

Table 6**Selected Grantees During the First Year of the Grant Program Made Varying Degrees of Progress Toward Transitioning Provisional Licenses to Annual State Licenses**

GRANTEE	USE OF GRANT FUNDS IN 2022	CONTINUING BARRIERS AND IDENTIFIED ISSUES DURING 2022	NUMBER OF PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS WHO ...	
			... OBTAINED ANNUAL STATE LICENSES IN 2022	... NEED TO TRANSITION TO ANNUAL STATE LICENSES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023
City of Commerce	Salaries and benefits for new and existing employees and contract staff.	The city could not demonstrate that the hours for a contract planner working under a preexisting contract had increased or that it did not use grant funds to supplant existing cannabis funding when paying existing staff.	1	19
County of Humboldt	Staff costs to administer the grant and develop its sub-grant programs.	Humboldt did not distribute funds in 2022 through any of its grant-funded programs. Because the county spent grant funds only on staff costs in 2022, it is unlikely that Humboldt's use of grant funds contributed significantly to the percentage of provisional license holders that obtained annual state licenses.	248	597
County of Lake	Environmental contractor to assist with CEQA documentation review and planning services.	Lake's contractor assisted with its backlog of permit applications. However, the county put the contractor's work on hold because the quality of the contractor's work was not meeting the county's expectations. The county hired and trained new planning staff, and at the current rate, most of its provisional license holders will obtain annual state licenses by 2026.	53	171
City of Los Angeles	Salaries and benefits of new city employees in the cannabis regulation department.*	The city says that none of its provisional licenses transitioned to annual state licenses because its ordinance was written under the assumption that a business would obtain an annual state license before it received a local permit. Ultimately, the city had to revise its process so that a business could obtain a local permit first, but the city's application process was held up until the city council amended its local commercial cannabis ordinance, which it did in June 2023.	1	1,177
City of Santa Rosa	Staff costs for a limited-term senior planner.	The city established a position to provide assistance to commercial cannabis businesses for completing the permitting and licensing process. However, work for this position did not commence until August 2022.	9	52
County of Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant to improve processing speed of CEQA analyses. • Legal support and public notifications. 	The county stated that it continues to face challenges related to delays in technical aspects of its permitting process, including environmental reviews.	3	296

Source: Grantees' financial management systems, DCC's licensing data, grant agreements, and interviews with grantee staff.

* Los Angeles had not attributed these costs to the Grant Program as of October 2023.