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Maryland Cannabis Administration Announces Social Equity License Lottery

License Lottery for Social Equity Applicants set for March 14

Linthicum Heights, MD - The Maryland Cannabis Administration today announced that the lottery drawings for social equity applicants will be held on March 14. The MCA may select up to 179 applicants across more than 40 unique lottery pools (see Table 1 below for more information). A total of more than 1,500 applications will be entered into the lottery pools and eligible for selection.

“The Cannabis Administration is pleased to announce the lottery date and proceed to the next stage in the social equity licensing process,” said **Maryland Cannabis Administration Director Will Tilburg**. “We know businesses are excited to join this growing industry and wish all the qualified social equity applicants good luck in the drawings.”

The MCA has procured a lottery computer from Smartplay International, who will be on-site to conduct the drawings. All lottery procedures were developed in partnership with the Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency. Additionally, the lottery will be overseen by Baker Tilly US, LLP, a leading advisory, tax and assurance firm, who has certified successful cannabis lotteries in other jurisdictions.

The lottery drawings will be live streamed on the MCA’s website - cannabis.maryland.gov - with selected application numbers being announced at the time of each lottery draw. The MCA will also post the list of selected numbers after the lottery. Selected applicants will receive additional communications by the MCA following the drawing event.

Application Breakdown

A total of 1,515 applications were determined to meet the minimum requirements for licensing and will be entered into the lottery. Of these, 874 were for standard and micro dispensaries, 449 were for standard and micro growers, and 192 were for standard and micro processors. Montgomery County (89), Prince George’s County (87), Baltimore County (78), Baltimore City (64) and Anne Arundel County (64) are the jurisdictions with the largest number of applicants who met the minimum requirements for licensing.

A total of 1,270 passing applications, or 84% of all passing applications, self-reported that they were minority- and women-owned businesses. Of these, a total of 753 passing applications self-reported they were African American or black-owned businesses, 248 self-reported they were Asian-owned businesses, and 43 self-reported they were Hispanic or Latino-owned businesses.

Lottery Information

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 9:30 AM ET

Location: Livestream available at cannabis.maryland.gov

Next Steps

Following the lottery, and prior to the award of any conditional licenses, the MCA will conduct an investigation to verify material aspects of each selected applicant. As part of the review process the Administration will verify any claims regarding social equity ownership and control made in the application. Selected Applicants will receive additional information on this review process in the days following the lottery drawings.

For more information, please visit cannabis.maryland.gov.

Table 1. Number of Available Awards and Eligible Applications, by Lottery Pool.

Class	Type	Jurisdiction	Number of Awards	Number Eligible
Standard	Dispensary	Allegany	1	3
Standard	Dispensary	Anne Arundel	5	64
Standard	Dispensary	Baltimore City	11	64
Standard	Dispensary	Baltimore	6	78
Standard	Dispensary	Calvert	3	43
Standard	Dispensary	Caroline	1	2
Standard	Dispensary	Carroll	2	18
Standard	Dispensary	Cecil	2	14
Standard	Dispensary	Charles	2	8
Standard	Dispensary	Dorchester	1	5
Standard	Dispensary	Frederick	3	22
Standard	Dispensary	Garrett	1	10
Standard	Dispensary	Harford	3	22
Standard	Dispensary	Howard	3	4
Standard	Dispensary	Kent	1	1
Standard	Dispensary	Montgomery	9	89
Standard	Dispensary	Prince George's	9	87
Standard	Dispensary	Queen Anne's	1	3
Standard	Dispensary	Somerset	1	1
Standard	Dispensary	St. Mary's	2	5
Standard	Dispensary	Talbot	2	23
Standard	Dispensary	Washington	3	57
Standard	Dispensary	Wicomico	2	16
Standard	Dispensary	Worcester	1	9
Micro	Dispensary	Central	2	97
Micro	Dispensary	Eastern	2	15
Micro	Dispensary	Southern	2	71
Micro	Dispensary	Western	2	43
Standard	Grower	Central	4	22
Standard	Grower	Eastern	4	71
Standard	Grower	Southern	4	49
Standard	Grower	Western	4	55
Micro	Grower	Central	6	49
Micro	Grower	Eastern	6	74
Micro	Grower	Southern	6	71
Micro	Grower	Western	6	58
Standard	Processor	Central	8	17
Standard	Processor	Eastern	8	37
Standard	Processor	Western	8	20
Standard	Processor	Southern	8	28
Micro	Processor	Central	6	17
Micro	Processor	Eastern	6	29
Micro	Processor	Southern	6	32
Micro	Processor	Western	6	12
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