

**RESOLUTION 2019-086  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRAY AND BLACK MARKET  
MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT FUNDING FOR FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Fort Collins Police Services (“FCPS”) is applying for a grant through the Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program (the “Program”) from the Department of Local Affairs (“DOLA”) to fund investigation and prosecution of unlicensed marijuana cultivation and distribution operations; and

WHEREAS, the Program provides financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys through local governments; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of grant money to be dispersed amongst agencies and district attorneys that apply is \$5.8 million; and

WHEREAS, until submittal of an application, FCPS does not know the amount that may be awarded; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the District Attorney (the “DA”) was awarded approximately \$120,000 in grant funds to fund investigation and prosecution of unlicensed marijuana cultivation and distribution operations in Fort Collins (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, FCPS utilized that money to acquire long-term evidence storage units for illegal black-market marijuana, and for an increase in staffing to help with investigations of black-market grow operations in the City; and

WHEREAS, the DA has elected not to pursue additional grant money from the Program; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to directly apply for a grant through the Program, and FCPS has recommended that the City apply for grant funds to continue black-market marijuana investigations; and

WHEREAS, as part of its grant application process, there is a requirement that the governing body of any entity applying for grant funds pass a resolution to show that it is aware of and supports the application, and recognizes the obligations the grant creates; and

WHEREAS, the City would not be required to provide any matching funds toward the Project; and

WHEREAS, the grant money would allow FCPS to continue to improve neighborhood livability and provide insight into the extent of the problem associated with unlicensed, illegal marijuana activity in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby supports the City's application for a grant through the Program from DOLA to fund the Project; and

Section 3. That if the grant is awarded, the City Council supports the completion of the Project.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of August, A.D. 2019.



Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

