



## Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel

Meeting #14: Monday, January 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
Deschutes Services Building, Allen Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend

### MEETING FORMAT

The Cannabis Advisory Panel will conduct this meeting virtually and be available for those that want to attend in person. Members of the public may listen, view, and/or participate in this meeting using Zoom. Using Zoom is free of charge.

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TOPIC	DESIRED OUTCOME
<b>1. Introductions</b>	Welcome attendees
<b>2. Approval of October 28, 2024, Minutes</b> <i>See Packet: Draft minutes</i>	Approve Minutes
<b>3. Presentation on Cannabis Tax Revenue: Mid-Year Updates from Departments who Received Funds in FY '25 and Proposals from County Departments Requesting Funds for FY '26</b> Each department will have 5 minutes to provide a mid-year update on funds received and 10 minutes to present proposal on funds requested followed by 5 minutes for Q & A with CAP members. Order of presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Development</li><li>• Community Justice</li><li>• Sherriff's Department</li><li>• Health Services (<b>Proposal only</b>)</li></ul>	Information and discussion <i>75 minutes</i>
<b>4. CAP discussion and determination for budget recommendations</b>	Information <i>40 minutes</i>

TOPIC	DESIRED OUTCOME
<b>5. Public Comments</b> Members of the public are welcome at every CAP meeting. Each person's time will be limited to allow time for everyone who wishes to speak. In addition, written comments will be accepted at any time.	Opportunity to hear from members of the public who are present.
<b>6. Next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for April 21, 2025 @ 6pm.</li> <li>Potential agenda topics</li> </ul>	Placeholders for the April 2025 agenda
<b>Wrap up and Adjourn</b>	

## Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP) Board Order

On October 6, 2021, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners appointed 8-members to the Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP) by adopting Order 2021-045. The Board appointed the CAP to meet quarterly and provide at least three recommendations:

1. The use of moneys transferred to the county under ORS 475B.759;
2. Increases in public safety measures related to marijuana use and marijuana entitles in the county; and
3. Issues presented by the production, processing, wholesaling and distribution of marijuana in the unincorporated area subject to the jurisdiction of the county.



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## Minutes Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel

Meeting #13: Monday, October 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

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This meeting was conducted in person and by video. It was video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website [www.deschutes.org/meetings](http://www.deschutes.org/meetings).

### I. Introductions / Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP) Chair Liz Lotochinski. Present in person: Jen Patterson, Deschutes County Strategic Initiatives Manager; Jess Neuwirth, Supervisor, Deschutes County Public Health and Prevention; Liz Lotochinski; Mary Fleischmann; Jeremy Giffin, Oregon Water Resources Department, Watermaster; Caroyn Sufit, Oregon Water Resources Department, Region Manager; Gary Bracelin; Hunter Neubauer; Andrew Aasen; Detective Dustin Miller, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Detective Tony Ramos, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Present on Zoom: Anne Linton, MD, Psychiatrist Deschutes County Behavioral Health

### II. Approval of July 22, 2024, Minutes

Mary Fleischman moved to approve the minutes. Hunter Neubauer seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

### III. Presentation from Health Services on Substance Abuse Trends in Deschutes County

Jess Neuwirth shared a presentation on Cannabis use trends in the US and Deschutes County, the presentation can be located in the October 28, 2024, meeting packet. The methodology used to analyze trends changed during COVID as the data used to be collected in person.

In-school surveys indicate that Oregon youth use cannabis at a higher rate than the US average although Jess cautioned on varying interpretations of this data. 58.8% of Deschutes County 11<sup>th</sup> graders have NEVER tried cannabis but they are more likely than their peers in Oregon to use cannabis. The pronounced difference increases as youth get older. Additionally, Deschutes County 11<sup>th</sup> graders are more likely than their peers in Oregon to use any substance including binge drinking, tobacco, alcohol, and cannabis.

Only 40% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders perceived a risk of harm if they used cannabis regularly. Of those that have tried cannabis, 9.6% tried it before age 13. 71% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders perceived a risk of harm if they ever used vapes.

Public Health is continuing their education campaign as well as a seven strategy approach for community level engagement. The Public Health education campaign had a very successful rate of outreach to targeted audience members; between March and September 2024, 8,972

households have been reached, of which 63% were priority audiences, and, on average, each audience member had 11 ad views with a 90% video completion rate. The purpose of the campaign is to direct audience to more resources and the data is showing that is happening; 5,455 visits to the website were registered of which 4,691 came directly from the PSAs.

Liz Lotochinski requested to see the in-school survey that is given to Deschutes County youth; Jen Patterson will email both presentations and other reference materials to the CAP within the week.

Anne Linton shared a presentation on Cannabis use and mental health including emerging medical information, the presentation can be located in the October 28, 2024, meeting packet. The County's medical use system makes it very difficult to track cannabis use; Anne surveyed relevant Behavioral Health staff to include anecdotal information in her presentation.

## **VI. Public Comments**

No public comments

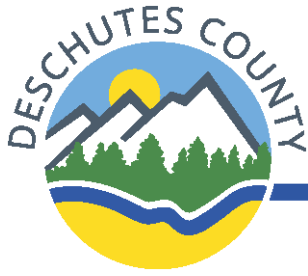
## **VII. Next Steps**

Next meeting topics will include a mid-year update from departments who received cannabis tax revenue funds and budget requests and presentations from departments seeking FY '26 cannabis tax revenue funds. The next meeting will take place January 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Allen Room.

## **VIII. Wrap up and Adjourn**

Chair Liz Lotochinski adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager,  
Deschutes County Administrative Services



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel  
Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager

**FROM:** Angie Havniear, Administrative Manager  
Peter Gutowsky, CDD Director

**DATE:** December 27, 2024

**SUBJECT:** FY 25-26 Annual Marijuana Revenue / Proposal

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### I. PROPOSAL

The Community Development Department (CDD) respectfully requests \$20,000 to help offset the cost of enforcing illegal marijuana operations in rural Deschutes County. Funding will enable the department to continue:

- Prioritizing marijuana related complaints;<sup>1</sup> and
- Responding to Sheriff Office (DCSO) data requests for marijuana investigations.

### II. MARIJUANA RELATED CASES

This fiscal year, the Code Enforcement Section, in collaboration with DCSO, investigated three properties with eight total violations. Each property revealed multiple violations of Deschutes County Code (DCC), including but not limited to: DCC 15.04.010, Work without Permits; DCC 13.08.010, Non-Approved Disposal; DCC 13.36.010 Nuisance- Solid Waste; and DCC 18.116.095, RV Occupancy. To date all Marijuana, RV Occupancy and Non-Approved Disposal violations have been brought into compliance. All other violations remain in the enforcement process.

Staff also prioritize data requests from DCSO to assist other aspects of their marijuana investigations.

### III. COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Similar to last year, a \$20,000 contribution will enhance CDD's Code Enforcement program. Code enforcement specialists will prioritize marijuana related cases which bolsters our partnership with DCSO. It also assures the community that public, health, and safety issues involving illegal marijuana operations are diligently addressed.

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<sup>1</sup> The Code Enforcement Section manages hundreds of complaints on an annual basis. Currently, there are approximately 360 complaints yet to be assigned to a code enforcement specialist due to the department's budgetary limitations.

# **Deschutes County Community Justice**

## **Cannabis Advisory Panel Grant Request for FY 2025**

### **Narrative:**

Funds will be used to provide substance use prevention and treatment services specifically for justice-involved youth and their families who are unable to receive timely services elsewhere in the community. Treatment services will be provided by our expert behavioral health clinicians, who are embedded in Juvenile Community Justice and have a long-standing history of delivering dual diagnosis treatment services to justice-involved youth. These funds will cover services that, without funding, we would be unable to provide. These services include substance use screening and assessment, education on the risks of underage cannabis use, peer counseling and support, and harm reduction services. For justice-involved youth who meet further criteria for substance use disorder services, those services will include low-barrier substance use disorder treatment, including individual and family therapy for youth and their families. All our therapists are trained in family therapy and will utilize these techniques to work directly with the youth and their family in conjunction with the substance use prevention/treatment. Research shows that family therapy in conjunction with substance use prevention/treatment has greater outcomes in terms of impacting the youth behavior around substance use and leads to more long-lasting behavior change. The therapist can also work directly with the family around positive communication skills and supports for the youth's substance use treatment plan. All services provided by our behavioral health clinicians are culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and respectful of the individual and family receiving care. This comprehensive approach not only addresses the immediate needs of justice-involved youth but also promotes long-term positive changes in both youth behavior and family dynamics, contributing to a cycle of improved mental health, better family functioning, and reduced future justice system involvement.

Currently, Deschutes County Community Justice is still working with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Pacific Source to become an approved Medicaid/OHP biller. We anticipate that approval will take an additional 6-9 months. In the meantime, these funds will enable us to begin the pilot and implement these services while awaiting the ability to bill OHP. Previous funding from the Cannabis Advisory Panel grants has supported some of this ongoing effort. We are also actively seeking additional funding sources to further support and enhance these initiatives.

