Department proposes the formation of Fresno's Cannabis Enforcement & Compliance Unit (CECU), a three-detective team supported by district overtime to reduce illegal cannabis operations linked to violence, fires, and unsafe living conditions. The initiative targets unlicensed cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and online sales that contributed to the killings of several of Fresno's Youth. CECU will use intelligence driven strategies, digital forensics through the Multi-Agency Digital Lab, and coordinated inspections to shut down illegal sites, seize firearms, and protect consumers. The project strengthens public outreach, improves interagency coordination, and enhances data driven enforcement. An evaluation team from California State University, Fresno will measure reductions in illegal cannabis activity, violent crime, and hazardous extraction labs while tracking enforcement outputs and community impact.

61. City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office

Project Title: Angeles National Forest: Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Habitat Restoration and Reforestation Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,000,000

Summary: This project will reduce hazardous fuels around administrative sites and fuel break reduction in the Angeles National Forest (ANF), where illegal cannabis cultivation is a persistent issue. This project will apply strategies to lower the intensity, spread rate and severity of a fire by reducing vegetation in areas that may involve trespass grows, the diversion of water, and the use of toxic chemicals, sometimes in proximity to hiking trails. Project goals are: Strengthen Los Angeles' capacity to identify and mitigate environmental hazards resulting from illegal cannabis-related activities through restoration and reforestation in the ANF and adjacent areas. Reduce wildfire risk in the ANF through removal of invasive flash-fuel species and restoration of fire-resilient native plant communities. Hire 20-25 conservation workers who live in the City of Los Angeles and commit to a paid 12-month hazardous fuel reduction, restoration and reforestation on-the-job training curriculum in the ANF.

62. City of Los Angeles, Police Department

Project Title: LAPD: Prop 64 Enforcement

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,000,000

Summary: Following the adaptation of Proposition 64, the City of Los Angeles enacted Measure M, establishing a comprehensive framework for the regulation, taxation, and enforcement of medical and recreational. Despite legalization, illegal businesses continue to operate posing direct threats to public safety, consumer health, and community trust. In 2025, the Los Angeles Police Department's cannabis enforcement operations resulted in 61,899 pounds of cannabis seized, 138 misdemeanor arrests, 32 felony arrest, and 34 firearms recovered. Under PPA 1, the City will: Reduce illegal cannabis dispensaries and illegal grow locations; enhance public safety and reduce crime around illegal locations; and protect consumer health and legal market integrity. The grant funds will be used for enforcement and public safety operations, equipment, technology, data collection, and training; project activities will focus on enforcement and interagency collaboration.

63. City of Sacramento, Department of Finance

Project Title: Sac Cannabis Enforcement and Public Information Campaign (EPIC) Program

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,000,000

Summary: The City of Sacramento's Office of Cannabis Management, under the Department of Finance as the lead agency, proposes a coordinated, multi-departmental initiative to reduce illicit cannabis activity, improve public health outcomes, and strengthen regulatory compliance through education, enforcement, and cross-agency collaboration. This project brings together the Sacramento Police Department, Community Development Department, the Office of Cannabis Management, and the Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment department to implement a unified approach to addressing the impacts of the illicit cannabis market. The City's goals include efforts to combat illicit cannabis use and sales through targeted patrolling and inspections, social media education campaigns to improve public health outcomes and continued outreach to youth regarding illicit cannabis use and its effects.

64. City of San Diego, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

Project Title: San Diego Integrated Youth Development and Cannabis Enforcement Initiative
Grant Funds Requested: \$1,108,402

Summary: This project integrates a targeted enforcement component with proven youth development programs to enhance public safety, support a regulated cannabis market, and deliver evidence-based prevention and mentoring services to more than 1,000 youth and 300 parents in San Diego. Through a robust partnership among three key organizations, Prop 64 funds will support both cannabis related enforcement and education, prevention, and diversion efforts for youth at highest risk of drug use in San Diego. The program will be delivered by SANDAG, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), and STAR/PAL, a youth serving organization focused on building trust-based relationships between communities and law enforcement.

65. City of San Jose, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department

Project Title: Accountability. Resilience. Connection Program
Grant Funds Requested: \$3,959,448

Summary: Operated by the City of San José Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, the Accountability. Resilience. Connection (ARC) Program utilizes transformative mentorship, wraparound services, prosocial recreational activities, and the evidence-based program, Botvin Life Skills, to promote protective factors and reduce risk factors linked to substance use and gun violence for local middle schoolers. The ARC Program will connect youth to the key types of positive childhood experiences (PCEs) necessary for health and resilience: relationships, safe environments, opportunities for belonging, and emotional growth. Intentionally housed at four middle schools in the city with high rates of multigenerational substance use, poverty, truancy, and violent suspensions, the ARC Program aims to prevent and reduce youth substance use, including cannabis use; enhance access to PCEs for youth and their families; and reduce violence in the community and within schools.

