

## Proposed Revisions of Criteria to Qualify Applicants

### Initial Qualifier

**Applicant is not applying for a cultivation license for a premises that exceeds one acre of total canopy for outdoor cultivation, or 22,000 square feet for mixed-light or indoor cultivation**

**Business must be in the unincorporated area of Monterey County**

**In addition to the initial qualifier, applicant meets three (3) of the following criteria**

**Convicted of a non-violent, cannabis-related offense**

**An individual from a historically oppressed group**

**Household income is below the 100% Lower Living Standard Income Level**

**A primary resident of Monterey County for at least five years**

## Proposed Revisions of Benefits for Qualified Applicants

### Technical Assistance

- Provide technical assistance to support establishing and maintaining a commercial cannabis operation, including licensing and compliance.

### Application/Permit Fee Waivers

- Offer waivers for various local permits requirements, including the PLN, CNB, ABL.



### Monterey County Growing Equity Together ("GET") Program\*

### Legal Assistance

- Legal services to advise equity applicants on expungement, business formation, contracts, commercial leasing, and dispute resolution.

### Grant Funding

- Disperse in milestone-based installments.