



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES

Vermont Social Equity Sub-Committee

Discussion Guide for
10/14/21



SOCIAL EQUITY

SUB-COMMITTEE

- NACB
 - Gina Kranwinkel
 - Geoffrey Gallegos
 - Deneka Scott
 - CCBAC
 - Nader Hashim
 - Ashley Reynolds
 - TJ Donovan
 - Julio Thompson (TJ's designated)
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- State of VT (*in consultation*)
 - Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Diversity
 - Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary – Agency of Commerce and Community Development

- Program Design (*stakeholder engagement plan*)
- Applicant Program Design & Execution
- Ongoing program administration including transferability of Social Equity licenses

MILESTONES

- **OCTOBER 1, 2021**
 - Plan for reducing or eliminating fees for SE applicants
- **OCTOBER 15, 2021**
 - Develop criteria for SE applicants for the purpose of obtaining social equity loans and grants from the Cannabis Business Development Fund
- **NOVEMBER 2021**
 - Meet with the relevant subcommittees of the Advisory Committee and stakeholders to assist in the design of a social equity program

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Cannabis Social Equity Board
- Social Equity Application Approval
- Automatic Expungement
- Reinvestment of cannabis tax revenue to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- Public Comments (in person)

Electronically submitted Public Comments (Summarized)

No comments received electronically

Submit Public Comments to:

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Approval of meeting minutes

- Tuesday, October 12, 2021

AGENDA Item: Cannabis Development Fund

Consider representatives for the
Cannabis Social Equity board

Consideration: Create a Cannabis Social Equity Board

13 members:

- Representative from Disproportionately Impacted Communities who is experienced in community development
- Representative from BIPOC community
- Representative from Opportunity Zones
- Person Incarcerated due to Cannabis
- Social Worker from Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- Educator from Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- Licensed cannabis representatives: retail, processor and cultivator sectors
- Department of Racial, Equity, Diversity
- Agency of Commerce and Community Development
- Member of the Social Equity Caucus
- Member of the Cannabis Control Board

Meeting Notes: Cannabis Social Equity Board should consist of the following:

50% representatives of cannabis impacted groups

25% cannabis industry representatives

25% state representatives

- Should have odd number of members, possibly 13 members
- Geographic Diversity preferred

AGENDA Item: Approval of Social Equity Applications

Who should be part of the process for approving Social Equity applications?

Approval of Social Equity Applications

Recommendation 1	Recommendation 2	Recommendation 3
Cannabis Control Board	Cannabis Social Equity Board	Both Cannabis Control Board & Cannabis Social Equity Board

Application should include, but is not limited to:

- Proof of Residency
- Proof of conviction-court documents, probation documents or Department of correction documents
- Incorporation documents including Articles, Bylaws or Operating Agreement showing ownership
- Description of Social Equity Role and responsibilities in company
- Race/Ethnicity Identity
- Explain how one was harmed by the war on drugs (share your story)
- Number of years residing in Vermont

AGENDA Item: Automatic Expungement

Consider updating the current automatic expungement law

Automatic Expungement

VT Law S. 234 : automatic expungement applies to anything under the following amounts: two ounces of cannabis, 10 grams of hashish, four mature plants, and eight immature plants.

Recommendation 1	Recommendation 2	Recommendation 3	Recommendation 4
Up to 8 ounces, 40 grams of hashish, 16 mature plants, and 32 immature plants	No limit	Up to 8 ounces, 40 grams of hashish, 16 mature plants, and 32 immature plants	No limit
Not connected to a violent crime	Not connected to a violent crime	Connected to a violent crime	Connected to a violent crime
Not connected to operating motor vehicle under the influence	Not connected to operating motor vehicle under the influence	Connected to operating motor vehicle under the influence	Connected to operating motor vehicle under the influence

For all recommendations: Did not involve distribution, endangerment to or neglect of someone less than 18 years old

AGENDA Item: Reinvestment of Cannabis Tax Revenue

Consider reinvestment of cannabis tax revenue into Cannabis
Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DIC)

Reinvestment of Cannabis funds to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DIC)

- Allocate 20% of cannabis tax revenue to Cannabis Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DIC) Fund
- Fund devotes resources to Cannabis Disproportionately Impacted Communities for:
 - Education
 - Legal Aid
 - Youth Development
 - Violence Prevention
- Cannabis Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DIC)
 - Opportunity Zones

Are there areas not included in the Opportunity Zones that we should include as DIC?

Public Comments

In-Person Public Comments

Provide written Public Comments

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