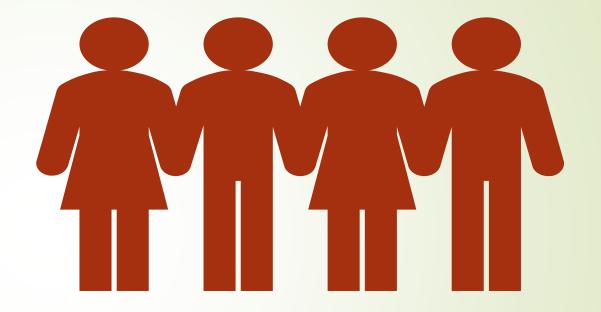


Social Equity Council



RESPONSIBLE AND EQUITABLE REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS

Social Equity Council Public Act 21-1

- Mission: To promote and encourage full participation in the cannabis industry by people disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement, and to support broad-based economic development in those communities.
- SEC Responsibilities:
 - Oversee the verification of social equity applicants,
 - Create new programs to support both cannabis businesses and businesses in other industries,
 - Managing community investments derived from cannabis tax revenue,
 - Work closely with Connecticut agencies, including DECD and DCP, to carry out its duties to open the cannabis industry and reinvest in DIA's.

Social Equity Council Members

Andrea Comer - Council Chairwoman & Deputy Commissioner, DCP

- Marilyn Alverio
- Ramón Arroyo
- Corrie Betts
- Fabian Durango
- Avery Gaddis
- Subira Gordon
- Michael Jefferson, Esq.

- David Lehman Commissioner DECD
- Melissa McCaw Secretary OPM
- Ojala Naeem
- Edwin Shirley
- Dr. Kelli Vallieres Chief Workforce Officer
- Joseph Williams
- Shawn Wooden Treasurer

Social Equity Applicant

Must Meet the SEA Criteria:

> **INCOME**:

Average household income of less than 300% of the state medium household income over the past three tax years, preceding the application. Includes all household members 21 yrs. and older (SMHI in 2021 was approximately \$74,000)

RESIDENCY:

- Disproportionately Impacted Area:
- > (1) Five of the 10 Years Immediately Before Applying for The License, or
- > (2) Nine Years Before Turning Age 18

OWNERSHIP & CONTROL:

> 65% Owned and Controlled by an Individual Qualifying as a SEA

Social Equity Applicant Lottery Application Process

| Lottery/ Non-Lottery Applications: February 3, 2022 LOTTERY: SEA Retailer NON-LOTTERY: 149 SEA Cultivator in DIA Producer/Dispensary Conversion Equity Joint Ventures | 90 Day Application Period for SEA Applications | Non-Lottery SEA Application Reviewed on a rolling basis - appx 30 days after application period opens |
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| SEA Lottery Application Review begins approximately 90 days after the close of the application period | Qualified SEAs Background Check Move to Provisional License | SEA Provisional License Holders Have 14 Months to Get Final Approval & Open For Business |

CANNABIS LICENSES APPLICATIONS

| NON-LOTTERY | | FEBRUARY 3 |
|----------------------|---|-------------|
| RETAILER | 6 | FEBRUARY 3 |
| MICRO-CULTIVAOR | 2 | FEBRUARY 10 |
| DELIVERY SERVICE | 5 | FEBRUARY 17 |
| HYBRID RETAILER | 2 | FEBRUARY 24 |
| FOOD & BEVERAGE | 5 | MARCH 3 |
| PRODUCT MANUFACTURER | 3 | MARCH 10 |
| PRODUCT PACKAGER | 3 | MARCH 17 |
| TRANSPORTER | 2 | MARCH 24 |

SEC LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR SERIES

| WEBINAR | DATE |
|---|---|
| Kickoff and Overview of the Program and Process | February 3 rd recording available on the SEC website |
| Financing your Cannabis Business | February 3 rd & February 8 th recording available on the SEC website |
| Cannabis License Types | February 16 th & 22 nd |
| Application Process | February 23 & March 1 st |
| Required Documents for Application | March 2 nd & 8 th |
| Office Hours: Residency | March 8 th |
| Office Hours: Income | March 15 th |
| Office Hours: Ownership & Control | March 17 th |
| Lottery | TBD |
| Local Zoning | TBD |
| Post-License Operations | TBD |
| Security | TBD |
| Taxation & Taxes | TBD |

Public Act 21-1

| DOES CREATE | DOES NOT PROVIDE |
|--------------|------------------|
| OPPORTUNITY | GAURANTEES |
| JOBS | ENTITLEMENTS |
| REINVESTMENT | PROMISES |

INFORMATION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO:

- Social Equity Council:
- Department of Consumer Protection:

INFORMATION WEBSITES:

- Social Equity Council
- Adult Use Cannabis DCP
- Municipal Cannabis Zoning Updates:

Municipal cannabis zoning changes reported to DCP (ct.gov)

DIA Map:

Disproportionately Impacted Areas, Identified for Public Act 21-1, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis | Connecticut Data

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