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Introduction

In August 2025, the Mendocino Cannabis Department (“MCD”) reviewed and granted local authorization for 14 active Cannabis Cultivation Business License (“CCBL”) applications. In addition, the Department executed one (1) Local Equity Entrepreneurial Program (“LEEP”) direct grant agreement with a local cannabis business operator, distributing \$48,000 to the qualified equity applicant.

Below are several key accomplishments of MCD in August 2025:

- Issued and renewed approximately 92,000 square feet (2.11 acres) of commercial cannabis cultivation.
- Published the [Mendocino County Cannabis Equity Assessment](#) update.
- Completed 9 physical inspections of proposed or existing CCBL sites.

Department Fiscal Updates

- The Department collected 19 fees, totaling \$19,863.
- Fee revenue helps offset staff time dedicated to specific, fee-related tasks.
- Staff time is allocated based on time studies conducted for each individual task.
- MCD is reviewing current costs for a fee schedule update, with Board consideration anticipated in September.

For more information on MCD’s Monthly Activity, please click [HERE](#).

I. Effective County Government Organization

- The Department began conducting Priority Inspections in May and will visit 5% of all CCBL sites enrolled in the program by the end of the cultivation season. This effort ensures onsite compliance for all licensed operators.

II. A Safe and Healthy County

- In March 2024, updates to the Mendocino Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance authorized the Department to grant an additional one-year extension to the term of a Compliance Plan, provided the CCBL holder demonstrates good faith efforts toward achieving full compliance. In June 2025, MCD began contacting licensees who were issued with a Compliance Plan to ensure they were on track with completing all items as outlined in Exhibit A of their plan. As of August 2025, the Department has sent 156 reminders.

III. A Thriving Economy

- 581 annual licenses have been issued at the State level, only 10 provisional licenses remain.
- MCD’s current LEEP grant provides up to \$50,000 in funding for business expenses to support eligible cannabis businesses. This grant program is currently in progress, and the Department anticipates being able to fund one additional direct grant to an applicant already in the direct grant queue with the current round of funding.