

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGTON BEACH AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL (DCC)
FROM THE CANNABIS LOCAL JURISDICTION
RETAIL ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2022 provides up to \$20 million for Department of Cannabis Control grants to local governments to support the development and implementation of a local cannabis retailer licensing program; and

The Department of Cannabis Control, under the authority of the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (AUCRSA) establishes a dual regulatory structure for cannabis businesses, and a person who wishes to engage in commercial cannabis activity is subject to regulation at both the state and local levels; and

As of February 1, 2023, 327 cities and counties (61%) in California do not allow establishment of any cannabis retailers, whether storefront or non-storefront (delivery) within their jurisdiction; and

The Cannabis Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant program aims to provide consumers with reliable market access to regulated, tested cannabis in the legal market, and reduce demand in the illicit market; and

The Cannabis Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant program also seeks to reduce the size of the illicit market and establish sufficient cannabis retail stores statewide to meet existing demand; and

The City of Huntington Beach currently has an explicit prohibition of all commercial cannabis activities; and

The City of Huntington Beach desires to pursue a project that would result in the modification of existing regulations and establish a modern, local cannabis retailer licensing program; and

The City of Huntington Beach commits to and agrees to fully support a planning effort to engage the community, include such input, and endeavor to establish a local cannabis retail licensing program.

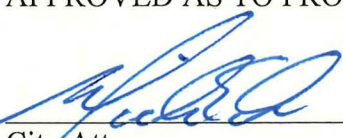
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Direct the Community Development Director or her designee to execute and sign the award, and to approve any necessary amendments and extensions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on _____, 2023.

Mayor


ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FROM:
 CCL

City Attorney

City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

INITIATED AND APPROVED:


Director of Community Development

City Manager