

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Dated: December 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZING STATE OF CALIFORNIA CANNABIS EQUITY ACT GRANT FUNDING**

The County of San Diego Board of Supervisors finds:

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

WHEREAS, funding has been provided to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to provide grant funds to local governments;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized staff to conduct a cannabis equity assessment and develop a local cannabis social equity program;

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego developed the local cannabis social equity program guided by recommendations from the Social Equity Assessment;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2024, the County of San Diego implemented its social equity program when it began accepting social equity program applications and began programming shortly thereafter;

WHEREAS, Board Policy B-29 requires that County Departments obtain permission from the Board of Supervisors to apply for and execute grants; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego will use grant funds from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to assist local equity applicants and licensees through its local equity program for commercial cannabis activity as described in its application for grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Office of Equity and Racial Justice of the County of San Diego is authorized to apply for and accept grant funding from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions through June 30, 2025. This authorization includes the ability for the Director of the Office of Equity and Racial Justice to execute by electronic signature on behalf of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors the grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, including any extensions or amendments thereof and any subsequent grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development in relation thereto.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this grant agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and the State of California disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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