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Thanks for your hard work on the budget.

I was reviewing the current year budget, and noticed that Cannabis Licensing (Business Unit 18/40/00) appears to require General fund contributions of \$500K for the year. As I am reading the budget, revenues from fees are \$353K and costs of operations are \$852K.

It seems like the fees should be immediately increased, or reduce the staff so it becomes "breakeven" at the very least.

You also might consider increasing the fees to make Cannabis Licensing a profit center, using the funds to support addiction treatment resources.

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