

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize \$631,321 total in grant funds for the 2019 Cannabis Social Equity Grant Program in the Office of Community & Civic Life (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Cannabis Social Equity Grant is a restorative justice and community reinvestment grant opportunity funded by the City of Portland's 3% local tax on retail cannabis sales.

The ballot measure 26-180 outlines three allowable uses for the revenue generated from Portland's 3% tax on retail cannabis sales:

- Drug and alcohol education and treatment
- Public safety that protect community members from unsafe drivers
- Restorative and reparative justice activities for small businesses, minority and women-owned businesses, and individuals and communities adversely impacted by cannabis prohibition

The Cannabis Social Equity Grant is part of the third funding area (above) and speaks to projects and organizations working toward restorative and reparative justice. The Cannabis Social Equity Grants are tools for economic development, restorative justice, community reinvestment, and wealth creation in communities that have been most impacted by disproportionate enforcement of cannabis laws.

This grant program meets the goals of the Office of Community & Civic Life by:

- Building capacity in communities, businesses, and individuals who've been adversely impacted by cannabis prohibition
- Reflecting an institutional commitment to equity, community partnerships, and building wealth and power in communities adversely impacted by cannabis prohibition
- Increase community building and civic engagement opportunities for communities working toward equitable outcomes for all Portlanders

In YR 1, three projects/programs were selected for funding. This cycle (YR 2), six projects/programs have been recommended for funding. The six recommended projects/programs were selected by a community-member majority review panel and are aligned with the priority funding areas identified for fiscal year 2018-19. The priority funding areas for fiscal year 2018-19 are:

- Expungement and record-clearing

- Workforce development
- Re-entry housing services

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A. The allocation of the \$631,321 in grant monies comes from the Cannabis Tax Fund: \$490,000 was previously authorized and allocated in FY18-19 to the Cannabis Program and carried over into FY19-20, the remainder \$141,321 was allocated in FY19-20.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Cannabis Social Equity Grant program emerged from the intent established by ballot measure 26-180 and with public input from a community-driven process – which included convening a steering committee and a conducting a survey of a targeted audience. These activities were organized by the Offices of Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz.

Community involvement in the fiscal year 2018-19 grantmaking process included:

- Civic Life staff convened a listening session with diverse community partners and potential partners to help refine the funding opportunity announcement before the call for applications was issued; 45 groups were invited, 16 groups attended.
- Civic Life staff used the information from this session to finalize the grant details and create the call for grant applications.
- Civic Life staff hosted two orientation sessions for potential grant applicants in wheelchair accessible locations with the offer of accommodations, one in Northeast Portland and the other in East Portland.

100% Renewable Goal:

- N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
- ☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount