

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022 ('Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board'), Attorney General Maura Healey is seeking applicants for an appointment to the Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board. **This appointee must have a background in business development or entrepreneurship and be from, or have experience advocating for, communities that have been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement.**

The purpose of the Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board is to consult with the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development ('EOHED') relative to the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund. Specifically, the members of the Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board will consult with the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development as it:

- Administers the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund, designed to encourage the full participation in the commonwealth's regulated marijuana industry of entrepreneurs from communities that have been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement, through grants and loans, including no-interest loans and forgivable loans, to social equity program participants and economic empowerment priority applicants;
- Reports on the Trust Fund's prior fiscal year expenditures; and
- Promulgates regulations governing the structure and administration of the fund.

The members of the Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board will also consult with the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development as the Secretary:

- Selects recipients, grant or loan values and conditions for such grants or loans, including when taking into consideration the racial, ethnic and gender demographics of the municipality in which the recipient businesses are located.

The term for this appointment is five (5) years. Appointees are eligible for reappointment.

Members of the Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board serve without compensation except for reimbursement of actual expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties as a member or on behalf of the advisory board.

More information about this Board may be found here:

[Section 18 of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022](#) (to be codified at General Laws Chapter 94G, §14A). Persons interested in being considered for appointment to the Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board should send a letter of interest and résumé to GCOMailbox@mass.gov.