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SUMMARY

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to award noncompetitive grants through Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program to Department of State Police for specified purposes related to unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution operations. Specifies that other grants awarded through program are awarded on competitive basis.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cannabis; amending section 13, chapter 103, Oregon Laws 2018;
3 and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 13, chapter 103, Oregon Laws 2018, as amended by
6 section 1, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2021 (second special session), and section
7 7, chapter 117, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 13.** (1) The Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program
9 is established to assist cities and counties with the costs incurred by local
10 law enforcement agencies, **the Department of State Police with costs**
11 **incurred by the department**, and community-based organizations in ad-
12 dressing unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution operations.

13 (2) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall administer the grant
14 program described in subsection (1) of this section and shall award the
15 grants described in this section.

16 (3) The commission shall adopt rules to administer the grant program.
17 Rules adopted under this section must include:

18 (a) A methodology for reviewing and approving grant applications and

1 awarding grants; and

2 (b) A process for evaluating the efficacy of [*local law enforcement*] pro-
3 grams and services funded by the grant program.

4 (4) Moneys distributed to grant recipients under this section must be
5 spent on costs associated with addressing and prosecuting unlawful
6 marijuana cultivation or distribution operations.

7 **(5) The commission shall establish three categories of grants under**
8 **this section as follows:**

9 **(a) Grants awarded, on a competitive basis, to cities and counties;**

10 **(b) Grants awarded, on a competitive basis, to community-based**
11 **organizations; and**

12 **(c) Grants awarded to the department.**

13 [(5)] **(6)** The commission shall prioritize the following when awarding
14 grants under this section:

15 (a) Providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and
16 district attorneys in rural areas of this state to address unlawful marijuana
17 cultivation or distribution operations;

18 (b) Supporting local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys in
19 investigating and prosecuting large-scale unlawful marijuana cultivation or
20 distribution operations;

21 (c) Providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and
22 district attorneys in the investigation and prosecution of organized crime
23 involved in unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution operations;

24 (d) Providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and
25 district attorneys in the investigation and prosecution of unlawful marijuana
26 cultivation or distribution operations that divert marijuana outside of this
27 state; [*and*]

28 (e) Providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and
29 community-based organizations in order to address the ongoing humanitarian
30 crisis associated with unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution oper-
31 ations and to facilitate connections to any necessary assistance and services

1 for individuals impacted by the humanitarian crisis, including but not lim-
2 ited to language translation services and housing and legal assistance; **and**

3 **(f) Providing financial assistance to the department for equipment,**
4 **contract services and personnel expenses related to the investigation**
5 **and prosecution of unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution op-**
6 **erations.**

7 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
8 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
9 **clared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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