



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Jaime Aanensen, Director of Public Health

DATE: November 6, 2025

RE: Revised spending proposal for remaining 2018 Marijuana Drug Prevention - Restricted Funding for Early Intervention, Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services

In November 2018, the Board of Commissioners approved the use of state marijuana sales tax revenue for several projects. Some of these projects were not completed or did not fully expend their funding allocation. The leftover restricted funds have remained in the Public Health component of the general fund budget, with a current balance of **\$71,725.89**.

One of the originally approved projects, **DUI Blood Testing Fund**, is still active and the District Attorney's Office intends to utilize the full **\$25,000** allocation. After reserving those funds, the remaining balance available is **\$46,725.89**.

The following proposal outlines a recommended plan to spend the remaining funds consistent with restricted funding requirements.

1. Department of Community Justice - Juvenile

Activity to Fund:

One-time purchase of a transport vehicle

Rationale:

Juvenile often sponsors or transports youth to proactive or prevention programs or activities and treatment. The introduction of proactive activities assists with reducing risk factors that lead to juvenile delinquency. Transportation remains a significant issue for youth in Columbia County. The current vehicles in use are older or unsafe for youth transport due to age and safety concerns. Purchasing a large vehicle with the installation of a safety barrier will allow staff to safely transport youth. Because staff transport youth to various locations around the state, an AWD or 4WD vehicle is preferred.

Funding amount: \$42,195

Timeline: Immediately

Lead staff: Larry Evenson/Stacia Tyacke

Meets funding restriction requirements:

Drug Abuse Prevention, Drug Abuse Early Intervention, Drug Abuse Treatment Services

2. Department of Public Health

Activity to Fund:

One-time contribution to the printing costs of *Community Action Team's 2026 Community Resource Guide*

Rationale:

The *Community Resource Guide* is a comprehensive directory providing information about addiction and recovery resources, community organizations, counseling and mental health, employment and job training, financial counseling, health and wellness, housing, crisis lines, legal and advocacy services, transportation, older adult programs, utilities, veteran services, and volunteer opportunities within Columbia County and surrounding areas.

The guide is a widely used resource for individuals and organizations seeking support and assistance. The Community Action Team has requested help covering annual printing costs, which total approximately \$10,000 for 5,000 copies.

Funding amount: \$4,530.89

Timeline: Immediately

Lead staff: Jaime Aanensen

Meets funding restriction requirements:

Drug Abuse Prevention, Drug Abuse Early Intervention, Drug Abuse Treatment Services

Total Recommended Expenditures: \$46,725.89
