



**CANNABIS PROGRAM**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY**

**Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
**October 12, 2021**

# Growing Equity Together (“GET”) Program\*

*\*Working title and logo*



# Proposed 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**

**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 any group with a protected status**

**Household income is below the California poverty level**

**A primary resident of Monterey County for at least five years from 1971 – 2016**

# Proposed Cannabis Program Equity Framework

## **Revolving Loan Program**

- Low or no interest loans

## **Technical Assistance**

- Technical assistance with cannabis-related business

## **Legal Assistance**

- Legal services, including expungement

## **Shared Use Facilities**

- Allow operators to share single licensed premise

## **Application and or Permit Fee Waivers**

- Waivers for local permit/license requirements

## **Retirement, Remediation and Relocation (“RRR”)**

- Allow transfer of development rights

## Proposed steps to implement local equity program

1. Gain approval of Cannabis Program Equity framework including adoption of the Resolution.
2. Identify staff position for equity program, Board of State and Community Corrections grant, and Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program.
3. Begin drafting structure and guidelines for each equity component, if approved.
4. Coordinate and schedule focus groups with stakeholders to ensure we have identified specific systemic barriers and injustices previously faced and how to tailor the equity framework accordingly.
5. Draft and prepare amendments to MCC Chapter 7.90.
6. Identify and coordinate with leading agency for amendments to Titles 20 and 21 regarding RRR.
7. Apply for the GO-Biz Equity Tier-II grant by 12/13/2021.
8. Report back to the Board of Supervisors with a status update.



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**Questions**