

Overview of Grand Traverse County's Marihuana Revenue Funds

Marihuana Funds – Background & Purpose

- ▶ Grand Traverse County are distributing these funds pursuant to an approved Spending Plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners in July of 2025
- ▶ This is not a grant program
- ▶ Instead, these are funds to pay for services provided by local organizations on behalf of Grand Traverse County
- ▶ Services that help the County implement its strategic plan
- ▶ “Services” in the broad sense
 - ▶ Projects
 - ▶ Programs
 - ▶ Initiatives

Grand Traverse County's Strategic Plan

- ▶ **Mission:** Grand Traverse County commits to being a leader in providing responsive, effective, quality service to our community.
- ▶ **Vision:** Grand Traverse County, through innovation and collaboration with our community, cultivates a vibrant place for all to live, work, and play.
- ▶ **Strategic Goals:**
 - ▶ **Plan for sustainable growth and innovation**
 - ▶ **Recruit and retain qualified staff**
 - ▶ **Build trust and transparency**
 - ▶ **Focus on the needs of the community**

Marihuana Funds – Amounts & Eligibility

- ▶ Grand Traverse County has received over \$900,000 in funds
- ▶ In 2025, \$500,000 is available for eligible entities
- ▶ Eligible entities are:
 - ▶ 501c3 Nonprofits
 - ▶ Places of Worship and other Religious Institutions
 - ▶ Public, Private, and Charter Schools
 - ▶ Intermediate School Districts
 - ▶ Colleges and Universities
 - ▶ Economic Development Organizations
 - ▶ Economic Development Corporations

Marihuana Funds – Award Amounts

- ▶ Awards are based on a range of a minimum amount \$25,000 to a maximum amount of \$100,000
- ▶ The minimum amount is to be distributed unconditionally
 - ▶ Upfront or an advance
 - ▶ Subject to further requirements
- ▶ Amounts above the minimum to the maximum will be distributed on a reimbursement basis
- ▶ Requests for amounts that are below \$25,000 or above \$100,000 will not be approved

Award Amounts - Reimbursement Basis

- ▶ Must request reimbursement through completion of a request for reimbursement form
- ▶ Must produce appropriate procurement documents including invoices and approved/closed permits if such are required
- ▶ Must produce proof of payment such as check, money order, or proof of wire transfer or ACH payment

Application Process

- ▶ Apply through a portal
- ▶ Portal will open mid morning, September 2
- ▶ Open until 11:59 p.m. October 1
- ▶ DocuSign Power Form
 - ▶ Email verification
 - ▶ Complete application through the portal
 - ▶ Include attachments if needed
- ▶ **County Administration will reject any applications submitted by other means**

Review of Applications

- ▶ Applications will be reviewed in two parts:
 - ▶ Part One - Administration Staff
 - ▶ Complete
 - ▶ On Time
 - ▶ Comply with instructions and the Spending Plan
 - ▶ Authorized to reject any applications that are untimely, incomplete or do not otherwise comply with instructions or the Spending Plan
 - ▶ Prepare a report
 - ▶ Applications being rejected and accepted
 - ▶ Score accepted applications using criteria

Review of Applications

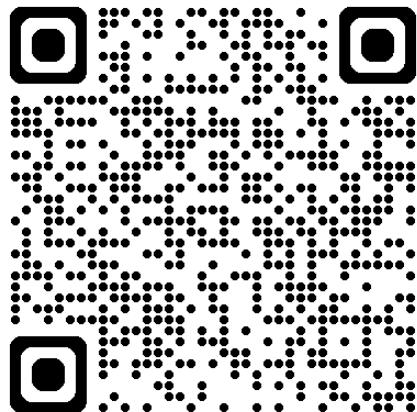
- ▶ Applications will be reviewed in two parts:
 - ▶ Part 2 - Workgroup composed of Staff, Counsel, and 3 County Commissioners
 - ▶ Review to be conducted in an open meeting
 - ▶ Review the staff report
 - ▶ Review the scoring criteria
 - ▶ Authorized to review all applications
 - ▶ Make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners

Approval Process

- ▶ Two Part Process
 - ▶ Execute a funding agreement
 - ▶ Funding agreements together with the recommendation will be on future BOC agenda for final approval
- ▶ BOC will adopt a motion or resolution
 - ▶ Approve the award
 - ▶ Authorize the BOC chairperson to execute the funding agreement
 - ▶ Authorize the release of funds

Marihuana Funds - Information

Administration has created a dedicated webpage



On this page you will find:

- The Spending Plan
- The Strategic Plan
- Instructions
- A sample application
- The Scoring Matrix

Do not upload, print, or complete the sample application. You must use the portal.

Email funds@gtcountymi.gov if you have any questions