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Dear City of Richmond,

Thank you for your grant application for the Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions. Based on our review of your application and pursuant to the point-based scoring system and funding formula outlined in the Grant Solicitation, we are pleased to inform you that City of Richmond is eligible for a grant award of \$1,319,360.00. We intend to issue our press release announcing all of the jurisdictions receiving funding early to mid-February. In order to proceed with providing you a grant agreement for signature, we will need the following:

1. Please review your enclosed budget spreadsheet reflecting the total amount of the grant award. As soon as possible, and no later than **February 16th**, please make the following updates so that we can finalize your budget for inclusion in your grant agreement:

- Please review the "Instructions" tab in the enclosed budget spreadsheet for information about the allocations included in your grant award.
- Please provide an updated budget using the enclosed budget spreadsheet. This updated budget will reflect the total amount of the grant award and the uses of funds allocated from the jurisdiction's Cannabis Tax Fund Allocation and General Fund Allocation.
- Please ensure that all subcontracted costs in the budget include "Subcontracted" in the line item description.
- Please ensure that any costs for consultants or subcontractors are under "Other Costs" rather than "Personnel Classifications."
- Please review the definition of "Direct Technical Assistance" included in the budget instructions. Please ensure all line items in this section reflect this definition.
- Please move any costs related to administration of the program under "Administrative Costs."

2. All grant agreements must be signed via our electronic signature platform, DocuSign.

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Please reply to this email as soon as possible, and no later than **February 16** , with the name, title, and email address for the individual that will be signing the grant agreement.

3. Lastly, to receive grant funding a resolution is required from your jurisdiction's governing body authorizing the jurisdiction to enter into the grant agreement with GO-Biz and designating by title the individual who is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the jurisdiction. It is important to place a resolution request on the governing body's agenda immediately to avoid funding delays. A sample resolution is attached.

- **Note:** The approved resolution MUST contain all of the components found in the attached sample resolution exactly as indicated and must match its format. Authorizing resolutions must be received by GO-Biz no later than **March 15, 2022.**
- All grant agreements must be signed by the jurisdictions using DocuSign no later than **March 15, 2022.**
- A sample resolution is provided on our website business.ca.gov/CEG and a copy is attached with this email.

Thank you again and I look forward to working with you on next steps. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development Awards \$35 Million in Grant Funding to Local Jurisdictions to Support Equity in California’s Cannabis Industry

Feb 7, 2022 | *Press Release*

Sacramento, CA – Today, the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) announced \$35 million in grant funding through the Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions.

The purpose of the program is to advance economic justice for populations and communities harmed by cannabis prohibition by providing support to local jurisdictions as they promote equity and eliminate barriers to entry in the regulated cannabis industry for their equity program applicants and licensees. Jurisdictions will use this funding to develop their cannabis equity programs and assist their equity program applicants and licensees by providing low/no-interest loans or grants, reduced licensing fees or waived fees, and technical assistance, including one-on-one consulting and training, and navigation assistance with cannabis licensing and regulatory requirements.

Over \$29.5 million of the funding, in the form of low/no-interest loans or grants, will be allocated to cannabis equity applicants and licensees specifically identified by local jurisdictions as being linked to populations or communities that were negatively or disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization.

“Cannabis Equity Grants will help level the playing field for those that have borne the brunt of past federal and state anti-drug policies while striving to make California’s Cannabis Industry more equitable and accessible to those individuals,” said the Governor’s Chief Economic and Business Advisor and Director of GO-Biz Dee Dee Myers. “These awards bring the state’s commitment to local equity programs to \$90m since the program launched.”

Local Jurisdiction Funding for Cannabis Equity Applicants/Licensees

Los Angeles	\$5,726,309.09
City of Oakland	\$5,435,140.82
City and County of San Francisco	\$4,464,579.96
City of Sacramento	\$4,351,347.87
County of Humboldt	\$3,429,315.04
City of Long Beach	\$3,235,202.88
County of Mendocino	\$2,944,034.62
County of Lake	\$1,941,121.72
City of Richmond	\$1,319,360.00
City of Palm Springs	\$1,303,588.00
County of Monterey	\$550,000.00
Total	\$34,700,000

Local Jurisdiction Funding for Cannabis Equity Assessment/Program Development

City of Adelanto	\$75,000
City of Barstow	\$75,000
City of Pasadena	\$75,000
City of Santa Rosa	\$75,000

County of Los Angeles	\$75,000
Total	\$375,000

To learn more about the program, click [here](#).

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