

# CT Social Equity Council Approves Equity Status for One Lottery Applicant, Votes on Reconsidered and Remanded Lottery Applications

**HARTFORD (December 6, 2022)** — Connecticut's Social Equity Council (SEC), which was developed to ensure the equity of the state's adult-use cannabis program, today voted to approve CohnReznick's recommendation on reconsideration of two social equity lottery applications, one remanded DIA cultivator application, and one lottery hybrid retailer application. The approved application for the hybrid retailer will be sent to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) for further processing.

The SEC voted to authorize Let's Grow Hartford LLC and the White Oak Apothecary LLC to resubmit updated ownership and control documents for a limited-scope reconsideration of the ownership and control criteria. After review, CohnReznick recommended that the resubmitted applications meet the ownership and control criteria.

As a result of this vote, reconsidered applicants who have also met the residency and income criteria will be referred to DCP for the next steps in the review process.

The Council also voted to accept CohnReznick's recommendation to approve social equity status for applicant Green Meadows LLC, a DIA cultivator, which was remanded by the Superior Court to the Council for reconsideration. This applicant will now move forward in the licensure process established in section 149 of Public Act 21-1 for cultivators located in a Disproportionally Impacted Area.

Finally, the SEC voted to approve three workforce development plans as recommended by CohnReznick.

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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