

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 from 1971 - 2016

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.