

Cannabis Social Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions

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Social Equity Grants Program (GoBiz 6)

- ▶ Purpose: To advance economic justice for individuals harmed by cannabis criminalization and poverty by reducing barriers to entry into the legal, regulated market
- ▶ Term: April 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026
- ▶ Award: \$3,324,052.50

Historical Cannabis Equity Grants

- ▶ Since 2020, OOC has routinely and consistently secured state grant awards, including funding for social equity, permitting, and compliance
- ▶ Disbursed **over \$12 million** in direct grants
- ▶ **Over 95% Utilization Rates**
- ▶ **14 eligible expense categories** (e.g. rent, capital improvements, regulatory fees)
- ▶ **Over 95% of recipients are satisfied** with the program

Current Grant Cycle (GoBiz 5)

- ▶ Currently, OOC is administering its \$1.5 million GoBiz grant award to approx. 40 eligible businesses
- ▶ Eligibility criteria developed with public input and recommendations from the Cannabis Oversight Committee
- ▶ Eligible grantees determined by a set point in time (12/31/2024)
- ▶ Expanded cohort of Grantees that includes all eligible permitted equity businesses
- ▶ Grant award ranges from \$5,000 up to \$69,000 based on eligibility criteria

*Cannabis Oversight Committee recommendations are available on OOC's website

Q&A



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