



CONNECTICUT SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL

The 2025 Council Market Outlook Working Group

Non-Cannabis Marketplace Subcommittee – Phase 2

Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 10:00 am

Join us virtually on Zoom

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85481527117?pwd=OS0tbVGkjrNf5osZsxBn1EpgByaJK2.1>

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*The SEC Mission is to **promote equitable economic prosperity** by supporting **Social Equity Entrepreneurs** and reinvesting in communities **most impacted** by the war on drugs.*

AGENDA

A. Welcome and Introductions

B. Recap of Phase 1 and Updates

D. Discussion

- **How did you build trust in your own community through your organization?**
- **In what ways have you been able to strengthen reentry pathways?**

E. Questions

F. Closing Remarks and Next Steps