

# *Cannabis Regulatory Commission*

Regular Meeting

Thursday June 5, 2025, 6:30 pm

1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, City Hall, Council Chambers  
Oakland, CA 94612

## AGENDA

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Vacant	District 6		

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**MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on March 13, 2025
- C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
  1. Update on amendment to OMC for onsite consumption permits
  2. Case 4 Cannabis Annual Report ([link to video report](#))
  3. Oaksterdam Presentation
  4. Discussion on Cannabis tax increases
  5. Implementation Update on State Grants
- D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month’s Agenda
- E. Open Forum / Public Comment
- F. Announcements
  1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
  2. Introduction of Conditional Permits for Cannabis in response to end of State Provisional Licenses
  3. Apply to serve on CRC here: <https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>
- G. Adjournment



## Cannabis Regulatory Commission

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**TO:** Cannabis Regulatory Commission

**FROM:** Kat Torio  
Economic and Workforce  
Development Department

**SUBJECT:** June 5, 2025 Agenda Items

**DATE:** May 28, 2025

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### ITEM C (1) UPDATE ON Onsite Consumption Permit Ordinance

ORDINANCE: (1) AMENDING OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 5.80 AND 8.30, RESPECTIVELY BY: (A) ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE APPROVAL OF ONSITE CONSUMPTION PERMITS FOR CANNABIS SMOKING; AND (B) EXEMPTING SUCH ONSITE CONSUMPTION PERMITS FROM THE CITY'S INDOOR SMOKING RESTRICTIONS; AND (2) MAKING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS

### ITEM C (2) Case 4 Cannabis Annual Report

C4C Annual Impact Report 2024

### ITEM C (3) Oaksterdam Presentation

Oaksterdam to present Public Awareness Campaign and offer Q&A for the Commission.

### ITEM C (4) Discussion on Cannabis tax increases

Commissioners expressed a need to discuss the proposed State tax increases for cannabis.

ITEM C (5) Implementation Update on State Grants

Oakland's pioneering race and equity analysis of the cannabis industry and creation of an Equity Program inspired jurisdictions across the country to pursue and support similar programs. Then starting in 2019 the State of California set aside annual grant funding to support local jurisdictions' cannabis equity programs. **Table A** outlines the amount of funding the City has received from the State of California for its Equity Program, Oakland's ranking among local jurisdictions each year, and the total amount of funding set aside by the State of California that year.

**Table A: Oakland's Receipt of Local Equity Grant Funding**

<b>State Funding Agency</b>	<b>Fiscal Year (FY)</b>	<b>STATUS OF GRANT</b>	<b>Amount of Funding Received</b>	<b>Oakland's Ranking Among Local Jurisdictions</b>	<b>Total Amount of Funding Available Statewide</b>
BCC <sup>1</sup>	FY 2019-2020	CLOSED	\$1,657,201.65	2nd	\$10 million
Go-Biz	FY 2019-2020	CLOSED	\$6,576,705.76	1st	\$30 million
Go-Biz	FY 2020-2021	CLOSED	\$2,434,712.51	1st	\$15 million
Go-Biz	FY 2021-2022	CLOSED	\$5,435,140.82	2nd	\$35 million
Go-Biz	FY 2022-2023	CLOSED	\$1,996,487.50	1st	\$15 million
Go-Biz	FY 2023-2024	ACTIVE	\$3,000,000.00	1st	\$15 million
Go-Biz	FY 2025-2026	Awarded	\$2,074,369.75	3rd	\$18.4 million

In addition to Go-Biz grants, in 2022 the City of Oakland received a three-year \$9,905,020 Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant (LJAG) from the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to support the transition of cannabis operators from a provisional to an annual state license.

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<sup>1</sup> Initially the Bureau of Cannabis Control, the predecessor to the Department of Cannabis Control, disbursed Local Equity Grant funding.

Unfortunately, the DCC has denied the City's request to repurpose unspent funding on City staff towards grants to operators to bring their buildings into compliance, which makes it unlikely the City will disburse all funding.

Finally, in 2021 and 2023 the City received grants from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to address the impacts of cannabis legalization. **Figures 1-3** provide status updates on these various state grants. The 3-year grant received in 2021 has since closed in October 2024.

**Figure 1- Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant (2022-2025)**

	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>	<b>DISBURSED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>SECTION A</b>				
SAP Tech	500,430.00	500,430.00	175,701.94	324,728.06
CEQA Review	27,710.00	27,710.00	-	27,710.00
Program Analyst	595,920.00	595,920.00	474,730.75	121,189.25
Process Coordinator	527,088.00	-	-	-
OT Civil Engineers	1,773,224.00	<b>442,761.25</b>	72,269.91	370,491.34
OT Code Enforcement	234,347.00	<b>442,761.25</b>	37,937.86	404,823.39
Hazardous Materials	580,638.00	-	-	-
OT Fire Plan Review	221,280.00	<b>442,761.25</b>	452.16	442,309.09
OT Fire Code Enforc.	185,472.00	<b>442,761.25</b>	10,638.30	432,122.38
OT SAP Inspectors	150,000.00	150,000.00	101,369.30	48,630.70
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>4,796,109.00</b>	<b>3,045,105.00</b>	<b>827,628.59</b>	<b>2,172,004.21</b>
<b>SECTION B</b>				
Equity Grants	1,722,655.50	1,722,655.50	1,515,000.00	207,655.50
CPTED	3,600.00	3,600.00	1,516.00	2,084.00
Accela	430,000.00	<b>200,000.00</b>	99,763.75	100,236.25
Grants - Security	1,722,655.50	1,722,655.50	1,457,737.39	264,918.11
4Front	480,000.00	480,000.00	479,999.39	0.61
Knox & Ross	375,000.00	375,000.00	375,000.00	-
Oaksterdam	375,000.00	375,000.00	373,063.30	1,936.70
MT			123,246.13	
CPS Consulting			6,038.75	
NWN Corp			5,438.11	
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>5,108,911.00</b>	<b>4,878,911.00</b>	<b>4,404,522.52</b>	<b>441,952.17</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>9,905,020.00</b>	<b>7,924,016.00</b>	<b>5,232,151.11</b>	<b>2,613,956.38</b>

**Figure 2 – Proposition 64 Cohort three (2023-2028)**

USES	YEAR 1 FY 23-24	DISBURSED	BALANCE	YEAR 2 FY24-25	YEAR 3 FY25-26	YEAR 4 FY26-27	YEAR 5 FY27-28	TOTALS
Half of Program Analyst III	-	-	-	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	430,000
Equity Public Awareness Consultant	45,000.00	-	45,000.00	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	225,000
3rd Party Evaluator	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	80,000
Grants to Secure Facilities	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	600,000
Grants for Support Onsite Security	332,000.00	165,999.96	166,000.04	332,000	332,000	332,000	332,000	1,660,000
RFP Advertising	5,000.00	3,291.08	1,708.92	-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>382,000.00</b>	<b>169,291.04</b>	<b>212,708.96</b>	<b>497,000</b>	<b>702,000</b>	<b>707,000</b>	<b>712,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

**Figure 3: 2024-2025 Go-Biz (GO-Biz 5) Grant Funds**

	CATEGORY ALLOCATED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
Grants	\$2,851,1962.50	\$1,581,744.50	\$1,320,218.00
Staff	\$148,047.50	\$17,715.49	\$130,332.01

## ITEM F (1) Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

Below please find cannabis permitting statistics from 2017 to present day for the CRC's review, including additional categories as well as application and permit trend graphs.

**Figure F-1: Application Totals**

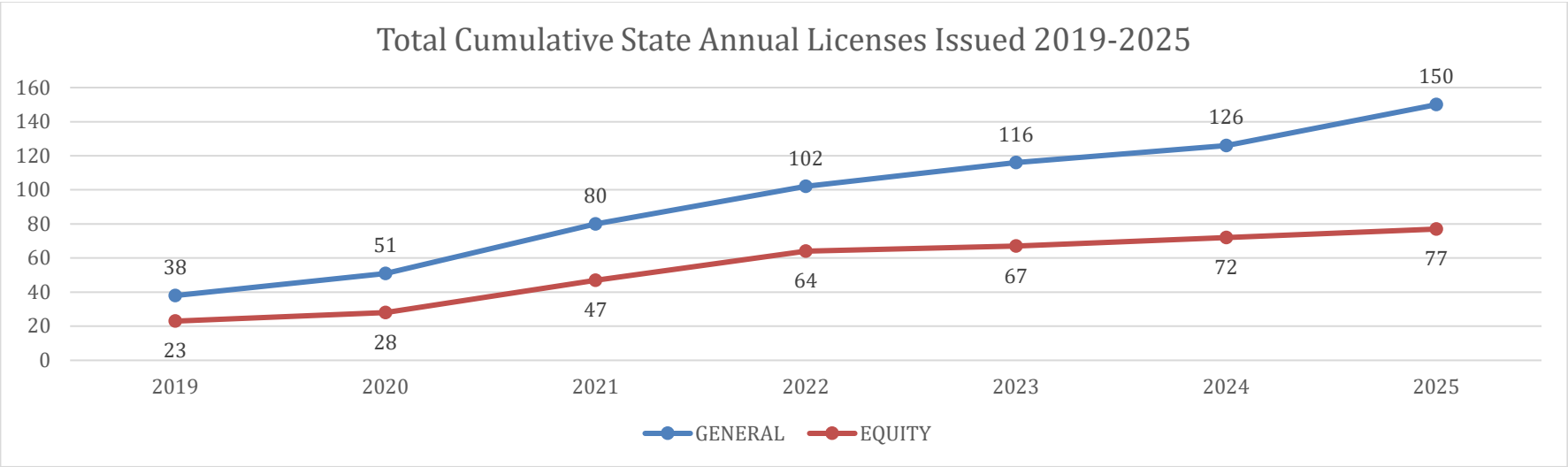
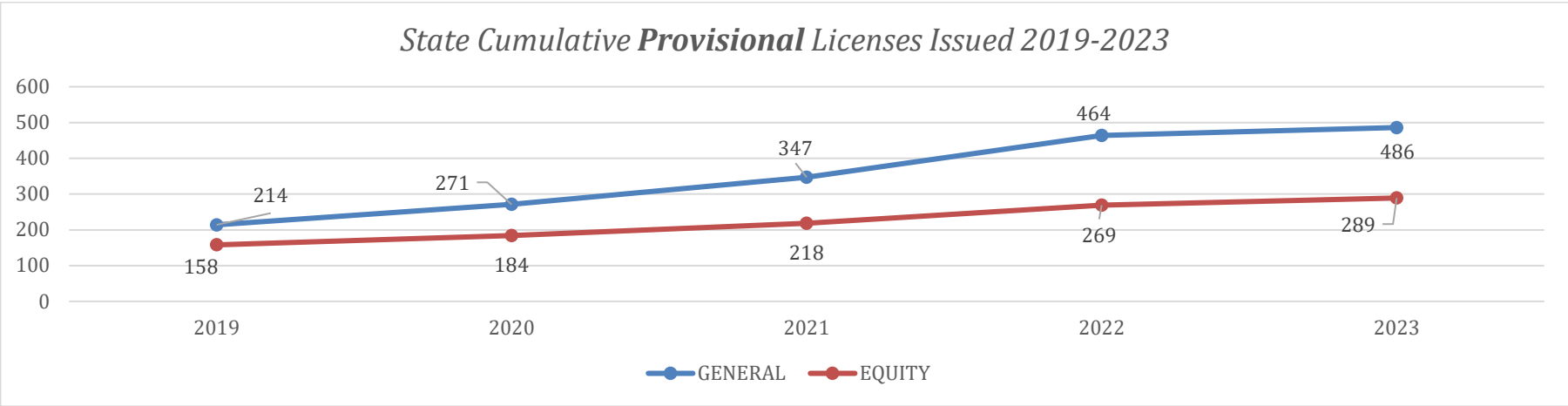
<b><i>APPLICATIONS</i></b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>PENDING</b>
Total Complete & Incomplete Applications	1072	145
Total Complete Applications	1072	
Complete General Applications	286	
Equity Applications based on residency	188	
Equity Applications based on conviction	18	
Incubators	131	
Interested in Incubating	0	
Complete Application with property	492	
Complete Application without property (Equity)	206	
Complete Applicants without property (General)	103	