66. County of Alameda, Department of Public Health

Project Title: Rooted in Justice: Reentry, Youth, and Environmental Health in Deep East Oakland
Grant Funds Requested: \$5,983,205

Summary: This project addresses the lasting public health, economic, and environmental harms of cannabis criminalization in Deep East Oakland and Sobrante Park, Alameda County, communities disproportionately impacted by enforcement, incarceration, and disinvestment. Alameda County Public Health (lead) and Planting Justice (primary community partner) will implement three integrated program areas: (1) paid reentry workforce development in regenerative agriculture, aquaponics, nursery operations, and composting for formerly incarcerated adults; (2) youth prevention and leadership through paid food sovereignty internships and cannabis prevention education; and (3) environmental health and restoration through composting, soil regeneration, urban agroforestry, and community food production. Partners include UC Cooperative Extension, the Public Defender's Office, and the Black Sobrante Park Community Healing Council.

67. County of Alameda, Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE)

Project Title: Reconnecting Resilient Minds

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,000,000

Summary: The Reconnecting Resilient Minds project addresses cannabis legalization's downstream impacts on Oakland's highest-risk opportunity youth – young people in cycles of violence, trauma, and marginalization overlooked by traditional systems. Led by ACOE with Alameda County Probation and the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform, the Youth Violence Reduction Coordination Team identifies youth most at risk using evidence-based criteria. Two interventions are delivered: life coaching by credible messengers (Communities United for Restorative Justice), and academic re-engagement through ACOE's Education Liaison and Quest Academy teacher. Coaches provide one-on-one support, connections to housing, employment, and behavioral health, and whole-family engagement – because lasting change requires investing in the ecosystem around a young person, not the individual alone. Flexible credit recovery opens pathways into Oakland Unified School District or ACOE programs. These interventions reduce cannabis use, interrupt violence, and build the protective factors enabling lasting stability.

68. County of Contra Costa, Health Department - Tobacco Prevention Program

Project Title: Building Sustainable, Youth-Driven Cannabis Prevention Systems in Contra Costa County

Grant Funds Requested: \$3,986,779

Summary: Contra Costa Health Tobacco Prevention Program and the Contra Costa Office of Education Tobacco Use Prevention Education program are seeking funds for the implementation of an upstream, youth development approach to cannabis use prevention education and community engagement. The aim is to support identified school districts to provide school-based cannabis prevention through evidence-based curriculum, alternatives-to-suspension, and peer-led education, as well as community-based youth leadership opportunities. This will be accomplished by establishing a public health centered framework to address the impact of cannabis legalization on youth, centering those most affected by environmental inequities and the war on drugs. Youth will learn about the harms associated with underage cannabis use and develop skills and confidence to refuse use and delay initiation. The project aims to provide supportive interventions that promote and instill a healthy standard of living.

69. County of Riverside, First 5 Riverside County

Project Title: Riverside County Cannabis Prevention and Early Intervention Continuum

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,000,000

Summary: Riverside County proposes a developmentally staged, cross-system cannabis prevention and harm-reduction continuum addressing local impacts of cannabis legalization across early childhood, adolescence, and highest-acuity foster youth. First 5 Riverside County (F5RC) will serve as fiscal lead and implement the prenatal-to-8 track through protective-factor promotion, early identification, caregiver education, and referral coordination delivered. Riverside

University Health System-Public Health will lead public health education, safe storage messaging, epidemiology, and evaluation, including implementation through schools, sports leagues, and community groups serving youth and families. The Department of Public Social Services will provide the highest-acuity intervention layer through Harmony Haven and the BE WELL framework, integrating trauma-informed supports, cannabis risk mitigation, and stabilization for foster youth. The project builds on existing county infrastructure to reduce cannabis-related harm, strengthen coordination, and increase access to appropriate supports.

70. County of Riverside, Sheriff's Office

Project Title: H.A.U.L. (Highways for Advancement, Unity and Logistics) Reentry and Recovery Project

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,000,000

Summary: The H.A.U.L. Reentry and Recovery Project at the Sheriff's Inmate Training and Education Bureau (SITE-B) seeks funding under Prop. 64 to enhance public safety, reduce illegal cannabis activity, and support successful reintegration of justice-involved individuals. The Riverside County Sheriff's Office proposes a coordinated approach between its Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) and the SITE-B, combining enforcement with rehabilitative programming. The project requests \$6,000,000 to support MET enforcement efforts and expand SITE-B's commercial truck driving program, serving approximately 180 incarcerated individuals. In partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education and Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health, the program will provide education, case management, and reentry support. H.A.U.L. promotes reduced recidivism and safer, healthier communities.

71. County of San Diego, Sheriff's Office

Project Title: San Diego Sheriff's Office Cannabis Enforcement Operations

Grant Funds Requested: \$5,899,491

Summary: The San Diego Sheriff's Office (SDSO) proposes a multifaceted initiative to disrupt illicit cannabis activity, enhance public safety, and strengthen community education. Through targeted investigations, package interdiction operations, and partnerships with federal, state, and commercial entities, SDSO's Marijuana Enforcement Team will identify and dismantle illegal cannabis networks while supporting compliance with evolving hemp and cannabis laws. Funding will support personnel, equipment, high risk operations, and a comprehensive public health media campaign addressing Assembly Bill 8, focusing on parental education, youth prevention, and consumer awareness. Additional outreach, community events, and youth programming will expand prevention efforts countywide. Investments in evidence processing, waste management, and administrative staffing will ensure regulatory compliance, operational efficiency, and long-term sustainability.