

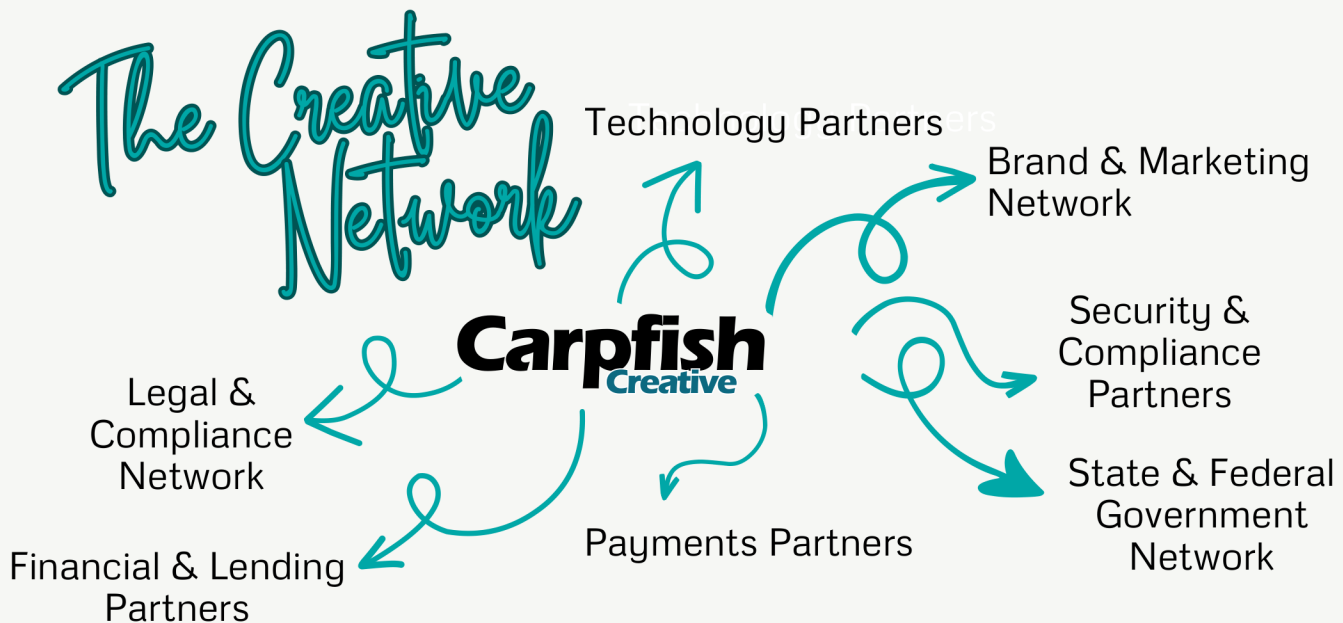
*Facebook poll results I had the Administrator of the Minnesota Cannabiz Networking group put up on March 10. I know OCM is aware of this as well and I believe recorded the notes.*

We want everyone (in-state) to do well. As we work on the everyday tools they will need after the license, who gets the license doesn't effect us. This topic has been address with many of our national partners based on current and previous rollouts. Obviously neither is perfect. However people wanted me to share the following idea:

1. Phase one: I see no issues on letting social equity folks get a head start on the planning process. As long as phase 2 comes at a reasonable timeframe to keep folks who don't have the 65/35 split to also have a fair shot.
2. Phase two: Everyone enters a fair, equal scoring system. I know OCM doesn't want to pick winners, however that goes against the people that have already been doing the work which should be done to open a business.
  - Social equity would have had their head start on preparing. (Advantage)
  - What if the state used some of the \$6M in unassigned grants for social equity to use for application costs (maybe limit it at one application if they are combining). (Advantage).
  - