

APPLY TO JOIN THE NATION'S FIRST STATEWIDE

# Social Equity Program

Helping those harmed by the War on Drugs enter the regulated cannabis industry in Massachusetts

- Have you lived in a Massachusetts disproportionately impacted area for at least five of the past ten years, and your household income is less than 400% of the Area Median Income? *Visit our website for clarification.*
- Have you lived in Massachusetts for the past year or more, and over your lifetime, have you, your spouse, or parent experienced 1) a drug conviction, 2) a continuance without a finding for a similar offense, or 3) an equivalent in another state?
- Are you an Economic Empowerment Applicant who met qualifications for residency, race, or serving or promoting disproportionately impacted areas?

Then you may be eligible for benefits that support participation in the legal marketplace. Learn more and select the programming track that pursues your goals.



## FACT

**Marijuana use is roughly equal among Blacks and Whites, yet Blacks are 3.73 times as likely to be arrested for marijuana possession.**

*ACLU, "The War on Marijuana in Black and White," 2013*





Entrepreneur



Ancillary



Entry



Core

To date, the Cannabis Control Commission has offered free training, technical assistance, and other exclusive opportunities for success in the legal industry to hundreds of Social Equity Program Participants.

Subscribe to our mailing list to know when applications open for the next cohort. Get ready by visiting the Massachusetts Cannabis Industry Portal at [MassCIPortal.com](http://MassCIPortal.com) and creating an account.

### Some optional materials you may want on hand to confirm your eligibility:

- A Massachusetts driver's record or Massachusetts ID card record;
- A signed lease agreement that includes your name;
- Residential property deed that includes your name;
- School records;
- Housing authority records;
- Banking records;
- Utility bills, which identify energy and water use; or
- Dated notices or correspondence from a local or state government entity that includes your name.
- Other forms of documentation will be considered at the Commission's discretion.

### [MassCannabisControl.com/Equity/SocialEquityProgram](http://MassCannabisControl.com/Equity/SocialEquityProgram)

Visit our website for frequently asked questions, application tutorials, course examples, and to subscribe to our mailing list. Commission staff are also available via [Equity@CCCMass.com](mailto:Equity@CCCMass.com) and (774)415-0200.

