



## Muskegon Social Equity Program Grant & Loan Application

The City of Muskegon is dedicated to giving back to the community. We are offering grant and loan opportunities to those who have been affected by the prohibition of marihuana. This program is intended to help qualified residents with funding for education, training and business expenses.

Please complete the information below, select from the following programs on pages 2-6 and complete the information for that program. Completed applications must be turned into the Planning Department at City Hall, 933 Terrace St, Muskegon, MI 49440 or email the application to: [planning@shorelinecity.com](mailto:planning@shorelinecity.com).

**Please include the following documents with your application:**

- For proof of residency:
  - Driver’s License or State ID
- For proof of conviction, if required (one of the following):
  - Judgement of Sentence
  - Order on Application to Set Aside Conviction, if expunged
  - Other conviction documents (documents must include name and marihuana conviction)
- For Marihuana License Grant, please provide proof of Michigan Social Equity Program approval

**Additional information:**

- Expenses may not be incurred before the application is approved.
- Applicant is not eligible if they have any non-marihuana related felonies within the past 5 years.
- Individual applicants may not receive more than \$10,000 in funding unless approved by the City Commission.

Contact Information	
Applicant Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Signature:	Date:
For Office Use Only	
Received By:	Received Date:
Approved or Denied:	Approval/Denial Date:



## Muskegon Social Equity Program Grant & Loan Application

### Education/Training Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have been a resident of the City of Muskegon at least 12 months out of the past 48 months and have had a previous low-level marihuana conviction (or had a parent have a previous low-level marihuana conviction while in school) to be eligible.

Applicants may receive up to \$5,000 in educational scholarships for any type of career/industry. The educational costs (i.e. tuition, job skills training) will be paid with grant funds upon completion of courses/training. Applicants attending a college or university must have filed a Free Application Federal Student Aid and received eligible federal aid, this scholarship is intended to cover a portion of the balance. The applicant must pass the course to be eligible for reimbursement.

Describe your previous low-level marihuana conviction (including date of conviction):

Name of College/University/Training Program:

Course/Training Title	Credit Hours	Cost of Tuition	Begin Date	End Date
Total Cost:				
Amount of Federal Aid:				
Total Cost after Federal Aid applied:				



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### Marihuana Industry Training Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You are a current resident of the City and have been a resident for at least five cumulative years.
- You are a current resident of the City and you have had misdemeanor conviction of a marijuana-related offense (or had a parent have a previous low-level marihuana conviction while in school).
- You are a current resident of the City and you were registered as a caregiver under the MMMA for at least two years.

Applicants may receive up to \$5,000 in training towards a career in the marihuana industry. Institutions providing courses will be vetted by City staff. Scholarships will either work as a reimbursement payment to the applicant or will be paid directly to the institution to cover the cost of the training up front.

If necessary, describe your previous low-level marihuana conviction (including date of conviction):

Name and Cost of Training Program:



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### Business Start-Up Grant

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have had a previous low-level marihuana conviction (or had a parent have a previous low-level marihuana conviction while in school) to be eligible.

Applicants may receive up to \$5,000 in assistance towards hard costs (i.e. equipment, etc), soft costs (i.e. business plan development, architecture fees, engineered drawings, formative business documents, business training courses, etc.) or rental assistance associated with opening a business in the City. The grant will be paid by reimbursement after the applicant provides receipt of payment for the related costs.

Describe your previous low-level marihuana conviction (including date of conviction):

Describe your proposed business (including proposed location):

Describe the soft costs associated with opening your proposed business for which you seek to be reimbursed.

Item:	Cost:
<b>Total Cost:</b>	



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### Business Start-Up Loan

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have been a resident of the City of Muskegon at least 12 months out of the past 48 months and have had a previous low-level marihuana conviction (or had a parent have a previous low-level marihuana conviction while in school) to be eligible.

Applicants may receive interest-free gap loans up to \$25,000 to supplement traditional financing with a third party. All loans must be paid back within 60 months.

Describe your previous low-level marihuana conviction (including date of conviction):

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Describe your proposed business (including proposed location):

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Amount of Loan Requested (not to exceed \$25,000):

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Duration of Loan Requested (not to exceed 60 months):

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Describe the need for funding and how the loan will be used:

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This loan must be used in conjunction with traditional financing. Describe what other methods of financing are being used to fund the project.

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## Muskegon Social Equity Program Grant & Loan Application

### Marihuana License Grant

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have been a resident of the City of Muskegon at least 12 months out of the past 48 months and designated as a social equity applicant by the State of Michigan\*.

Applicants may receive up to \$10,000 in assistance for the fees associated with obtaining a local or state marihuana license. For local application fees, a credit will be given to the applicant, waiving the \$5,000 application fee (fee waived for first year only). For State license fees, the grant will be paid by reimbursement after the applicant provides receipt of payment for the State application fee.

\*To be designated as a social equity applicant by the State of Michigan (application found at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov)), an individual must meet one of the following criteria:

- Residency – Residency in a disproportionately impacted community for at least 5 cumulative years.
- Marihuana Conviction – Conviction of a marihuana related offense.
- Caregiver Status – Registration as a primary caregiver under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

Describe your previous low-level marihuana conviction (including date of conviction) or provide your designation as a social equity applicant by the State of Michigan:

Describe your proposed business (including proposed location):

Grant Amount Requested (not to exceed \$10,000):

Describe the need for funding and how the grant will be used: