Social Equity Grant Program

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Grant Application Terms and Conditions

The Michigan Legislature SB 747 of 2025 has appropriated a total of one million dollars for the Social Equity Grant Program:

a. Sec. 1002. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the cannabis regulatory agency social equity program, the cannabis regulatory agency shall further develop the program established under section 8(1)(j) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018 IL 1, MCL 333.27958, with the following goals:
   (a) To encourage and increase participation in the social equity program, with particular focus to promote and encourage participation in the marihuana industry by people from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marihuana prohibition and enforcement.
   (b) To establish a minimum number of licensees that are participating in the social equity program.
   (c) To consider the area median income in designating disproportionately impacted communities.

1. To participate in the Social Equity Grant Program, an entity must:
   a. Have a valid adult-use license issued by the State of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA).
   b. Currently have eligible Social Equity Program participants (approved by the CRA for the program and active in the program) who have majority ownership (over 50%) of the entity.
   c. Be a certified participant in the CRA's Social Equity All-Star Program.
   d. Adhere to all FY 2026 Grant Application terms and conditions.

2. The completed FY 2026 Grant Application must be received by the CRA via email no later than 5:00 pm on **November 30, 2025,** at the following email address: CRA-SEGrants@michigan.gov.

3. Only one grant will be awarded per qualifying entity, regardless of how many licenses the entity has. Once it is determined how many applicants meet the criteria for approval, then each approved grantee will receive an equal share of the grant dollars. Example: 100 grantees = $10,000 per grantee ($1,000,000/100 grantees).

4. It is CRA's intent that Social Equity Grant Program funds will be distributed to the grantee in one lump sum no later than **January 31, 2026.**

5. In order to receive the grant funds, grantees must be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) compliant and must obtain a SIGMA Vendor Customer ID number and SIGMA Mail Code. SIGMA Vendor information, including user guides, can be obtained at the following website: https://bit.ly/3PFZ6sM.
   a. If additional assistance is needed, contact SIGMA Vendor Helpdesk at 888-734-9749 or by emailing SIGMA-Vendor@michigan.gov.

6. Social Equity Grant Program funds must only be spent on employee education, business needs, and/or community investment. This funding does not allow for travel expenses.
   a. Money spent on employee education may be used for an employee of the entity to take one or more classes or courses that are relevant to the entity's business from an accredited institution.
   b. Money spent on business needs may be used towards compliance with licensing and regulatory statutes and rules.
   c. Money spent on community investment may be used on or donated to organizations, non-profits, and/or charities that positively impact the community in which the entity is located. Donation Recipients must be in good standing and not on the State of Michigan debarment list.

If the grantee spends grant money in unapproved ways, other than as indicated in the FY 2026 Grant Application, the following will occur:

a. Disqualification from participating in the CRA's Social Equity Grant Program in the future.
b. Removal from the CRA's Social Equity Program, including becoming ineligible for all license discounts and all other benefits associated with the CRA's Social Equity Program.
c. Removal from the CRA's Social Equity All-Star Program.

7. The grantee agrees that if the grant funds are not spent as indicated in the FY 2026 Grant Application, the grantee will return the funds to the State of Michigan. The grantee further agrees that the State of Michigan may take whatever steps it deems necessary to recoup any unused funds or funds expended in ways not permitted in these FY 2026 Grant Application terms and conditions.

8. All changes made to Section V: Social Equity Grant Utilization of the FY 2026 Grant Application must be communicated via email to CRA-SEGrants@michigan.gov and approved by the CRA prior to expenditure.

9. Grantees must submit a **Mid-Term Status Report on or before May 30, 2026, and a Final Report and supporting documentation on or before September 1, 2026.** Both reports must be sent via email to CRA-SEGrants@michigan.gov on a form provided by the CRA that will require the grantee to certify how the funds were expended. Supporting documentation will include invoices, receipts, or proof of payment. If the grantee fails to submit timely reports, the following will occur:

a. Disqualification from participating in the CRA's Social Equity Grant Program in the future.
b. Removal from the CRA's Social Equity Program, including becoming ineligible for all license discounts and all other benefits associated with the CRA's Social Equity Program.
c. Removal from the CRA's Social Equity All-Star Program.

