



Cannabis Division Deliverables

TO: Mendocino County Community Members
FROM: Cannabis Division
RE: Monthly Activity Report – May 2026

Cannabis Cultivation Business License (“CCBL”) Activity

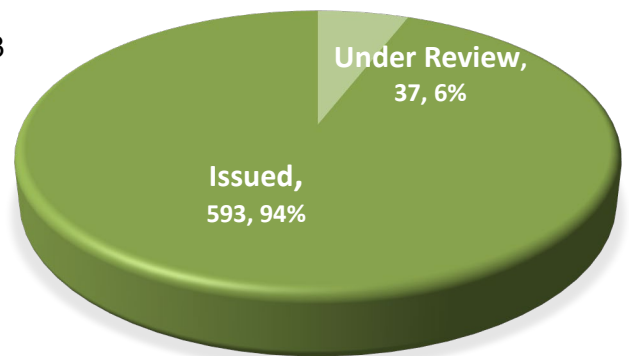
CCBL Data

Total number of initial applications under review: 37
Total number of issued CCBLs: 593

May Breakdown

CCBL Issued:	1
CCBL Renewals Issued:	0
CCBL Withdrawn:	1
CCBL Non-Cultivation:	0
CCBL Notice of Application Stay:	0
May Renewals Under Review:	2
Total # of CCBLs Completed in May:	2

CCBL ISSUANCE



Administrative Permit (“AP”) April Review

APs Under Review:	8
APs Approved with Conditions:	0

May Site Inspections

# of On-site Inspections Completed:	8
# of Remote Inspections Completed:	0
# of Special Site Inspections Completed:	0

Other Review

Total # of modifications processed:	6
Total # of reassignments processed:	0
Total # of tax appeals received:	25

Mendocino County Approximate Square Footage

The figures below estimate the total square footage that ***could*** potentially be cultivated in Mendocino County, ***if*** all licensees grow the maximum square footage allowed under their issued or pending licenses. Please note that actual cultivation will differ from these estimates due to factors such as site plan limitations, fallowing, and applicants who do not hold a valid DCC license.

Approximate total of issued acreage for cultivation: 142.29 ¹

CCBL Subtype	Number Issued	Approx. Sq. Ft.	Approx. Acreage
1	59	295,000	6.77
2	435	4,350,000	99.86
4	67	1,474,000	33.83
C	32	80,000	1.83

Approximate total of under-review acreage for cultivation: 8.14

CCBL Subtype	Number Under Review	Approx. Sq. Ft.	Approx. Acreage
1	1	5,000	0.11
2	35	350,000	8.03
4	0	0	0
C	0	0	0

CCBL Compliance Plans

In accordance with Mendocino County Code ("MCC") section 10A.17, some CCBLs were issued with a signed Compliance Plan ("CP"), which provides a structured pathway to full compliance while allowing a license to remain active. Under a CP, license holders agree to:

- Correct identified violations
- Obtain and finalize all required County permits
- Secure necessary certificates of occupancy
- Comply with all CP-specific conditions

Several licensees have not completed required actions within the established timelines. Immediate follow-up is necessary to avoid potential application denial, license termination, or loss of local authorization.

If CCBL holders have questions, they can review detailed guidance on Compliance Plans here: [Compliance Plans | Mendocino County, CA](#)

CCBL Tax Appeals

Pursuant to Resolution 19-372, adopted by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on October 22, 2019, if no commercial cannabis cultivation occurred during the tax period indicated, one may appeal the imposition of the minimum tax imposed as stated on their tax invoice.

Appellants can file tax appeals with the Cannabis Division via their [Accela Citizen Access Portal](#)

¹ "Type 1" (5,000) square feet of total plant canopy - for medium outdoor, indoor, or mixed light cultivation

"Type 2" (10,000) square feet of total plant canopy - for large outdoor, indoor, or mixed light cultivation

"Type 4" (22,000) square feet of total plant canopy for the cultivation of cannabis nursery stock and/or seed production

"Type C" (2,500) square feet of total canopy - for small outdoor, indoor, or mixed light cultivation

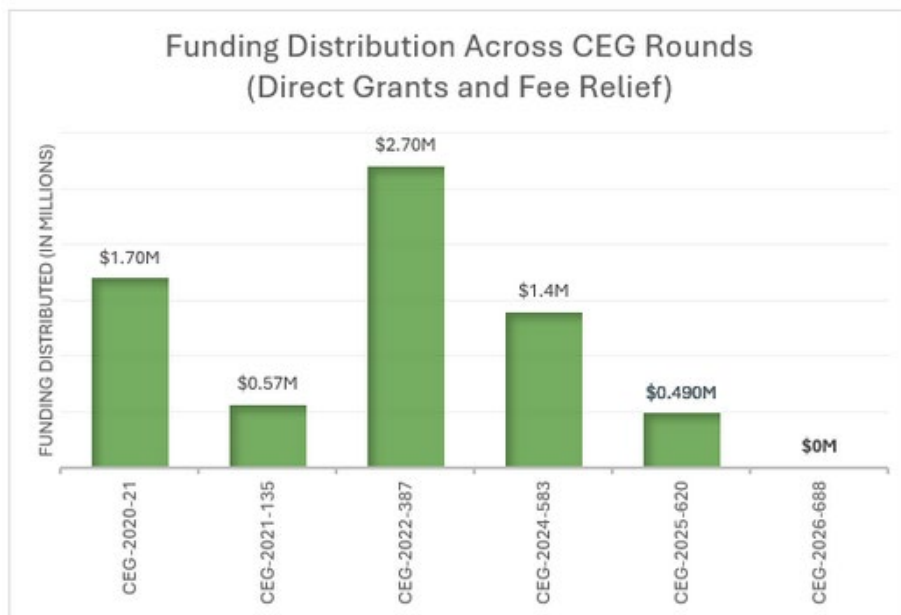
April 1-May 20 for the previous tax year.

The Division received thirty (30) tax appeal applications during the open application window. Of those, three (3) applications were denied and twenty-seven (27) were approved.

Local Equity Entrepreneur Program (“LEEP”) Grant

The State’s Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions aims to advance economic justice for populations and communities impacted by cannabis prohibition and the War on Drugs (“WoD”) by providing support to local jurisdictions as they promote equity in California and eliminate barriers to entering the newly regulated cannabis industry for equity program applicants and licensees. The County has submitted applications for LEEP funding in the six rounds which have opened so far; five of those applications were funded. With over \$8 million awarded from the State and administered by the Governor’s Office of Business & Economic Development (“GO-Biz”) and \$100,000 in matching grant funds from the BOS, the program offers applicants fee relief applications of cannabis business expenses, direct grants funds for start-up and ongoing expenses, and direct technical assistance based on individual needs and circumstances.

The Division has distributed over \$6.76M in LEEP funding to verified local equity applicants via direct grant and fee relief to date.



LEEP Funding (CEG-2025-620) Round 6

On January 23, 2025, the Division received the award notification for the 2024–25 Grant Solicitation (CEG-2025-620, Round 6). The Division was awarded a Type 2: Assistance for Cannabis Equity Program Applicants and Licensees grant (“Type 2”) in the amount of \$612,689.88. This grant term ends on October 31, 2026.

CEG-2025-620 Round 6 Direct Grants and Fee Relief

As of February 2026, all Round 6 direct grant agreements have been fully executed.

As of May 2026, all direct grants and fee relief have been awarded from this round of funding. The Division was able to fund ten (10) individual direct grant awards totaling \$397,914.04, and sixty (60) fee relief application requests totaling \$92,237.88.

The Division is currently concluding administrative work and Direct Technical Assistance ("DTA") for this grants and anticipates funding to be expended by August 2026.

LEEP Funding (CEG-2026-688) Round 7

On January 14, 2026, the Division received the award notification for the 2025–26 Grant Solicitation (CEG-2026-688, Round 7). The Division was awarded a Type 2: Assistance for Cannabis Equity Program Applicants and Licensees grant ("Type 2") in the amount of \$750,000.00. This grant term ends on October 31, 2027.

The Division will continue to keep the community informed via CannaNote and will reach out directly to potential awardees individually, and no action is required from equity applicants at this time.

FREE DTA

Since July 2024, Canna Business Services ("CBS") has been providing [FREE Direct Technical Assistance](#) to verified LEEP applicants in Mendocino County. To date, CBS has hosted several webinars covering a range of topics, including weekly Q&A sessions, an overview of the Annual License process, METRC training, and a CEQA overview. In addition to webinars, CBS offers one-on-one support for equity applicants seeking guidance.

Recorded Direct Technical Assistance materials are available on CBS's Vimeo platform and can be accessed here: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11251714>

CBS would like to provide equity licensees and applicants with the most valuable and relevant content to support their journey in the cannabis industry. To better understand the needs and preferences, please share your ideas and feedback [here](#).

Equity applicants interested in FREE DTA or with specific questions are encouraged to contact CBS directly at: mendocino@cannabusinessservices.com.

CannaNotes

For additional and up-to-date information regarding the Cannabis Division Activities please sign up for "CannaNotes" through the county's eNotification system at the following link or by scanning the QR code below:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cannabis-cultivation/enotifications>

