Purpose

The intent of this program is to assist local governments who do not levy a tax or allow the sale of retail marijuana within their jurisdiction but who are experiencing an impact due to the retail sale of marijuana in neighboring local governments.

The program currently has $1 million to grant annually.
Priorities

Priority will be given to a local government that intends to use the money for one or more of the following purposes:

1.) To pay for additional law enforcement activities related to retail or illegal activity related to marijuana, including costs associated with increased arrests, increased traffic violations, and prevention of out-of-state diversions and trafficking of marijuana;
2.) To fund youth services, especially those that prevent the use of marijuana;
3.) To mitigate other impacts that the cultivation, testing, sale, consumption, or regulation of retail marijuana has on services provided by an eligible local government.
Eligibility

Counties and Municipalities only.

A local government that does NOT impose, levy, or collect ANY tax on retail marijuana.

A local government that does NOT impose, levy, or collect ANY tax on the occupation or privilege of selling retail marijuana.
Eligibility

For Counties:

Is a county that does not have any sales of retail marijuana within its unincorporated areas; AND

Has at least one (1) municipality within the county boundaries that has actual sales of retail marijuana within the municipality’s boundaries; OR

Is contiguous with a county that has actual sales of retail marijuana anywhere within the county boundaries.
Eligibility

For Municipalities:

Is a municipality that does not have any sales of retail marijuana within its boundaries; AND

Is within a county that allows sales of retail marijuana within the county’s unincorporated areas; OR

Is within a county that has within the county’s boundaries at least one (1) other municipality that has actual sales of retail marijuana within the municipality’s boundaries; OR

Is within a county that is contiguous with another county that has actual sales of retail marijuana anywhere within the county’s boundaries.
Application Information

The grant is a 2 part application:

1.) what was the financial impact on the local government due to retail sales of marijuana in neighboring jurisdictions, and

2.) what service will be provided with the grant dollars to mitigate the impact.
Application Information

The application is completed online through the MJ website.

Important dates:
- May 2, 2016 - Applications due to DOLA
- June 30, 2016 - Award letters sent out
Web link and Statute

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola/marijuana-impact-grant-program

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