

## **MMCC Announces Grant Award Winners**

THE MARYLAND MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION (MMCC) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE FIVE GRANT AWARDS to educational and business development organizations to develop Medical Cannabis Educational and Business Development Training Programs. Each awardee was selected following a competitive grant application process.

The grants for the training programs were established by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Reform Act (House Bill 2/Chapter 598), enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in 2018, and are designed to provide training and assistance to *small, minority, and women business owners and entrepreneurs* seeking to become licensed in the medical cannabis industry in the State. The courses will be offered free of charge beginning in January 2019, with both in-person and online training available. Interested persons may register for training classes through a participating organization listed below. Each organization will address the overall medical cannabis licensing process and regulations as part of its curriculum.

Two grant awards to UMED Pharmaceuticals – University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions – Cannabis Career Institute – one award for Category I training (Medical Cannabis Licensing and Applications) and a second award for Category II training (Medical Cannabis Business Operations)

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The Partners will host 3 geographically diverse training sites throughout Maryland:

- 1. Western Maryland Hagerstown, Comfort Suites, 1801 Dual Hwy, Hagerstown, MD
- 2. Baltimore City Comfort Inn & Suites, BWI Airport, 6921 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Baltimore, MD
- 3. Eastern Shore Salisbury Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, 1804 Sweetbay Dr., Salisbury, MD

**Two grant awards to Grand Journey Solutions, LLC** – one award for Category I training (Medical Cannabis Licensing and Applications) and a second award for Category II training (Medical Cannabis Business Operations)

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Grand Journey's Category I & II Workshop locations:
Impact Hub Harford Community College
10 E. North Avenue 401 Thomas Run Road
Baltimore, MD 21202 Bel Air, MD 21015

One grant award to Uplift Maryland, LLC for Category II training (Medical Cannabis Business Operations)

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Uplift Maryland's training space will be provided by Prince George's County's Office of Central Services at various locations in Largo, MD.