

<b>Grants Program</b>	<a href="#">CanRenew Community Restoration Grant</a>		
<b>Funder</b>	MN Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)	<b>Funding Source Type</b>	State
<b>Application Open Date</b>	2/10/2025	<b>Proposal Deadline</b>	3/24/2025
<p><b>Applicant Eligibility:</b> Sub-awards are not allowed under this grant. Fiscal sponsorship is permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-profit organizations – Defined as organizations established and focused on issues and concerns at the community level (neighborhood, city, county, region) that are representative of the populations or significant segments of the populations they provide services to in that community</li> <li>• Federally recognized Tribes</li> <li>• Educational institutions</li> <li>• <b>Units of local government</b></li> <li>• Private businesses</li> <li>• Community groups</li> <li>• Partnerships between different types of organizations</li> </ul> <p>Organizations may submit more than one grant (for different projects, ideally serving different communities). Funding for this grant program is anticipated to expand significantly in future years.</p> <p><b>Funding Purpose:</b> The program aims to promote equitable development in communities adversely affected by past cannabis prohibition laws. The Division of Social Equity administers these grants supporting economic development, health improvements, violence prevention, youth development, and civil legal aid.</p> <p>Grant recipients must invest in communities where long-term residents are eligible to be <a href="#">social equity applicants</a> (<a href="#">OCM Social Equity Verification Map</a>). The Division of Social Equity, within OCM, upholds three overarching priorities: community development, safety, and stability. Applications that actively demonstrate community support, support youth civic engagement/leadership and demonstrate a history of successful community investments shall be given priority.</p>			
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	\$970K	<b>Competitiveness</b>	5-19 awards (est.)
<b>Funding Range</b>	\$50K-\$200K	<b>Match Requirement?</b>	None
<b>Estimated Award Date</b>	Mid-May 2025	<b>Grant Term Period</b>	6/30/2025-6/29/2026 (1 year)
<p><b>Eligible Projects/Costs:</b> Projects can address a range of community needs including economic growth, workforce development, community engagement, physical and emotional safety, crime reduction, and civil legal aid, among others.</p> <p>Eligible expenses include costs directly related to delivering grant objectives, such as personnel, fringe benefits, in-state travel, equipment, supplies, and contractual services. For organizations requesting grant funds to cover personnel and fringe benefits, those costs may not exceed 25% of a full time equivalent (FTE) employee’s salary. Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds and cannot replace (supplant) funds appropriated for the same purpose. Administrative costs, capped at 10% of the total award, cover accounting, human resources, IT support, office expenses, executive/supervisory salaries and fringe, rent, facilities maintenance, utilities, fleet vehicles, etc.</p>			
<p><b>Ineligible Projects/Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure improvements to include construction and remodeling.</li> <li>• Staff performance incentives, bonuses, rewards programs.</li> </ul>			

- Purchase of land or buildings.
- Pre-award costs.
- Fundraising.
- Taxes, except sales tax on goods and services and payroll taxes.
- Lobbyists, political contributions.
- Bad debts, late payment fees, finance charges, or contingency funds.
- Parking violations and traffic violations.
- Out of state transportation and travel expenses. Minnesota will be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out of state.
- Revenue generating projects.

**Resources:**

- [SVI Interactive Map | Place and Health - Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program \(GRASP\) | ATSDR](#)
- [OCM Social Equity Verification Map](#)
- [CanRenew Grant Informational Session Feb. 21, 2025](#)

**Application components:**

- [CanRenew Community Restoration Grant Request for Proposal](#)
- [Exhibit A: CanRenew Community Restoration Grant application questions](#)
- [Exhibit B: Affidavit of non-collusion \(must be notarized\)](#)
- [Exhibit C: Capacity responses](#)
- [Exhibit D: Certification that no current principals have been convicted of a felony financial crime in the last 10 years](#)
- [Exhibit E: Nonprofit grantee as applicable](#)
- [Exhibit F: For-profit certification disclosure and required documents](#)
- [CanRenew Community Restoration Grant budget template](#)
- [CanRenew Community Restoration Grant workplan template](#)
- [Checklist for CanRenew Community Restoration Grant](#)

**Information Session Notes:**

- Projects do not need to relate to cannabis
- Grant applicants have flexibility in identifying and providing evidence of engagement with SEA communities. This may include internal demographic information collected, crime/arrest/re-entry data, farming data, etc.
- Eligible expenses limited to new projects or new expenses/components of existing projects – OCM grant funding may not replace existing, everyday operating expenses