

Applying Under Qualification 4

Qualification 4: Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant Status Applying to the Social Equity Program (SEP)

1. Identify that Qualification 4 is applicable;
2. Qualification 4 states that any individual listed as an owner on the original certification of an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant who satisfies one or more the following criteria may be deemed eligible for admittance into the Social Equity Program (SEP).
3. Submit the required **multiple forms of documentation** that show you lived in an [area of disproportionate impact \(ADI\)](#) for any five years out of the past 10 years. The years do not need to be consecutive but must show proof of five years of residency. If your residency was/is in Boston, Lowell, Worcester, or Springfield, please use the guidelines [here](#) to ensure your street address is considered part of an ADI.
4. Demonstrate experience in one or more previous positions where the primary population served were disproportionately impacted, or where primary responsibilities included economic education, resource provision or empowerment to disproportionately impacted individuals or communities.
5. Identify that you are of Black, African American, Hispanic or Latino descent.
6. Demonstrate other significant articulable past experience in business practices that promote economic empowerment in Areas of Disproportionate Impact.

Examples of **multiple forms of eligible documentation**:

- You can submit an electric bill and a driver's license. Or, you could submit a lease and a bank statement. Both forms of eligible documentation must show residency in an ADI.
- If you were registered to vote, you may be able to obtain proof of residency by contacting a [local election official](#) and asking for your voting record.
- If you are Massachusetts driver, you may be able to obtain proof by requesting your driving record online, in person, by phone or by mail, from the [Registry of Motor Vehicles](#). Please note: fees are associated with requesting driving records.
- Dated notices or correspondence from a local or state government entity that includes the



subject's name.

Accepted Documents:

- A Massachusetts driver's license or Massachusetts ID card record;
- A signed lease agreement that includes the subject's name;
- Residential property deed that includes the subject's name;
- School records;
- Housing authority records;
- Banking records;
- Utility bills, which identifies energy and water use;

Questions?

If you have additional questions regarding the Social Equity Program, please contact the Commission at Equity@CCCMass.com or (774) 415-0200.

