

2014 RES-351

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CANNABIS ENFORCEMENT AND SUPPRESSION EFFORT (CEASE) PROGRAM**

Marijuana is the only major drug of abuse grown within U.S. borders. The federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is aggressively striving to halt the spread of cannabis cultivation in the United States. To halt the spread of marijuana cultivation in the United States, the DEA has initiated the domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Effort (CEASE) Program, a nationwide grant program that exclusively targets marijuana.

Dane County Sheriff's Office is an active member agency involved in the CEASE Program, a law enforcement initiative directed at the reduction of cultivated and non-cultivated marijuana throughout the State of Wisconsin and provides financial support to state and local law enforcement agencies to curb marijuana cultivation, distribution and use.

The primary goal of the CEASE Program is to augment local law enforcement efforts in locating indoor and outdoor marijuana grow operations and arrest those responsible. The CEASE Program also provides support for the eradication of non-cultivated, wild marijuana.

The CEASE Program compiles statewide statistics, intelligence data and distributes funds to be used for the investigation and eradication of domestic marijuana grows. Reports on CEASE activity are prepared and forwarded to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and law enforcement throughout Wisconsin.

The CEASE Program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) will reimburse the Sheriff's Office, Drug Task Force for overtime expenses, supplies, and equipment related to the seizure of cultivated marijuana in Dane County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize acceptance of \$5,000 in grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, for the CEASE Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$5,000 is set up in the Sheriff's Office revenue account line SHRFFLD 80537, CEASE Grant Revenue, and is credited to the General Fund.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that \$5,000 is transferred from the General Fund to the Sheriff's Office expense account line SHRFFLD 30544, CEASE Grant Expense.