City of SACRAMENTO
Office of Cannabis Management

POLICY MEMORANDUM

Date: September 4, 2026

From: Al Romero-Gibu, Cannabis Manager
Lindsay Brown, Administrative Officer

Re: CORE Grant Policy – Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The City of Sacramento has been awarded State grant funding from the Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions for annual awards since Fiscal Year 21/22. The grant awards are paid in three or four grant cycles in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer (Supplemental).

On January 14, 2026, The City of Sacramento was awarded $3,500,000 by CEG (CEG-722) with up to four anticipated grant cycles for Fiscal Year 2027. The deadline for spending this grant award is October 31, 2027. The anticipated grant cycles are as follows:

- Fall Cycle
- Winter Cycle
- Spring Cycle
- Supplemental Distribution Grant Cycle (if applicable)

And with the Fall, Winter, and Spring cycles offering the following grant types:

- Tiered Grant (1, 2, and 3), for pre-operational cannabis CORE businesses
- Reimbursement Grant, for active cannabis CORE businesses

The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) advises participants and applicants the following deadlines and tentative timelines for the FY27 grant cycles:

FALL CYCLE

Friday, September 11, 2026 **– Prior Grantee Documentation Deadline:**

By close of business, previous grantees who received over $5,000 in grant funding (excluding supplemental grant funding) must submit all required receipts, expenditure records, supporting documentation, and narrative reports demonstrating fulfillment of the conditions and requirements of their grant. Upon review, OCM will provide a confirmation email certifying submission.

***Monday, September 21, 2026* – Fall Tiered and Reimbursement Grant Cycle opens to all eligible CORE participants**

A link to the Fall application will be available on the OCM website. You must provide the proper application documents establishing your tiered or reimbursement grantee status, including fiscal confirmation, as applicable.

***Friday, October 2, 2026* – Applications for the 2026 Fall Tiered and Reimbursement Grant Cycle Due**

Applications must be submitted by the established deadline. Grant application deadlines are firm. Exceptions to established deadlines cannot be accommodated.

WINTER CYCLE

The Winter grant cycle will begin no sooner than December 1, 2026. Exact dates will be provided by OCM prior to this date.

SPRING CYCLE

The Spring grant cycle will begin no sooner than March 1, 2027. Exact dates will be provided by OCM prior to this date.

SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRIBUTION GRANT CYCLE

The Supplemental Distribution Grant Cycle is an additional discretionary grant type that will be offered if funding is available. This grant awards an equal amount of funds to all eligible CORE participants that meet the following criteria:

- Has received any one grant in the current Fiscal Year
- Is current with all OCM loan obligations

This grant cycle will begin no sooner than June 1, 2027. Exact dates will be provided by OCM prior to this date.

OCM will provide grant-related information and updates at the in-person CORE Careholder's Meetings and reminders, documentation requests and award letters to applicants and participants via e-mail throughout all grant cycles. In addition, OCM makes all grant information available on the website prior to the start of each cycle. Grant awards require signature through Adobe Sign for implementation.

Grantees must comply with all eligibility requirements including:

- Applicants must be current on all OCM administered loans to be eligible for grant funding
- Only one grant is available per person, per business. Additional grant applications submitted for the same person/business will be rejected
- The grant application is open to all verified CORE participants whose cannabis business fits into one of the Tiers, except those with a disqualifying event as determined by OCM
- Eligibility within each of the three tiers is limited to four (4) non-consecutive grant awards within a two (2) year grant period
- Grant funds may be used for eligible regulated cannabis business purposes, including, but not limited to: inventory, equipment, rent, marketing, etc.
- Only two (2) monthly installments toward loan repayment are eligible