

City of Oakland Shared-Use Manufacturing Facilities for Cannabis Equity Applicants

Program Overview

BACKGROUND

In the spring of 2017 the Oakland City Council enacted landmark cannabis legislation to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities of color and address the disproportionate impacts of the war on drugs in those communities. The City of Oakland's strategies to date have included prioritized permitting for equity applicants, exemption from application and permit fees, technical assistance, and financial assistance via the Equity Loan and Grant Programs.¹

Now the City of Oakland is seeking to advance opportunities for equity manufacturers by sponsoring two separate shared-use manufacturing facilities for a one-year period through grant funds received from the Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC).² These facilities will provide equity applicants with both compliant locations to manufacture products and support in distributing products to retailers.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

1. Who is Eligible to Use the Shared-Use Facilities?

Only cannabis equity applicants, as defined by Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Sections 5.80 and 5.81, that have been verified by the City Administrator's Office are eligible to use the shared-use facilities.

¹ For more information on the Equity Loan and Grant Programs, please visit www.elevateimpactoakland.com.

² While the BCC one-year grant period may expire before an equity manufacturer can utilize a shared-use manufacturing facility for twelve months, the City anticipates allocating any available local or state funding to support equity manufacturers for a full twelve months.

2. How Will the City Prioritize Which Equity Applicants Utilize the Shared-Use Facilities?

The City of Oakland hopes to make the shared-use manufacturing facilities available to any equity manufacturer interested in utilizing them. However, if more equity applicants seek to use the facilities than space is available, the City will apply the following prioritization criteria, with Tier 1A receiving the highest priority, followed by Tier 1B, then Tier 2, and lastly Tier 3:

- Tier 1= Existing Equity Manufacturers
 - Tier 1A= Equity manufacturers that have submitted an application to the City of Oakland for a cannabis manufacturing permit but have not been able to identify a location for their business outside of their residence.
 - Tier 1B= Equity manufacturers that have submitted an application to the City of Oakland for a cannabis manufacturing permit but their current manufacturing location is not viable.
- Tier 2= Equity applicants that have submitted a cannabis permit application to the City of Oakland prior to the launch of this program for non-manufacturing uses.
- Tier 3= New equity applicants that submit a cannabis permit application to the City of Oakland after the launch of this program.

3. How Can I Use a Shared-Use Facility?

- a. Step 1: **Apply.** Applications will be available at https://oaklandca.formstack.com/forms/application_for_cannabis_equity_applicants_to_use_a_shareduse_manufacturing_facility for a 21 day period in September-October 2020. Applications will be reviewed by EquityWorks! Incubator and the Oakland Cannabis Kitchen, the two teams managing the shared-use facilities. *Applications are due by 5pm Friday, October 2, 2020.*
- b. Step 2: **Interview.** EquityWorks! Incubator and/or the Oakland Cannabis Kitchen will interview the applicants who received the top 15 highest application scores.
- c. Step 3: **Enter into a Sublease.** EquityWorks! Incubator and the Oakland Cannabis Kitchen will offer sublease agreements to the top applicants and coordinate the scheduling of the kitchens.
- d. Step 4: **Submit Local and State Applications.** Once an applicant has entered into a sublease agreement to utilize a shared-use facility they should submit a cannabis permit application to the City of Oakland and an application for a state license.
- e. Step 5: **Operate.** After receiving a local permit and state license, equity applicants can utilize the shared-use facility and work with EquityWorks! Incubator or the Oakland Cannabis Kitchen to achieve your manufacturing goals.

4. Where Can I Find More Information on Each Shared-Use Facility?

EquityWorks! Incubator and the Oakland Cannabis Kitchen are the two City of Oakland sponsored shared-use manufacturing facilities. More information on EquityWorks! Incubator is available at <https://equityworksincubator.com> and more information on the Oakland Cannabis Kitchen is available at <https://www.oaklandcannabiskitchen.com>.

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The City of Oakland reserves the right to evaluate and revise the Shared-Use Manufacturing Facilities for Cannabis Equity Applicants Program Overview in the future based on information gathered in its evaluation.