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ATTACHED: Eligibility Details – Patient
Application Form

Cannabis Medical Access Fund Now Accepting Patient Applications

At launch, dispersing one-time \$100 grants to qualifying individuals

Effort first announced in 2016

Earned IRS-approval of non-profit status in 2018

WASHINGTON – Today the Washington CannaBusiness Association announced that its Washington Medical Access Fund is now accepting applications from qualifying individuals to help offset cannabis medical product costs. The Washington Medical Access Fund (WMAF) is a 501(3)(c) non-profit that works to fundraise via tax-deductible donations and award financial assistance to registered cannabis patients in Washington State who have individual economic hardships that make the purchase of their medicine difficult or impossible. Since earning Internal Revenue Service approval in 2018, the WMAF has raised sufficient funds to begin awarding one-time \$100 grants to qualifying individuals.

“Our members – state-licensed cannabis producers, processors and retailers – work every day to uphold a safe, regulated and quality-controlled legal marketplace,” **said Vicki Christophersen, executive director of the Washington CannaBusiness Association.** “Part of our commitment is to help do our part by lowering financial barriers that patients may encounter when purchasing products recommended by a medical professional. We are looking forward to awarding our first grants and continuing to fundraise for this new program on behalf of patients in our state.”

Details concerning the application process and eligibility requirements for registered cannabis patients are attached to this press release.

The WMAF allows financial supporters to make tax-deductible donations to the program and is analogous with non-profit community programs in other health care sectors that provide prescription drug price relief. These generous contributions are awarded to qualifying registered cannabis patients so they can access the products prescribed by their medical professional.

The Washington CannaBusiness Association has a proud and successful record of developing and supporting public policy that upholds a safe, quality-controlled regulated market that works to keep cannabis out of the hands of minors. During the 2019 legislative session, WACA successfully advocated for significant compliance reform to align the cannabis industry with its peers in other economic sectors. Most recently, WACA has successfully represented license-holders during the July breakdown of the state's traceability software and ongoing challenges presented in consistent, standardized approval of packaging-and-labeling.

About Washington CannaBusiness Association

Washington CannaBusiness Association solely represents Washington's licensed and regulated cannabis businesses and provides its members with general support and representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the private cannabis industry created by Initiative 502 and our member companies, our mission is to advocate on behalf of our member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal and public policy arenas.

Learn more about Washington CannaBusiness Association by visiting our website at <http://www.wacannabusiness.org>

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