Request/Question:

Proposition 64 [Adult use of Marijuana Act] mandates that Probation Department provide or contract for countywide drug education programs for youth at various risk/need levels. At the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meeting of 6/1/2018 the below description was provided. The mandate was unfunded. This would seem to be an appropriate use of Cannabis Tax revenue, or other General Fund allocation. What is the annual cost of providing this mandated class?

Santa Barbara County Probation Department
Senate Bill 64 Education Class Plan

1. Purpose
The County of Santa Barbara Probation Department will enter into a single contract for countywide drug education programs for youth of varying risk/need levels to comply with California Senate Bill 64 and the legislation’s requirements of individuals adjudicated for marijuana use. If a countywide contractor is not located the Department will consider a single contract with a provider who has made arrangements with another provider(s) to ensure countywide service delivery.

2. Service Level
Services will be provided for 1) youth under the age of 18 and 2) transitional age youth age 18-20. Youth will be referred by the Court and/or Probation:

Monthly (for possession of not more than 28.5 grams of cannabis, or not more than four grams of concentrated cannabis):
- Four (4.0) hours of drug education or counseling and up to 10 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 60 days – first offense
- Six (6.0) hours of drug education or counseling and up to 20 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 90 days – second and subsequent offense(s)

Locations: Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Santa Barbara; at the Provider’s site.

The Probation Department has not yet entered into discussions with any vendors to provide the class, but estimates the cost should not exceed $50k per year, which absent additional funding, the department would absorb within their $8.8 million Services and Supplies budget object.