



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: April 14, 2026

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROPOSITION 64 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM, COHORT 4, AND IF AWARDED, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt the resolution approving the submittal of a grant application to the Board of State and Community Corrections Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program, Cohort 4, and if awarded, authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of the funds for the project.

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed grant application requests a total of \$2,814,285 for the grant term covering July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031. Based on the budget attachment, \$2,599,231 is allocated to Public Safety/Enforcement (PPA 1) and \$215,054 is allocated to other eligible purpose areas, including community outreach and youth intervention.

If awarded, the grant funds would be used for project costs including code compliance services, community outreach training and materials, a fire inspector truck, license plate reader cameras, real-time crime support equipment, park cameras, and Police Department access gates. Approval of the recommended action would authorize the application and, if awarded, allow the City to accept and appropriate the grant funds for the project.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Maintain a community where residents and visitors feel safe.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) administers the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program to provide funding to local governments that assist with law enforcement, fire protection, or other local programming addressing the public health and safety impacts of both legal businesses and illicit cannabis operations on communities. BSCC identifies the current funding opportunity as Cohort 4, with the grant cycle beginning July 1, 2026.

The proposed project is intended to strengthen its ability to address cannabis-related public health and safety concerns through a coordinated approach that includes enforcement, inspection, response technology, community outreach, and youth-focused prevention efforts. The project places a substantial emphasis on enforcement-related infrastructure and technology while also funding outreach and prevention-oriented components.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed project takes a comprehensive approach to addressing local impacts associated with unlawful cannabis activity and related public safety concerns. This includes funding for code compliance services, community outreach training for staff, a fire inspector truck, license plate reader cameras, real-time crime supportive equipment, community outreach items, park cameras, and Police Department access gates.

The largest portion of the request is directed toward enforcement and public safety infrastructure. These proposed investments are intended to improve the City's ability to detect, deter, investigate, and respond to unlawful activity through expanded camera coverage, license plate reader technology, improved access control, and equipment for real-time crime response. The project also includes contracted code compliance support during the grant period to assist with inspections of legal cannabis operations in the City, as stipulated in the businesses' conditional use permits.

In addition to enforcement-related improvements, the project includes community outreach and prevention components. These items are intended to support public education, youth engagement, drug prevention messaging, and stronger community awareness regarding cannabis-related health and safety risks. This combined enforcement-and-outreach approach is consistent with BSCC's stated purpose for the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program, which supports local law

enforcement, fire protection, and other programming aimed at addressing illicit cannabis impacts on communities.

If awarded, the funding would expand the City's operational capacity in areas tied directly to public safety, nuisance abatement, prevention, and community engagement, particularly with La Mesa's youth.

CONCLUSION:

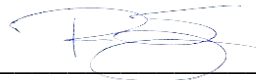
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution affirming the submittal of a grant application to the BSCC Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program, Cohort 4, and if awarded, authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of the funds for the project.

Reviewed by:



Greg Humora
City Manager

Respectfully submitted by:



Ray Sweeney
Chief of Police

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. BSCC Prop 64 Grant Application
- C. Project Budget & Narrative