10. If approved for the Social Equity Grant Program, the entity's FY 2026 Grant Application, Mid-Term Status Report, Final Report, and all supporting documentation may be posted publicly to the CRA website.

11. No member of the Legislature or Judiciary of the State of Michigan or any individual employed by the State will be permitted to share in or receive grant funds.

12. No entity is entitled to receive grant funds. The CRA reserves the right to cancel the Social Equity Grant Program in the future. Neither the CRA, nor any other entity of the State of Michigan, will be liable for the failure or delay to disburse grant funds.

13. Questions regarding the Social Equity Grant Program are to be directed to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency at CRA-SEGrants@michigan.gov.

Important Dates to Remember

Grant Application Due	November 30, 2025
Funds Distributed to Grantees	TARGET: January 31, 2026
Mid-Term Status Report Due	On or before May 30, 2026
Final Report Due	On or before September 1, 2026

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FY 2026 Grant Application

This application must be submitted via email to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency at CRA-SEGrants@michigan.gov no later than 5:00 pm on **November 30, 2025**.

Section I: Social Equity Grant Program Eligibility Criteria

To participate in the Social Equity Grant Program, an entity must:

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2. Currently have eligible Social Equity Program participants (approved by the CRA for the program and active in the program) who have majority ownership (over 50%) of the entity.
3. Be a certified participant in the CRA's Social Equity All-Star Program.
4. Adhere to all FY 2026 Grant Application terms and conditions.

Section II: Entity Information

Please provide the following information regarding the entity seeking to receive the Social Equity Grant:

Entity Name: _____

License Number: _____ Social Equity Number(s): _____

SIGMA Vendor ID: _____ SIGMA Mail Code: _____

Section III: Authorized Signer on Entity's Behalf

Please provide the following information regarding the person authorized to complete the FY 2026 Grant Application on the entity's behalf.

Full Name: _____

First *M.I* *Last*

Mailing: _____

Street Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Section IV: Social Equity Grant Criteria

The entity must meet all three of the following criteria.

The entity has a valid adult-use license issued by the State of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA).

The entity currently has eligible Social Equity Program participants (approved by the CRA for the program and active in the program) who have majority ownership (over 50%) of the entity.

The entity is a certified participant in the CRA's Social Equity All-Star Program.

Section V: Social Equity Grant Utilization

If awarded the Social Equity Grant, funds must only be spent on employee education, business needs, and/or community investment.

a. Money spent on employee education may be used for an employee of the entity to take one or more classes or courses that are relevant to the entity's business from an accredited institution.
b. Money spent on business needs may be used towards compliance with licensing and regulatory statutes and rules.
c. Money spent on community investment may be used on or donated to organizations, non-profits, and/or charities that positively impact the community in which the entity is located.

Select all that apply and provide a **summary** of how the funds will be spent.

☐Employee Education	

☐ Business Needs	
☐ Community Investment	

Section VI: Attestation

On behalf of the entity_____ , I _____ attest to the fact that all information in this FY 2026 Grant Application is true and factual and the entity, and myself, will adhere to all FY 2026 Grant Application Terms and Conditions.

The entity agrees to submit a Mid-Term Status Report on or before May 30, 2026 – on a form provided by the agency – to the CRA, documenting the status of the grant funds at that time.

The entity agrees to report and certify how the Social Equity Grant Program funds are expended and provide the Final Report – on a document provided by the agency, including all required supporting documentation – to the CRA on or before September 1, 2026.

The entity agrees that if it doesn't spend the grant funds as indicated in the FY 2026 Grant Application, the funds will be returned to the State of Michigan. The entity further agrees that the State of Michigan may take whatever steps it deems necessary to recoup any unused funds or funds expended in ways not permitted by the grant program.

Failure to provide the Final Report with supporting documentation by the deadline – or if the grant money is spent in unapproved ways – will disqualify the entity from participating in the CRA's Social Equity Grant Program in the future, removal from the CRA's Social Equity Program, including ineligibility for all license discounts and any other benefits associated with the CRA's Social Equity Program and will result in grantee's removal from the CRA's Social Equity All-Star Program.

The entity and I understand that, if approved for the Social Equity Grant Program, the FY 2026 Grant Application, Mid-Term Status Report, Final Report, and all supporting documentation may be posted publicly to the CRA website.

Signature	*Date*