

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: **April 22, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM  
UNDER PROPOSITION 56, THE HEALTHCARE, RESEARCH AND PREVENTION  
TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2016**

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego (County) Public Health Services established a tobacco retail licensing program that began on July 1, 2021, and requires tobacco retailers to apply for and receive a tobacco retail license to continue selling tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, compliance monitoring currently consists of site inspections by County staff and decoy operations involving youth under 21 years of age attempting to buy tobacco products, intended to increase compliance with local, state, and federal tobacco laws; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Budget Act and the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016, as added by Proposition 56, the California Department of Justice intends to distribute an estimated \$28.5 million in Fiscal Year 2024-25 to eligible local agencies for qualifying tobacco enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, any local government or local government agency within the State of California that has authority to enforce tobacco-related state laws or local ordinances is eligible to receive funds; and

WHEREAS, grant funds may be used to support programs that include, but are not limited to, retailer compliance checks (including minor decoy operations), retailer training programs, retailer education, task force coordination among local agencies, consumer protection enforcement; and

WHEREAS, grant funds were awarded on a competitive basis in accordance with the Department of Justice's funding priorities; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego, as Applicant, will enter into a grant agreement with the state department to complete the project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorizes entering of agreement, which includes the executed Memorandum of Understanding, Request for Proposals and associated documents, application and associated documents and Grant Handbook with the State of California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program; and

2. Authorizes the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of the Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level and to sign upon successful negotiations related certifications, memoranda of understanding, documents, payment requests, forms, reports, or to take other action required for administration and implementation of acceptance of the grant; and
3. Certifies that the County of San Diego has, or will have available prior to commencement of any work on project(s) included in an application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Claudia G. Silva, County Counsel

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