

**Department of Cannabis Control**  
**Overview of the Cannabis Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program**  
**2022-23 May Revision**

There are currently 363 cities and counties within California that do not license storefront cannabis retailers, and 360 cities and counties that do not license delivery-only cannabis retailers. To assist the cities and counties of California that do not currently license storefront or delivery-only cannabis retailers, the May Revision includes \$20.5 million one-time General Fund to establish a cannabis local jurisdiction retail access grant program.

The Cannabis Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program is intended to provide funding to support these local jurisdictions in the development and implementation of a local retail licensing program. This program aims to provide consumers with better access to regulated, tested product by supporting the expansion of California's legal cannabis marketplace, thereby reducing the need for consumers to turn to illegal cannabis businesses.

The Department of Cannabis Control will award funding in three categories:

1. Funding based on the population size of the jurisdiction to assist with developing and implementing a local cannabis retailer licensing program;
2. Funding based on the number of retailer permits issued by the local jurisdiction; and
3. Enhanced funding for the issuance of retailer permits owned by local or state equity applicants.

The Department will be responsible for administering the Cannabis Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program, including developing guidelines for the program, which will be posted on the Department's website. To obtain funding, local jurisdictions must apply through a Request for Proposal to the Department. The application must include a plan describing how the local jurisdiction will meet all grant program requirements and a budget to implement the program. Local jurisdictions awarded funding will have two years from the date of disbursement to expend the funds.

The Department may recapture funds that are not used within the two-year time period from the date of disbursement, that are used for an ineligible purpose or not in compliance with the plan approved by the Department, when the local jurisdiction is not in compliance with program guidelines, or if the local jurisdiction fails to demonstrate progress toward establishing its program. Any funds not expended by June 30, 2026, will revert to the General Fund.