**Figure F-2: Permit Applications by Category**

<b>COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY BUSINESS TYPE (Address Only)</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>EQUITY</b>
Delivery	54	62
Cultivator (Indoor)	131	23
Cultivator (Outdoor)	3	2
Distributor	57	60
Mfg. Volatile	13	1
Mfg. Non-Volatile	25	57
Transporter	3	2
Lab Testing	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>207</b>

Figure F-3: Operators Issued Provisional and Annual Licenses



**Figure F-4: New Permits Issued to Cannabis Operators Since Spring of 2017 by Category<sup>2</sup>**

	GENERAL	INCUBATOR	EQUITY	TOTAL
<b>NEW ANNUAL PERMITS BY BUSINESS TYPE</b>				
On-site Consumption	4		3	7
Dispensary	9	1	9	19
Delivery	70	18	88	176
Cultivator (Indoor)	9	6	19	34
Cultivator (Outdoor)	0	0	2	2
Distributor	29	27	59	115
Mfg. Volatile	3	5	1	9
Mfg. Non-Volatile	10	11	42	63
Transporter	2	0	5	7
Lab Testing	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>432</b>

<sup>2</sup> Figure F-4 includes dispensaries that were permitted before 2017 and have renewed their permits since 2017

Figure F-6: Graph of Current Active Applications with an Address:

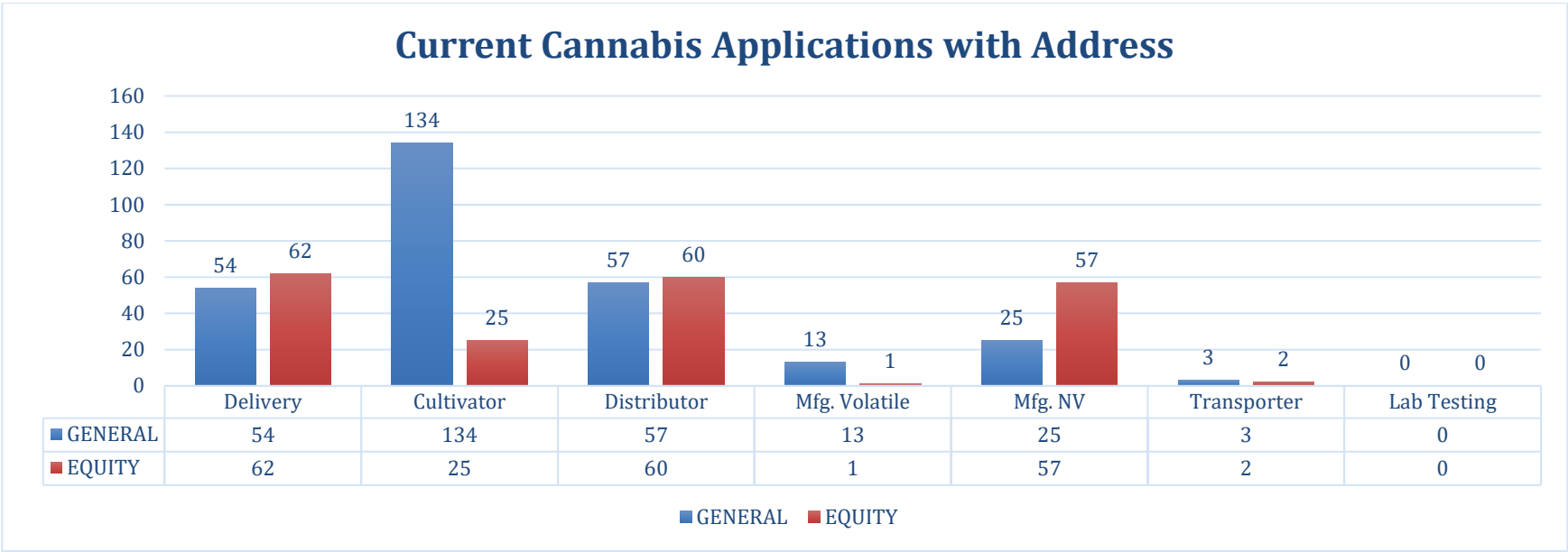


Figure F-7: Graph of Cannabis Applications Without an Address:

