

Grant Program Options

Of all the grant program options voted on by participants, the four with the most support were:

1. CORE members with leased/owned locations (23.1%) would be eligible to apply for grants, with no requirement for a CUP or BOP;
2. Members with submitted BOP applications (17.1%) would be eligible to apply for grants, but those with only a leased/owned location would not;
3. CORE incubator/social enterprise businesses (16.7%) only would be eligible to apply for grants; and
4. Small grants to all CORE members, appx \$3,000 each (16.7%).

Of the grant distribution methods voted on by participants, there was strong support for a non-reimbursement grant program (58.7%) that allows each CORE participant to apply for funding by project status (34.7%), with grants ranging from \$35,000 to \$125,000 (33.3%), and sets aside an amount for small grants on a first come first serve basis (56%).

Based on the results from both the grant distribution method and the grant program options, here are outlines of the top options. Please see table below for a side by side comparison of these options.

- **OPTION 1: CORE participants with leased/owned locations ONLY (no BOP or CUP application required to be submitted)**
 - **Flat grant amount or Mix/Tiered** grants based on **project status and/or business type** between \$35,000 and \$125,000
 - Individual CORE participants can apply for funding on a first come/first served basis until funding is exhausted
 - Set aside **an amount of the funds** for small grants on a first come/first serve basis until small grant funding is exhausted.
 - No more than one grant per person
- **OPTION 2: CORE participants with submitted BOP applications ONLY**
 - **Flat grant amount or Mix/Tiered** grants based on **project status and/or business type** between \$35,000 and \$125,000
 - Individual CORE participants can apply for funding on a first come/first served basis until funding is exhausted.
 - Set aside **an amount of the funds** for small grants on a first come/first serve basis.
 - No more than one grant per person
- **OPTION 3: 51% CORE-owned Incubators (business accelerators) ONLY**
 - **Flat grant amount or Mixed/Tiered grants** between \$125,000 to \$350,000 based on number of **CORE members served** and **project status**
 - Business accelerators must either provide separate premises for CORE members to operate their businesses OR provide shared manufacturing (Type S) facilities with each CORE member having their own manufacturing BOP
 - Set aside **an amount of the funds** for small grants on a first come first serve basis.
 - No more than one grant per CORE-owned business accelerator

The grant program option tied for third, small grants, was not separately evaluated based upon the results of the grant distribution poll. Most participants responded that the ideal amount for grants is either a mixed/tiered option or between \$35,000 and \$125,000 per grant. To address the interest in having small grants available, one of the options to vote on below is setting aside an amount of the funding for small grants for those who do not receive a larger grant.

Grant Components	Leased/Owned	BOP	Incubator (Business Accelerator)
Leased/owned location	Yes	No	Yes
BOP submitted	Yes	Yes	TBD
Grant award type	Mixed/Tiered or Flat Amount	Mixed/Tiered or Flat Amount	Mixed/Tiered or Flat Amount
If Tiers, What type	Project Status OR Business type	Project Status OR Business type	# of CORE members served <u>and</u> project status
Grant amount	Between \$35K and \$125K	Between \$35K and \$125K	Between \$125K to \$350k
Availability	First come first serve until funding is exhausted	First come first serve until funding is exhausted	Criteria including but not limited to: Plan of leased/owned premises showing separate premises or shared facilities; copy of lease/deed showing exclusive right to occupy for at least 3 years (subject to change based on further discussion with stakeholders)
Small grant set aside	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eligibility for small grant	Recipients of a larger grant will not be eligible .	Recipients of a larger grant will not be eligible .	Recipients of a larger grant will not be eligible .

As indicated from the previous poll results and the options above, further stakeholder input is needed. Based on the results from the polling at the meeting, not all of the questions below may be asked.

Survey

Under which options should participants be able to qualify for grant funds (not including small grants, which will be asked about below)?

- ONLY those with leased/owned locations (*Option 1 in the table above*)
- ONLY those with BOP submitted (this will result in changes to tiered project status categories) (*Option 2 in the table above*)
- ONLY 51% CORE-owned Incubators (Business Accelerators) (*Option 3 in the table above. NOTE: If this receives the majority vote, there will need to be a separate process to determine the details of this grant program. The viability of this option is subject to City Council approving new language, which many not happen this grant year.*)

Should the amount of a grant be a mixed/tiered amount or a flat amount, with a mixed/tiered meaning that the amount of the grant will change based on type of business or where an applicant is in their project and a flat amount meaning that all applicants will receive the same amount, regardless of their type of business or project status? This only applies to Options 1 or 2.

- Mixed/Tiered
- Flat amount

If mixed/tiered, do you prefer the tiers to be based on project status (no CUP applied for, CUP/BOP applied for, BOP issued) or on type of business (lab, cultivation, manufacturing, delivery, etc.)

- Project Status
- Type of Business

For a Project's Status, please match the tier it should be awarded. Not all tiers will be used and one tier can be used more than once:

- Leased/owned location, no CUP or BOP applications submitted (only Option 1)
- CUP/BOP application submitted
- Building Permit application submitted
- BOP issued

- Tier 1: \$125,000
- Tier 2: \$100,00
- Tier 3: \$75,000
- Tier 4: \$50,000
- Tier 5: \$35,000

For type of business, please match the tier it should be awarded. Not all tiers will be used and one tier can be used more than once:

- Testing Laboratory
 - Cultivation
 - Manufacturing
 - Delivery
 - Distribution
 - Storefront dispensary
 - Microbusiness
-
- Tier 1: \$125,000
 - Tier 2: \$100,00
 - Tier 3: \$75,000
 - Tier 4: \$50,000
 - Tier 5: \$35,000

Please vote for the funding we should set aside for small grants on a first come first serve basis, and the size of that small grant. The number of people indicates the number of applicants served by this amount. Please only choose one:

- \$60,000 set aside, \$3,000 each, 20 people
- \$60,000 set aside, \$5,000 each, 12 people
- \$120,000 set aside, \$3,000 each, 40 people
- \$120,000 set aside, \$5,000 each, 24 people
- \$100,000 set aside \$3,000 each, 33 people
- \$100,000 set aside \$5,000 each, 20 people
- \$150,000 set aside, \$3,000 each, 50 people
- \$150,000 set aside, \$5,000 each, 30 people