You Want To Know... So Florida CAN Asked!





We asked Senator Marco Rubio's Office

"We would like to know if any state has been denied funding for existing programs after the state has legalized medical marijuana or the recreational use of cannabis by adults. "

The Office of Senator Marco Rubio replied with this statement:

The Congressional Research Service provided the response below to your question:

"Whether the existence of state laws legalizing marijuana would affect a state's ability to receive federal grant funding would likely be considered an eligibility restriction. Eligibility provisions are generally found in statutes or in regulations for individual grant programs. At this time, we are not aware of any federal government-wide prohibition on eligibility for federal grant funding based on the existence of state laws of this nature.

We are not aware of any state that has lost funding because of its cannabis laws, but this would be difficult to document. There are cannabis-related consequences for individuals and even organizations but not simply because of the enactment of state laws allowing cannabis. For example, entities that receive a significant amount of federal funding (federal contract of over \$100K) must adhere to the federal Drug-Free Workplaces Act of 1988, which would ban the use of marijuana on those properties."

The idea that programs will lose federal funding if a state liberalizes marijuana laws has become an urban myth used by the opposition.

The DFWA of 1988 deals with the use of controlled substances by 'employees'. It states they shall not "contract with an individual unless the individual agrees not to engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the performance of the contract."

Hemp is legal in all 50 states.

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