

RESOLUTION NO. RES-22-0010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT, AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS, WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL (DCC), TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,934,773, TO SUPPORT THE LONG BEACH CANNABIS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Office of Cannabis Oversight (OCO) in the City Manager Department was recently awarded Three Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$3,934,773) by the DCC to support the Long Beach Cannabis program; and

WHEREAS, the cannabis program was approved on November 8, 2016 with the passage of Measure MM, which established Chapter 5.90 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) and created a regulatory program for medical cannabis businesses to operate in the city; and

WHEREAS, in August 2018, the Long Beach City Council approved LBMC Chapter 5.92, which created a regulatory framework for adult-use cannabis businesses to operate in the city and established the Cannabis Social Equity Program (Equity Program) which provides business ownership and employment opportunities to low income individuals and communities negatively impacted by the prior criminalization of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2021, DCC announced the recipients of the One Hundred Million (\$100 Million) in grant funding to support local jurisdictions that

1 adopted a local cannabis program;

2 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Budget Act of 2021, Item 1115-101-0001,
3 funding is dedicated to local jurisdictions with the greatest need to transition businesses
4 with State provisional licensees to State annual licensees; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach was awarded Three Million Nine
6 Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$3,934,773) in
7 DCC grant funds; and

8 WHEREAS, this funding is dedicated on a one-time basis to aid local
9 jurisdictions and the cannabis businesses in competing CEQA compliance requirements
10 necessary for businesses to achieve annual licensure; and

11 WHEREAS, consistent with DCC regulations on the eligible use of grant
12 funds, the OCO intends to use the funding to hire staff in multiple City departments to
13 expedite the processing and review of applications and project documents, hire
14 consultants to streamline application processes and provide regulatory compliance to
15 cannabis businesses, and update the City's website and other technology systems to
16 make the overall licensing process easier to navigate; and

17 WHEREAS, all grant funds must be expended no later than March 31, 2025
18 and any funds not expended within the grant term must be returned to the DCC;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
20 follows:

21 Section 1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an
22 agreement, and all necessary related documents and amendments, with the California
23 Department of Cannabis Control, to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of
24 Three Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three
25 Dollars (\$3,934,773) to support the Long Beach Cannabis program for the period of
26 January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

27 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
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1 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

2 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
3 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of January 18, 2022, by the
4 following vote:

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Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price,
Supernaw, Mungo, Saro,
Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.



City Clerk