

Cannabis Defense Coalition Accounting, October 2008

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About the CDC

Cannabis Defense Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit member cooperative.

Vision. As members of the human community, we share a vision of a peaceful world based on compassion and understanding, one that celebrates art, diversity and liberty, built atop democratic, people-powered institutions.

Mission. Cannabis Defense Coalition is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization devoted to reducing the harms associated with drug use. We advocate sensible, science-based drug policy, and for the health, safety and civil liberties of individuals and communities affected by drugs.

Accounting policies

The Cannabis Defense Coalition believes in thorough and open financial accounting. It is our intent to not only run a tight financial ship, but to publicly disperse (non-personal) information and analysis about our finances.

The CDC is effectively "fund based." We have a single "general fund," in which we place membership dues and general donations. Most projects we run get their own (on-paper) "account," and we attempt to fundraise for that project separate from other projects. The board may vote to transfer general fund monies to a specific project. If a CDC project can be funded, it will most likely happen. If it can not be funded, it will not happen.


Membership and general fund

As of October 16, 2008, eleven members have paid their \$40 membership dues for 2008. The general fund balance is \$440.61. (The sixty-one cents is earned interest.)

2008 projects

Cannabis Congress: On April 20, 2008, CDC hosted a meeting at the downtown Seattle library to discuss the state of medical marijuana in Washington State.

Project income was \$475; cost was \$449.39 including \$0 in general funds; and **balance was \$25.61**. A total of **38 volunteer labor hours** were contributed to this project.



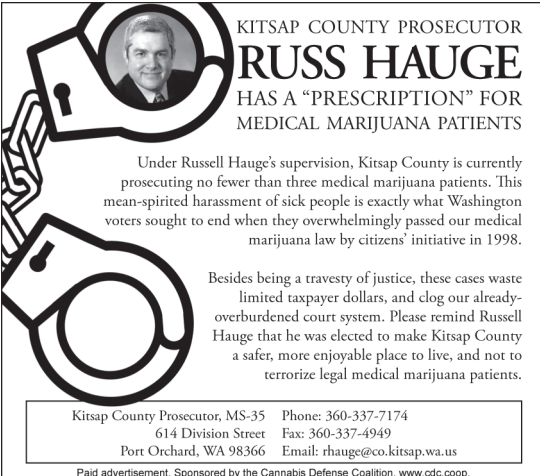
**STOP
ARRESTING
MEDICAL
MARIJUANA
PATIENTS**

**CANNABIS CONGRESS
APRIL 20, 2-4 PM
SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
DOWNTOWN BRANCH, 4TH FLOOR**

A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE EVERGREEN STATE; THE BLIND EYES MANY POLICE, PROSECUTORS, AND JUDGES TURN TOWARD RCW 69.51A, OUR STATE'S VOTER-ENACTED MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW; ISSUES RELATED TO SECTION 8 HOUSING, VETERANS, AND THE CONFLICT BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.

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Kitsap Prosecutor Ad: Kitsap County has been erroneously and egregiously prosecuting numerous medical marijuana patients. In response, we placed an advertisement in the Sunday, May 4, 2008 edition of the Kitsap Sun. The ad states: "Kitsap County Prosecutor Russ Hauge has a prescription for medical marijuana patients." To the left of that is an image of handcuffs, with Russ Hauge's picture inside one of the cuffs.



**KITSAP COUNTY PROSECUTOR
RUSS HAUGE
HAS A "PRESCRIPTION" FOR
MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS**

Under Russell Hauge's supervision, Kitsap County is currently prosecuting no fewer than three medical marijuana patients. This mean-spirited harassment of sick people is exactly what Washington voters sought to end when they overwhelmingly passed our medical marijuana law by citizens' initiative in 1998.

Besides being a travesty of justice, these cases waste limited taxpayer dollars, and clog our already-overburdened court system. Please remind Russell Hauge that he was elected to make Kitsap County a safer, more enjoyable place to live, and not to terrorize legal medical marijuana patients.

Kitsap County Prosecutor, MS-35 Phone: 360-337-7174
614 Division Street Fax: 360-337-4949
Port Orchard, WA 98366 Email: rhauge@co.kitsap.wa.us

Paid advertisement. Sponsored by the Cannabis Defense Coalition, www.cdc.coop.

Project income was \$484.39; cost was \$510 including \$25.61 in general funds; and **balance was \$0**. A total of **5 volunteer labor hours** were contributed to this project.

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Washington State Potline: In response to the continued arrest and prosecution of medical marijuana patients in our state, the CDC set up a toll-free statewide hotline to report medical marijuana arrests. The "Potline" has information about medical marijuana law, upcoming activist events, and an attorney referral service. VOIP-enabled volunteers staff the hotline from 10-6 Monday through Friday.

**REPORT MEDICAL
MARIJUANA ARRESTS
888-208-5332
WASHINGTON STATE POTLINE
CANNABIS DEFENSE COALITION, WWW.CDC.COOP.**

This project is ongoing. Project income is \$48; costs thus far are \$48 including \$0 in general funds; and **balance is \$0**. A total of **50 volunteer labor hours** have been contributed to this project.

Courtroom legal observation: One of the CDC's main priorities is to get regular folks to medical marijuana trials to participate in one of the most critical, and simplest forms of activism known to humanity: the act of bearing witness.

At this point, this project has cost nothing. We are also routinely failing to find volunteers who are able to attend trials, which happen about once every two weeks. Members and other donors have indicated a willingness to pledge money to this project on a monthly basis. It seems likely we can readily secure pledges totaling \$100-300 per month to provide gas money, stipends, or whatever else we need to reach our project goals.

Potential projects

More details on these projects (and more) can be found on the www.cdc.coop wiki, under "Projects".

- Potline Business Cards. Community outreach, public presence. Cost \$100-500.
- Medical Marijuana Tenth Anniversary Party. Celebrate I-692 this December. Cost \$2,000-8,000.
- Stop Arresting Signs and Stickers. Cannabis normalization and desensitization, public presence. Cost \$500.
- Display Ad: West Coast Leaf. Public presence, membership outreach. Cost \$150 per issue.
- Classified Ad: Legal Observer. Volunteer outreach, presence, public awareness. Cost \$100 per month.
- Classified Ad: Jury Nullification. Edification, power to the people, presence. Cost \$100 per month.
- Adopt A Highway. Public presence. Cost unknown. More research needed.
- Potline Translation. To make our stuff available to non-english speakers. Cost \$0, just free skilled labor.
- Printing: Shirts: CDC. Because we love t-shirts. Cost \$100-300.
- Printing: Shirts: Nullify! Presence, edification. Cost \$100-200.
- Printing: Donation Envelopes. To look good while raising money. Cost \$200-400.
- Mailing: Prosecutors. Set them straight, start a dialogue. Cost \$100-300.
- Mailing: Public Defenders. Give hope, start a dialogue. Cost \$100-300.
- Mailing: Doctors. Education. Cost \$2,000-5,000.
- Local Initiative Project. To deprioritize marijuana in 1-40 cities. Cost \$1,000-\$20,000.

If you are interested in helping make any of these projects a reality, either with your volunteer labor or money, please contact us! CDC, PO Box 45622, Seattle, WA 98145, 888-208-5332, info@cdc.coop. To join CDC as a voting member, mail in your \$40 annual membership dues. We'd be honored for your support.