

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Current and Future growing facilities in Howard County to reserve a portion of their sales/inventory for Minority and women owned businesses/ social equity applicants. (Possibly 30%)
2. More specific language to the bill/qualifications of a social equity applicant to be more inclusive and specific for many minority groups.
 - a. Lower the 4 year institution standards for Pell Grant from 40% to 25%
 - b. Include language for self qualification for a Pell grant
3. Rent support/ a grant that is spread out pay throughout the year to enable support throughout the entire year and not just one time payment.
 - a. At least 6 months to a year.
 - b. EDA partnership for specific cannabis industry
 - c. Implement something similar to the San Francisco Incubator/rent support
 - i. <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/equity>
 - ii. <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/equity/incubator>
4. Social equity application website on MCA
 - a. More accessible information
 - b. Example of resource page:
 - i. <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Marijuana-information/Social-equity/Resources-and-support-for-social-equity-applicants>
 - ii. <https://oedit.colorado.gov/cannabis-business-grant>
5. Police department to have a bi yearly/yearly report submitted to the Howard County Council of Cannabis charges/arrests. Including race, gender, location...
6. Creation of a Howard County Cannabis Social Equity Workgroup
 - a. The Council can make sure that the permanent workgroup has a social equity subgroup or assign a new social equity work group just specific for this purpose.
 - b. Example of another state:
 - i. <https://sbg.colorado.gov/med/social-equity-work-group>