

CT Social Equity Council Votes on Eleven Remanded DIA Cultivator Applications

HARTFORD (November 1, 2022) — Connecticut’s Social Equity Council (SEC), which was developed to ensure the equity of the state’s adult-use cannabis program, voted to accept the CohnReznick’s recommendation that all eleven remanded applications have met the ownership and control criteria.

These eleven applicants originally applied under section 149 of Public Act 21-1, which authorized a one-time application opportunity for cultivator applicants seeking to operate in a disproportionately impacted area, or “DIA cultivators.” The applicants considered today had been denied social equity status for failure to meet the ownership and control criteria.

Pursuant to a partial settlement of claims against the state, these eleven denied DIA cultivator applicants resubmitted updated ownership and control documents for review. Based on this review of the remanded applications, the SEC voted to accept CohnReznick’s recommendation that all the remanded applications have met the ownership and control criteria.

As a result of this vote, remanded applicants who have met the residency and income criteria will be referred to DCP to continue with the provisional licensing procedure while those who have previously failed any other criteria will continue the ongoing appeal process at the superior court based on the criteria that they didn’t meet.

All applicants seeking social equity status are first reviewed by the auditing and accounting firm of CohnReznick, a third-party reviewer hired by the SEC to create a comprehensive review system.

About the CT Social Equity Council (SEC)

The Social Equity Council was created to make sure the adult-use cannabis program is grown equitably and ensures that funds from the adult-use cannabis program are brought back to the communities hit hardest by the "war on drugs." The SEC oversees the verification of equity applicants, creates new programs to support cannabis businesses and businesses in other industries, and manages the more general community investments derived from the cannabis tax revenue. To learn more about Social Equity Council announcements, upcoming meetings, and adult-use cannabis information, visit [Social Equity Council \(ct.gov\)](https://www.ct.gov/social-equity-council).

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