



Washington State
Liquor and Cannabis Board

Social Equity in Cannabis

A Welcome

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Today's Agenda

- ❖ Purpose
- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ What We Do
- ❖ Questions

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About This Presentation

- ❖ This event is being recorded to share with applicants who are unable to attend.
- ❖ All participants are anonymous during this event.
- ❖ Applicants are encouraged to send any questions and concerns to:

licensing socialequity@lcb.wa.gov



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long will the licensing process take?

There is no timeframe imposed on social equity applicants.
The cannabis market moves quickly, action sooner than later would be in applicants' best interest.

2. What funding is available?

The Department of Commerce is working on a contract to facilitate additional technical assistance, mentorship, and grants issued by the legislature. There is additional grant funding through the Community Reinvestment Fund. Please check the [Commerce website](#) for additional information. You can be added to the listserv for announcements by reaching out to Elijah Moon, Commerce Specialist for Finance & Grants Services at:
elijah.moon@commerce.wa.gov

3. How can I verify if my proposed location is compliant?

Contact your local authority.
Search the Geographic Information System on the LCB website, a mapping tool to see if your location is compliant with the rules for restricted entities. When you click [this link](#) you can check the address you are considering.

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Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

4. **Can I start a lease agreement in advance for the location I plan to operate at?**

It is a personal business decision.

We will work with you for your location to be in compliance.

We recommend vetting your location for restricted entities ([WAC 314-55-050](#)).

We can issue a certificate of occupancy to formally acknowledge your location makes state requirements.

5. **Can I change the members or add members to my entity?**

You must have one year as a licensee before adding new members.

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Q & A

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Thank you!

- ❖ We appreciated this opportunity to answer the questions you have. Remember, if you have more questions, please direct them to your licensing specialist or licensing socialequity@lcb.wa.gov
- ❖ We will send a copy of this PowerPoint so you can refer to it in the future. Thank you for joining us!