



CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION

May 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

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Roll Call



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General Public Comment & Single / Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Agenda Item #1: Commission Business



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Agenda Item #2:

Findings to Continue Teleconference
Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Possible
Commission Action



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Agenda Item #3: Welcome Remarks From the Acting Executive Director



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Agenda Item #3:
END.

Agenda Item #4: Licensing Report



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SEIA Eligibility Verification Process

- In 2020, the City Council mandated that retail, delivery and cultivation licensing activities are restricted to verified Social Equity Applicants through Jan 1, 2025.
- The 60-day eligibility verification period will be only eligibility verification period in 2022; if you do not get verified during this eligibility verification period, you will not be able to submit your eligibility verification request until the process reopens in 2023 or later.
- Social Equity Individual Applicants (SEIA) verified under the updated criteria with a qualifying prior California Cannabis Arrest or Conviction may register for the Phase 3 Retail Round 2 lottery.



SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria

- To qualify as a Social Equity Individual Applicant (SEIA), an individual must meet, at least, two of the following three criteria:
 - (1) Low-Income in 2020 or 2021;
 - (2) a prior California Cannabis Arrest or Conviction prior to November 8, 2016;
 - An arrest, prosecution or conviction for a violation of Proposition D is not a California Arrest or Cannabis Conviction.
 - (3) ten years' cumulative residency in a Disproportionately Impacted Area.



SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria

Low Income in 2020 or 2021

- Social Equity Individual Applicant meets the low-income thresholds established in the annual U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limits based upon the Area Median Income (AMI) for Los Angeles County based on household size; and,
- The SEIA's net assets at, or below, four times the Low-Income thresholds based on the individual's Household Size. Examples of liquid accounts that shall be disclosed include but are not limited to, saving accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts, stocks, trusts, and gifts.



SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria HUD Low Income 2020 Table

FY 2020 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Explanation	FY 2020 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA HUD Metro FMR Area	\$77,300	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	39,450	45,050	50,700	56,300	60,850	65,350	69,850	74,350
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$) * Explanation	23,700	27,050	30,450	33,800	36,550	39,250	41,950	44,650
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	63,100	72,100	81,100	90,100	97,350	104,550	111,750	118,950

NOTE: HUD generally uses the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions in the calculation of income limit program parameters. However, to ensure that program parameters do not vary significantly due to area definition changes, HUD has used custom geographic definitions for the **Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA HUD Metro FMR Area**.



SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria

HUD Low Income 2021 Table

FY 2021 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Click for More Detail	FY 2021 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Los Angeles- Long Beach- Glendale, CA HUD Metro FMR Area	\$80,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	41,400	47,300	53,200	59,100	63,850	68,600	73,300	78,050
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Click for More Detail	24,850	28,400	31,950	35,450	38,300	41,150	44,000	46,800
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	66,250	75,700	85,150	94,600	102,200	109,750	117,350	124,900

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SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria

CA Cannabis Arrest or Conviction

- "California Cannabis Arrest or Conviction" means an arrest or conviction in California for any crime under the laws of the State of California or the United States relating to the sale, possession, use, manufacture, or cultivation of Cannabis that occurred prior to November 8, 2016.
 - An arrest, prosecution or conviction for a violation of Proposition D is not a California Arrest or Cannabis Conviction.
- A Social Equity Applicant with a California Cannabis Arrest or Conviction shall be ineligible to apply for a License in any of the circumstances specified in Section 104.03(a), subject to the time restrictions therein.

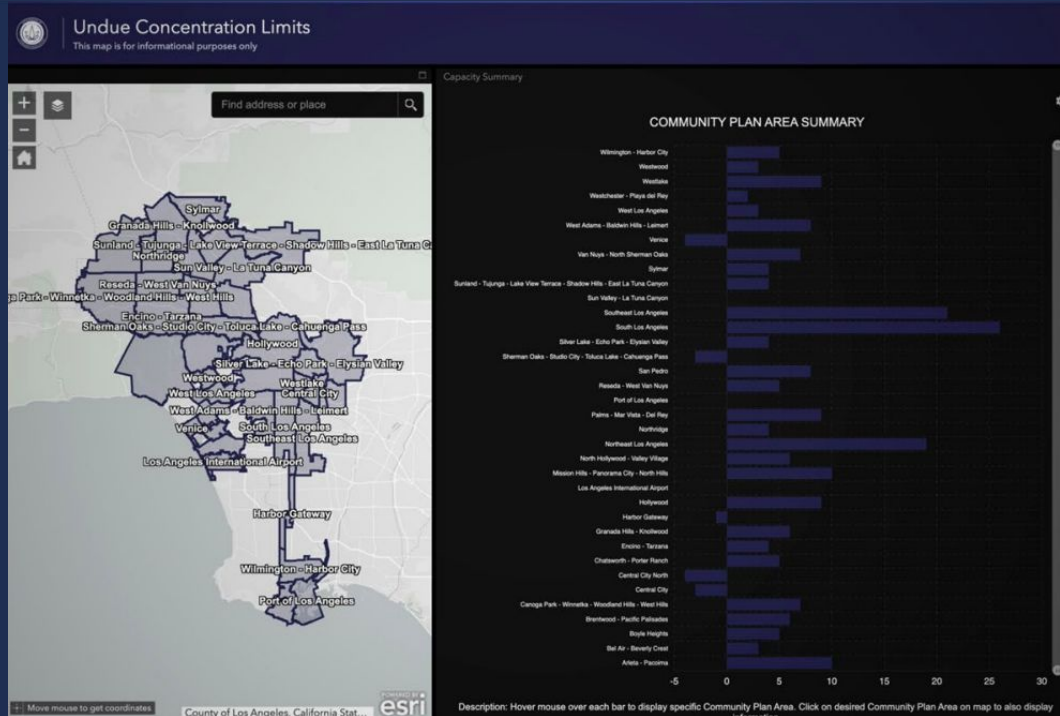


SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria

Disproportionately Impacted Area

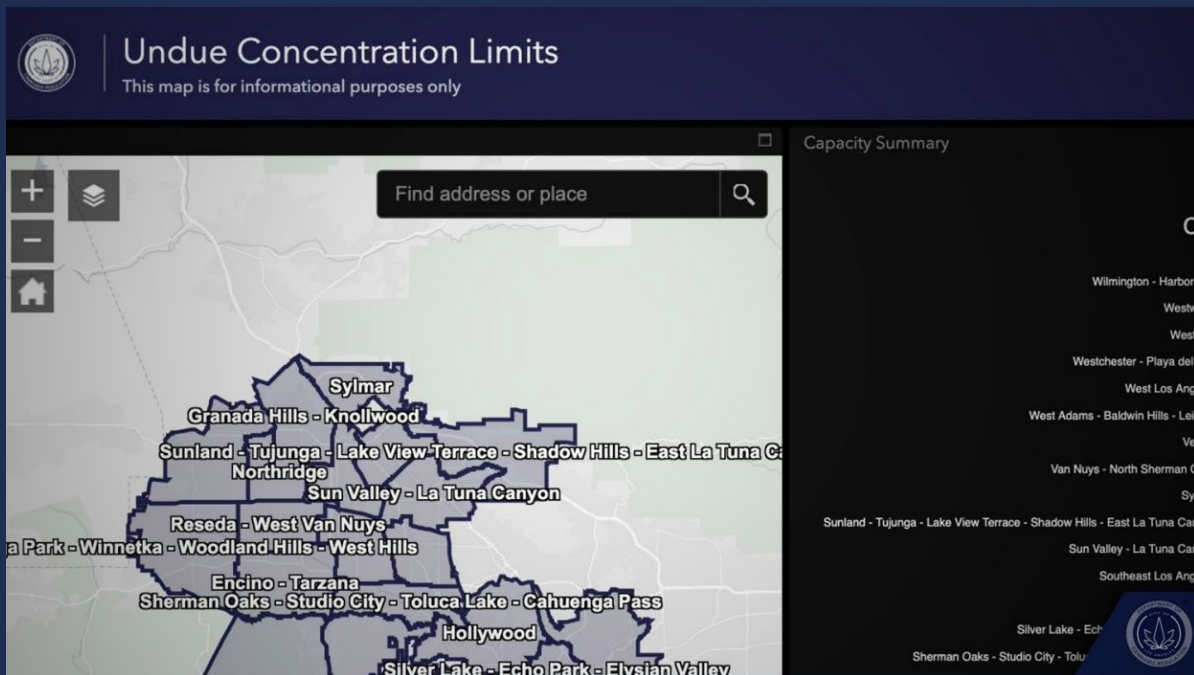
- "Disproportionately Impacted Area" means Police Reporting Districts as established in the [Expanded Social Equity Analysis](#), or as established using the same methodology and criteria in a similar analysis provided by an Applicant for an area outside of the City.

SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria Disproportionately Impacted Area



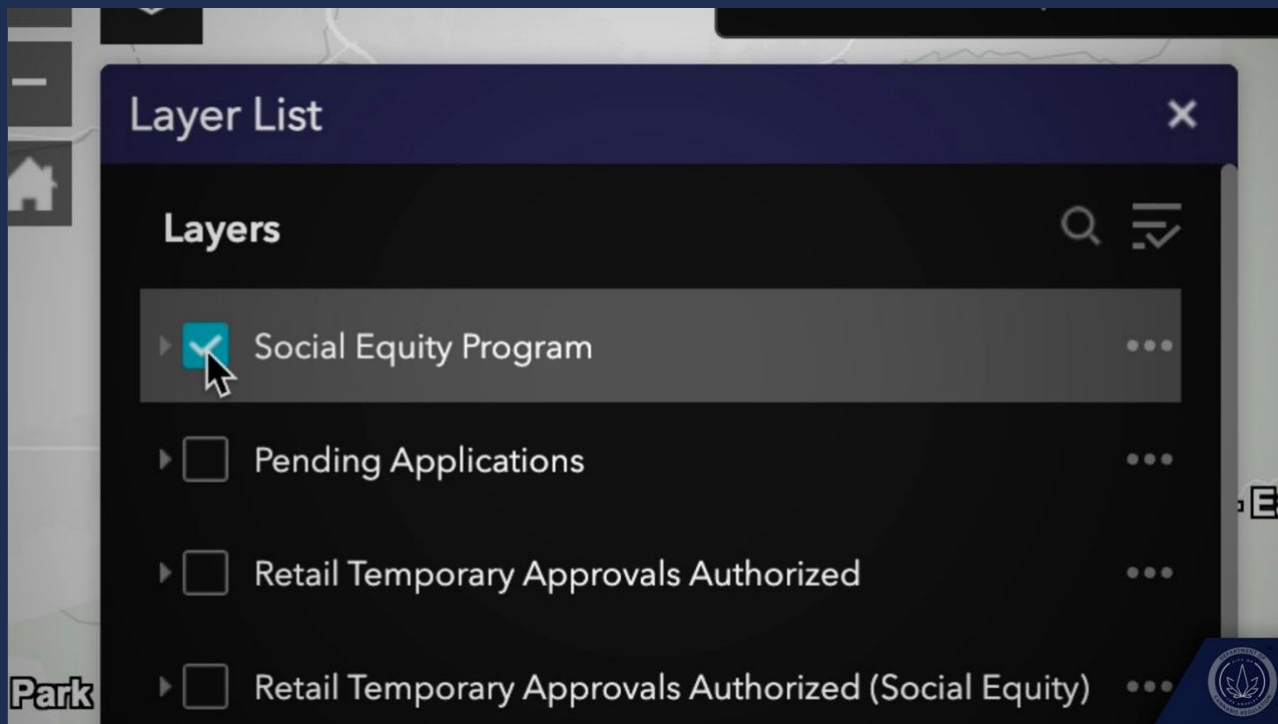


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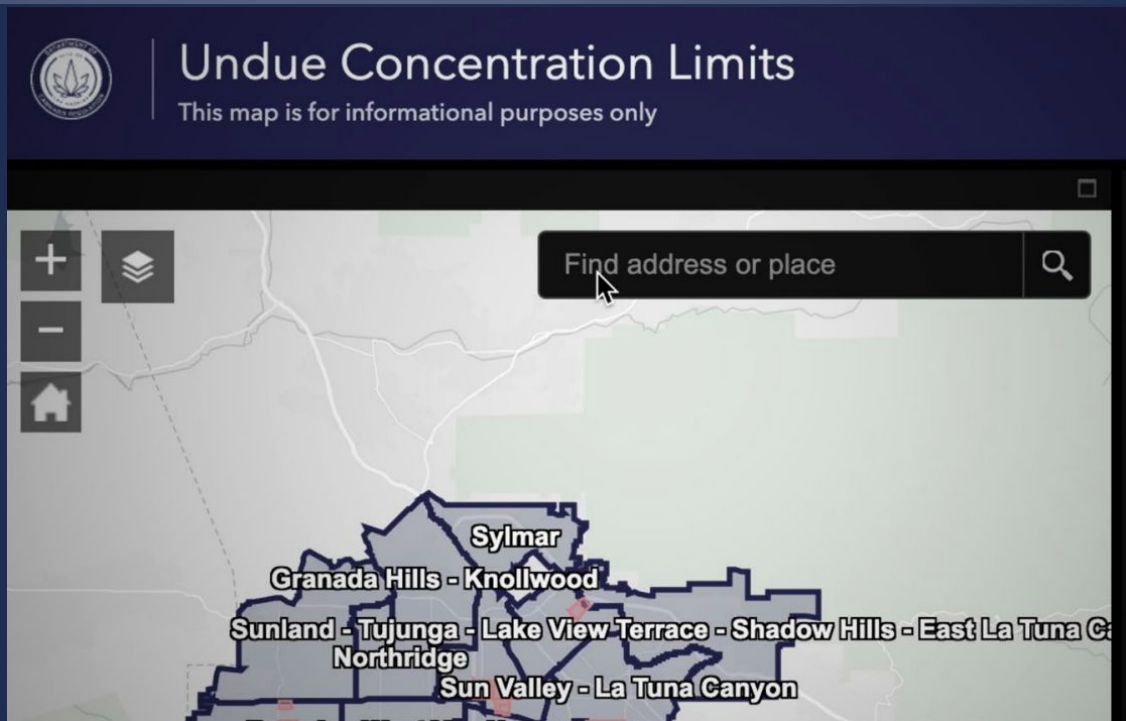


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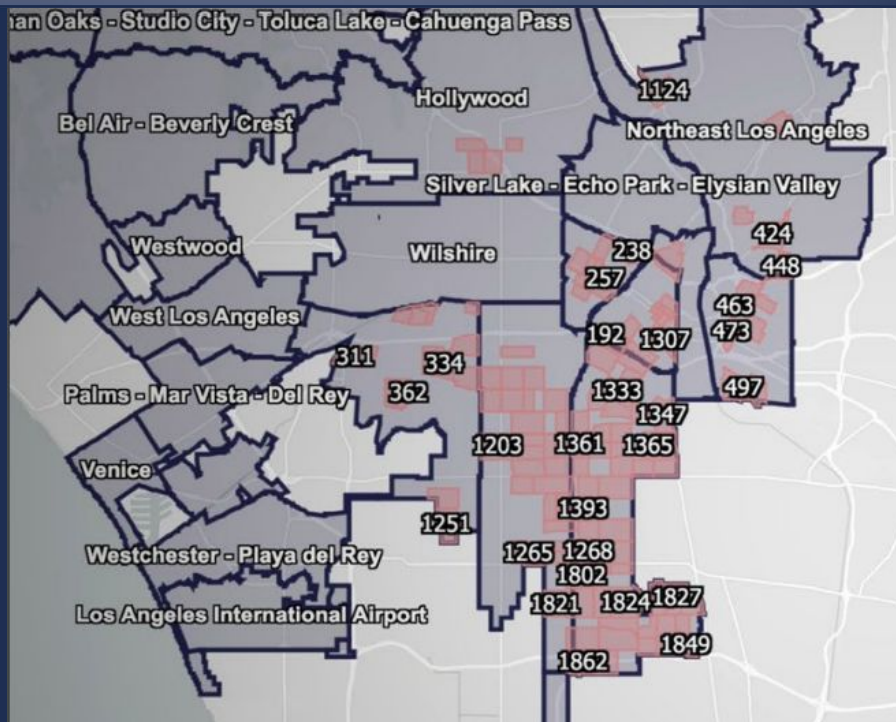
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SEIA Eligibility Verification Criteria

Disproportionately Impacted Area





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Agenda Item #4:
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Agenda Item #5: Social Equity Program Update



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Summary of Activities to Date:

Social Equity Program



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The Mission of the Social Equity Program is, “to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities, and to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs in those communities.”



Summary of Activities to Date:

Social Equity Program



Social Equity Program Benefits and Resources

- Application Processing
- Business, Licensing, and Compliance Assistance Program
- SEED Grant Program
- Pro Bono Legal Services



Business, Licensing, and Compliance



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BLC





2022 BLC Programming Overview

Monthly “Beachside Chats”

- Panels of Cannabis Experts with Audience Q&A

29 Webinars through April

- Covering topics ranging from licensing to career pathways to raising capital

New LMS content

- 86 hours of self-paced educational content

70 Hours of Office Hours

- Small group Q&A sessions with subject matter experts



Eligibility Verification Webinars



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3 Live Webinars

May 10, 2022

May 24, 2022

June 14, 2022

Register at:

<https://cannabis.lacity.org/social-equity-program/program-requirements/program-requirements#Resources>

Eligibility Verification Informational Video



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Social Equity Individual Applicant Verification Informational Video



Eligibility Verification Training



Watch later



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City of LA SEP

Eligibility Verification Training

Eligibility Verification Checklist



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City of Los Angeles Department
of Cannabis Regulation

SEP Eligibility Verification Checklist

This form is a checklist to help you prepare for the social equity verification process.

LOW INCOME

1. Did you report income of \$63,100 or less in 2020 or \$66,250 or less in 2021? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. If yes, did you submit a tax return for 2020 that shows income of \$63,100 or less or \$66,250 or less in 2021? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CALIFORNIA CANNABIS ARREST OR CONVICTION

1. Do you have a qualifying* California Cannabis Arrest or Conviction before November 8, 2016? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. If yes, what was your qualifying Cannabis Arrest or Conviction before November 8, 2016?

**An arrest, prosecution or conviction for a violation of Proposition D is not a California Arrest or Cannabis Conviction.*

RESIDENCY IN A DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED AREA (DIA) - 10 YEARS

1. Have you resided in a DIA for at least ten years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. If yes, please complete the table below:

No.	Year	Address	Supporting document
Ex.	2017	125 Paseo de la Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012	Lease
1			
2			



GROW 2022 CANNABIS CAREER FAIR

2-Day Event

March 18th Day-1: Virtual
Educational Programming

March 19th Day-2: Live
Los Angeles Trade Tech College
400 W. Washington Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA



KEYNOTE SPEAKER TIMEKA DREW

Founder & CEO of Biko & VP of
Licensing & Compliance for Eaze

Register @
<https://bit.ly/3okOhjw>



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GROW 2022 Career Fair



Job Readiness

- Cannabis 101 for Job Seekers
- Open Q & A with HR Experts
- Job Readiness Webinars



Opportunities

- Job Seeker Support Booth (application, resume, and interview support)
- On-site Interviews and Network with Employers



Expert Panel

- Industry Experts
- Operators/Employers
- Ancillaries

***Covid Requirements:** All attendees must wear a mask at all times and provide proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test 72 hours prior to event to gain entry into Career Fair.



Capital Case Workers Pilot

Capital Caseworkers Services:

- **Access to Capital**
- **Financial Literacy Training**
- **Identify Available Commercial Property**
- **Develop Business Plans**
- **Investor Pitches**

Launched in April of 2022*

Final Report on Expansion coming June 2022*



LACBA Pro Bono Legal Assistance

Programming currently available to Phase 3 Retail Round 1 Applicants eligible for further processing.

Eligibility for Pro Bono Legal Services now includes Delivery-only Applicants deemed Eligible For Further Processing.

If you are interested PLEASE sign up on our website:

<https://cannabis.lacity.org/social-equity-program/program-benefit-and-resources/pro-bono-legal-services>





Pro Bono Legal Services

SIGN UP HERE



Home > Social Equity Program > Program Benefit And Resources > Pro Bono Legal Services

The Los Angeles County Bar Association's Cannabis Section, in partnership with DCM, has created a Pro Bono Legal Assistance program which will operate through the Bar Association's Smart Law Referral Service for Social Equity Applicants.

The goals of this referral resource are to promote fair and equitable participation in the licensed commercial cannabis industry, and to foster a level playing field as it relates to access to legal counsel, and help deter predatory practices targeting the social equity community.

This referral service is available ONLY to Social Equity Applicants who applied in Phase 3 Retain Round 1 and were determined eligible for further processing under Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06.1(b). Depending on demand and availability, these services may be expanded to other applicants in the future.

If you are a Phase 3 Social Equity Individual Applicant with an application deemed eligible for further processing and interested in receiving limited pro bono legal services, please complete the online survey titled "[Pro Bono Legal Services Survey](#)." You must complete the required information in the Pro Bono Legal Services Survey and upload the [Authorization Agreement](#) to the survey to complete the survey process.

Summary of Activities to Date:

SEED Grant Program



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SEED GRANT CLOSE OUT



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As of December 6, 2021 the City of Los Angeles has disbursed:

\$ 6 million to

206 Social Equity Applicants and Licensees

ALL SEED GRANT DOLLARS HAVE BEEN DISBURSED !!!

