



Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel

Meeting #19: Monday, January 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Deschutes Services Building, Allen Room (2nd Floor), 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend

MEETING FORMAT

The Cannabis Advisory Panel will conduct this meeting in person with an option to join virtually.

To join the meeting via Zoom from a computer, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86922528714?pwd=f9c5PONYnh3QbdPVbwMWgtNgUOxOjd.1>

Meeting ID: 869 2252 8714 followed by the passcode: 152083.

TOPIC	DESIRED OUTCOME
1. Introductions	Welcome attendees
2. Approval of October 20, 2025, Minutes <i>See Packet: Draft minutes</i>	Approve Minutes
3. Presentation on Cannabis Tax Revenue: Mid-Year Updates from Departments who Received Funds in FY '26 and Proposals from County Departments Requesting Funds for FY '27 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">• Community Development• Community Justice• Health Services• Sherriff's Department	Information and discussion <i>80 minutes</i>
4. CAP discussion and determination for budget recommendations	Information <i>30 minutes</i>

5. Committee Chair Update	Information and discussion <i>10 minutes</i>
6. Public Comments 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.
7. Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2025 @ 6pm. b. Potential agenda topics 	Placeholders for the April 2025 agenda
Wrap up and Adjourn	



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Minutes

Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel

Meeting #16: Monday, October 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Only

This meeting was conducted by video. It was video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website www.deschutes.org/meetings.

I. Introductions / Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Cannabis Advisory Panel Chair Liz Lotochinski. Present online: Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Liz Lotochinski; Mary Fleischmann; Hunter Neubauer; Jeremy Giffin; Andrew Aasen; Matt Hurt; Tony Ramos; and Carolyn Sufit.

II. Approval of July 14, 2025, Minutes

Mary Fleischmann moved to approve the minutes. Andrew Aasen seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Next Steps

The Chair noted that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 19 at 6:00 p.m. During the discussion, participants observed that January 19 falls on the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday and staff confirmed the federal holiday status.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments

VI. Wrap up and Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. The Advisory Panel tentatively agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, January 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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 29, 2025

SUBJECT: FY 26-27 Annual Marijuana Revenue / Proposal

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;¹ 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 four new 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. In addition to the new cases, Code Enforcement staff continued to manage five properties from previous years in a continuation of enforcement action including: Administrative Hearings conducted, findings of violations with civil penalties imposed, and coordination with County Legal and Circuit Court awaiting civil forfeiture of the property.

Staff also prioritize data requests from DCSO to assist other aspects of their marijuana investigations. For example, CDD will confirm whether electrical permits have been issued and their intended amperage. If the amperage shows unusually high electricity rates, DCSO can use that information with other observations as a basis for requesting a warrant from Circuit Court.

¹ The Code Enforcement Section manages hundreds of complaints on an annual basis. Currently, there are approximately 628 violations yet to be assigned to a code enforcement specialist.

III. COMMUNITY IMPACTS

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

Deschutes County Community Justice

Cannabis Advisory Panel Grant Request for FY 2027

Narrative:

We are seeking additional funding for FY 27 from the Cannabis Advisory Panel to support substance use disorder (SUD) programs for justice-involved youth and their families, addressing community service gaps. We have greatly appreciated the previous support from the panel towards implementing our program and to pursue Oregon Health Plan (OHP) reimbursement. Our behavioral health clinicians, embedded in Juvenile Community Justice, are equipped to deliver dual diagnosis treatment. Comprehensive services include substance use screening and assessment, education on the risks of underage cannabis use, peer counseling, harm reduction services, and low-barrier SUD treatment, incorporating family therapy for enhanced outcomes.

Our family-centered approach is rooted in evidence-based practices to ensure improved youth behavior and lasting change. By fostering positive communication skills and providing family support, we enhance treatment efficacy. All services offered by our clinicians are culturally responsive and trauma-informed, ensuring respectful care that meets diverse needs. This comprehensive strategy not only addresses immediate needs but also fosters long-term benefits, promoting improved mental health, better family functioning, and reduced future justice system involvement.

To achieve these goals, we will allocate funds to support staff involved in service provision and program planning. We will also continue our efforts to establish an OHP billing process, directing any remaining funds toward non-reimbursable services such as administrative tasks, essential software, incentives, and direct services. These steps reflect our commitment to enhancing community SUD services through targeted, culturally responsive, and compassionate care.

Total Requested Amount:

- Funds to cover staff time, software and administration to establish OHP billing.
 - \$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.
- Establish a robust billing process for juvenile Substance Use Disorder (SUD) outpatient treatment services to secure federal funding, reducing dependency on county general funds.

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.
- Access to federal funds reduces reliance on county general funds, allowing reallocation of resources to other critical areas.
- Operational efficiency due to implementing billing systems and staff training that improves efficiency and accuracy in billing
- Data-driven decisions: Financial analytics from billing data support strategic planning and decision making.

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

Presenters:

- Sonya Littledeer-Evans
- Amy Nortrom
- Trevor Stephens



MEMO

HEALTH SERVICES

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To: Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel
From: Jess Neuwirth, Substance Misuse and Problem Gambling Supervisor
Date: January 5, 2026
Re: FY27 Marijuana Tax Revenue proposal

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 that begins in adolescence often has a direct association with a mental health concern (e.g. anxiety, stress, depression, etc.). Addressing shared protective factors such as parent-child connection and parental skills is needed to prevent and reduce the co-occurrence of adolescent substance misuse and poor mental health.

Our proposal goal is to increase the number of adults talking to their kids about cannabis, other substances, and mental health. 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 maintain parent-focused promotion of resources. With prior Marijuana Tax Revenue allocations, Health Services has been able to develop and promote multiple Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), focused on encouraging parent and child conversations and connecting parents to related resources. This past year, Health Services has expanded the outreach and skill-building of both English- and Spanish-speaking parents to equip families with much needed skills and 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 maintain the available resources for parents and guardians, 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.). Resources are aligned with both mental health and adolescent substance use prevention strategies to foster a comprehensive approach to youth health. By enhancing shared protective factors, like parental monitoring, healthy standards for behavior, and connection, we can better support youth at-risk for substance misuse and mental health concerns.

We sincerely appreciate prior receipt of funds for this project and the opportunity to request additional resources for Fiscal Year 27. These dollars are directly supporting adolescent drug prevention in Deschutes County. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.



For the past several years, DCIMME has been mostly funded by CJC grant money. The grant money does not cover the cost of additional personnel and/or OT for search warrants. It also does not cover unexpected supply needs. The CAP money has been instrumental in bridging that gap.

The funding scenario for DCIMME moving forward has drastically changed. The DCIMME team was awarded additional grant money for 2025 -2027 which covers the time period of January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. The grant award is \$263,718. This amount will cover one full time detective and limited supplies until February 2027.

In order for the DCIMME team to be successful, at least one full time detective and part-time intel analyst are necessary. DCSO understands the importance of keeping this team together to continue interrupting and dismantling illegal marijuana grows.

The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests \$60,000 based on the instructions we received for CAP funding. This money will help supplement the salary for the part-time analyst. If more funds are available, we would greatly appreciate your consideration.