### **Total Requested Amount:**

- Funds to cover .33 FTE of one of our behavioral health specialists (BHS II). Our team consists of three BHS II who provide direct services to youth and a clinical supervisor.
  - \$50,000.00

### **Desired Outcomes:**

- Lower recidivism rates: Youth referred for substance use prevention and treatment experience reduced rates of reoffending and less frequent involvement in the justice system.
- Prevention of further escalation: Early intervention and treatment help prevent deeper justice system involvement, reducing the likelihood of future criminal behavior and more serious charges.

- All services are delivered in a trauma-informed and culturally responsive manner, ensuring that the unique needs of each youth and their family are understood and respected. Clinicians provide care that acknowledges and addresses past trauma, while fostering a supportive environment for healing and growth.

**Expected Impacts:**

- By addressing substance use and providing early intervention services, we expect a measurable reduction in criminal behavior among youth in Deschutes County.
- Targeted treatment and prevention strategies will reduce the likelihood of justice-involved youth engaging in criminal activities, leading to safer communities. Lower recidivism rates will contribute to a decline in repeat offenses, further decreasing overall crime in the area.
- Reduced underage cannabis use will not only improve individual health outcomes but also positively impact academic performance and family dynamics.
- Improved coping skills: Youth and families develop effective strategies for managing triggers related to cannabis use which could include:
  - Substance use cravings and relapse prevention
  - Family conflict and stress
  - Negative peer influence and peer pressure
- Strengthened family relationships: Programs support better understanding and communication, leading to healthier and more supportive family environments.
- Increased communication skills: Youth and family members develop stronger communication skills, enabling them to express themselves clearly and resolve conflicts more effectively.

Thank you for your consideration and previous funds you have provided to Community Justice.

**Presenters:**

- Sonya Littledeer-Evans
- Amy Nortrom

Hello Jen Patterson and the Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP),

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding from the Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP) for the year of 2025.

I believe the funds given to the office in 2023 were \$94,000 and 2024 were \$100,000. This was to cover the 9% increase from FY 24 to FY 25.

The Deschutes County Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement (DCIMME) Team is currently working off a Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) grant through the State of Oregon. This grant ends at the end of December 2025. This grant covers the salary of our analyst, two detectives and a partial sergeant position. It also covers some training and equipment expenses.

When our marijuana cases require search warrants, we need a lot of extra manpower to include the use of our SWAT Team. A basic marijuana search warrant requires at a minimum, 12-20 people. Some of our larger scale locations can take up to 60 people to complete. On average these operations take anywhere from 6-10 hours to complete on the day of the search warrant. Our office has been absorbing the large expense of overtime and logistics it takes to complete these search warrants because these items are not covered in the grant we are operating under.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office has been grateful for the support we have received from the Cannabis Advisory Panel and the County Commissioners. We would like to request the same amount of funding as last year to continue to provide these services to our community.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Detective Dustin Miller





# MEMO

## HEALTH SERVICES

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To: Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel  
From: Jess Neuwirth, Substance Misuse and Problem Gambling Supervisor  
Date: January 7, 2025  
Re: FY25 -26 Marijuana Tax Revenue proposal

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Health Services is committed to supporting parent-child conversations in order to prevent adolescent substance use. Studies show that parents are a large influence on whether or not their child uses cannabis or other drugs before the age of 21. We know that youth who use cannabis before the age of 18, are four to seven times more likely to develop cannabis use disorder later in life because of the changes to the structure and function of the developing brain. Substance use and mental health concerns are often co-occurring among youth and share many of the same risk and protective factors.

To work toward supporting parent-child conversations to prevent adolescent substance use, we would like to request \$60,000 of Marijuana Tax Revenue to continue paid media advertising and expand to include targeted promotion of resources. Overall, our proposal goal is to increase the number of adults talking to their kids about cannabis, other substances, and mental health. With prior Marijuana Tax Revenue allocations, Health Services has been able to develop and promote four Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), focused on encouraging parent and child conversations, and connecting parents to related resources.

If funding were approved, Health Services would use \$30,000 to continue advertising both English and Spanish PSAs on several different media platforms using marketing research to target channels most viewed by parents. An additional \$30,000 would be used to expand the available resources for parents and guardians to use, including increasing access to substance misuse prevention toolkits, embedding resources in school communications, and directly with family-serving agencies (e.g. parks and recreation districts, libraries, etc.). Aligning mental health and adolescent substance use prevention and intervention strategies like shared messaging for parents can foster a comprehensive approach to youth wellness. Most of the substance use that begins in adolescence has direct association with a mental health concern (e.g. anxiety, stress, depression, etc.). By enhancing shared protective factors, like parental monitoring, healthy standards for behavior, and positive rewards, we can better support youth at-risk.

We sincerely appreciate prior receipt of funds for this project and the opportunity to request additional resources for Fiscal Year 26. These dollars are directly supporting adolescent drug prevention in Deschutes County. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.