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## SEC Grant Application Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q. What kind of programs are you looking for? Who can apply?**

- A. The most important stipulation in applying for the grant is to understand that adult-use cannabis is legal in Connecticut. It is not legal at the federal level, so if your organization is receiving any federal dollars, you need to check with your funding source to make sure you are eligible to apply and to receive and use money that comes from the cannabis industry.

The other stipulations are to make sure that the funds are going to those designated areas and to folks in the designated areas. We call them disproportionately impacted areas (DIA). That is what the law says and that's where this money should be spent. To apply for the grant through. You can be an organization that is not located in New Haven, but you're serving DIA residents in DIA communities, and that is perfectly okay. It's just to make sure the funds are going directly to where we expect them to go and where the legislature intended them to go.

### **Q. Can you elaborate on what you mean by re-entry and community programs?**

- A. This is a pilot program. We chose two categories: for youth services and for re-entry populations. That's it for now. We have community outreach teams trying to get a survey of what the community needs are moving forward so we can prioritize for the next grant.

### **Q. When will the grants be awarded?**

- A. That's a process we're working on now. We hope to have them out by October 2023, and that's being ambitious because we have a next round of money that we would live to give back to the communities as well.

### **Q. Is there a maximum amount of money that the organizations can receive?**

- A. A maximum number has not been decided at this time. The organizations will be applying through The Prosperity Foundation, however the Social Equity Council will have the final say so as to the award.

**Q. What exactly does it mean that organizations will be applying through The Prosperity Foundation? How is TPF involved in overseeing the grant application process?**

- A. Through our internal systems, we have a committee that will be reviewing the applications to make sure they have a 501(c)(3) or a fiscal sponsorship, which is very important for all organizations applying. Secondly to make sure their programs fall within the two areas of youth services or re-entry. So through our vetting process, we're able to determine which ones of the organizations really do qualify this funding.

**Q. Can my organization apply for more than one grant?**

- A. An organization that hosts more than one program for the targeted community can apply for more than one program on a single budget as long as the request is for the same organization.

**Q. Can an applicant apply for more than one program on a single application/budget?**

- A. Yes. In order to streamline the process, an applicant can apply for more than one program run by the same organization on a single application, in a single budget.

**Q. Can an organization request administrative costs as part of the funding request?**

- A. Yes, applicants can request administrative costs as part of the grant request. Administrative costs can not exceed 10% of the total request. (Ex: Request \$100,000 admin cannot exceed \$10,000 = \$90,000 for Program, \$10,000 for Admin =-\$100,000)

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*Application deadline is August 31st, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.  
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