



2011 Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program

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Objective

- History of the Domestic Marijuana Eradication (DME) Program in Florida
- DME Reporting Requirements
- New DME Reimbursement Procedures
- Benefits of Participation in the DME Program
- Program Contact Information

Background

- Prior to 1980, domestically grown marijuana was not recognized as a problem by Florida law enforcement agencies.
- In 1981, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect eradication statistics via the Domestic Marijuana Eradication (DME) Program.
- In 2005, the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement (OALE) joined the program to administer the Outdoor Grow portion of the program, while FDLE maintained administration of the Indoor Grow program.
- In 2008, AgLaw assumed responsibility for coordinating both programs.

Background

- The DME Program has three primary objectives:
 - Collect marijuana eradication statistical information for the State of Florida
 - Provide funding to local law enforcement agencies that report data.
 - Provide training in Indoor Grow Investigations, Outdoor Grow Investigations, and Aerial Detection/Spotting Techniques.

Indoor Grow Trends

Total Indoor Marijuana Grow Sites/Plants Eradicated By Year

| YEAR | SITES | PLANTS |
|------|-------|--------|
| 2006 | 511 | 35,439 |
| 2007 | 944 | 74,698 |
| 2008 | 1,022 | 78,489 |
| 2009 | 863 | 55,378 |
| 2010 | 818 | 44,844 |

Outdoor Grow Trends

Total Outdoor Marijuana Grow Sites/Plants Eradicated By Year

| YEAR | SITES | PLANTS |
|------|-------|--------|
| 2006 | 322 | 10,354 |
| 2007 | 263 | 9,116 |
| 2008 | 299 | 16,211 |
| 2009 | 295 | 10,070 |
| 2010 | 321 | 6,522 |

DME Reporting Trends

County Participation By Year

| YEAR | NUMBER OF COUNTIES REPORTING |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2006 | 53 |
| 2007 | 54 |
| 2008 | 55 |
| 2009 | 51 |
| 2010 | 57 |

DME Program Participation

- Submit DME Field Summary for any eradications that have occurred during the calendar year.
- Submit Reimbursement Request with DME Field Summary.
- Reimbursements will be processed until all funding is expended.
- DME Field Summaries for 2010 eradications must be received by 1/10/2012 to count towards 2011 statistics.

DME REIMBURSEMENTS

- Reimbursement Request forms have been revised to capture information required by DEA.
- DME funds must only be expended for operational expenses related to marijuana eradication.
- Equipment purchases (for the year) should not exceed 10% of total DME funds received, unless prior approval by DEA has been given.
- Agencies must indicate how DME funds will be spent by their agency when requesting the funding.

NEW REIMBURSEMENT FORM



FLORIDA'S DOMESTIC MARIJUANA ERADICATION PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR DME INVESTIGATION



This is to advise our agency, _____
(Print name of Sheriff's Office or Police Department)

is requesting reimbursement funding for the following Domestic Marijuana Eradication (DME) Investigation:

- Date(s) of DME Investigation: _____
- Case Number Assigned: _____
- Number of Plants Eradicated During Investigation: _____
- Total Expenditures for DME Investigation: _____
- Amount of Reimbursement Requested: _____
(Based on DME Reimbursement Matrix)

Please be advised, new accounting requirements implemented by DEA require that any DME Reimbursement Funds MUST be utilized in the following manner:

| Category | Description | *Projected Amount to be Expended |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Aircraft – Rental/ Fuel/Lubricants | Rental of aircraft, fuel, lubricants for other than travel status | |
| Equipment** | Includes ATVs, gyro-binoculars, zodiac boats, thermal imagers, GPS, surveillance cameras, motion detection systems, camcorders, eradication equipment and other surveillance equipment | |
| Overtime | OT paid to local agency officers. | |
| PE/PI | Payments made for Purchase of Information or Purchase of Evidence | |
| Training/Supplies/ Materials | Training to help improve performance; supplies and services for Audio Visual & Training supplies | |
| Travel/Per Diem | Travel expenses and per diem for performance of DCE/SP operations or managerial activities. Includes mileage, air fare, and miscellaneous travel items. | |
| Clothing and Protective Gear | Safety equipment, protective clothing, i.e. BDUs, boots and gloves. | |
| Vehicular | Rental of vehicle for other than travel status. | |

* Please indicate in Column Three above the amount of reimbursement funds you expect to expend in the associated category(ies).

** Equipment purchases should not exceed 10% of the annual total of reimbursed funds. Any exemptions require DEA Headquarters approval. Please contact Judith Ivester for additional information.

Appropriate Expenditures

Aviation Rentals/Fuel/Lubricants

Building and Space Rental

Investigative Equipment – Non-Capitalized

Miscellaneous Commercial Contracts

Overtime

Payments for Information/Purchase of Evidence

Training Courses

Travel/Per Diem

Uniform/Clothing/Protective Gear

Motor Vehicle Rentals

Supplies/Materials

Inappropriate Expenditures

Standard Police Equipment

Weapons

Body Armor

Web Gear

Tires for Police Vehicles

Cellular Telephones/Services

Personnel Salaries

Expenditure Authorization

- Expendable Items:

- \$1-\$300 No approval required
- \$300-\$1,999 DCE/SP Coordinator approval required
- \$2,000+ DCE/SP Coordinator/DEA Headquarters approval required

- Non-Expendable Items:

- \$1-\$500 No approval required
- \$500-\$1,999 DCE/SP Coordinator approval required
- \$2,000+ DCE/SP Coordinator, RAC/ASAC/SAC DEA Headquarters approval required

Benefits of Participation

- Local law enforcement agencies are eligible for funding to offset their marijuana eradication investigation costs.
- Reimbursements are determined by the number of plants eradicated.
- The DME Program also provides training to law enforcement personnel in Indoor Cannabis Investigations, Outdoor Eradication Investigations, and Aerial Detection/Spotting Techniques.
- The training, lodging and meals are provided, at no cost to local agencies.

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Questions?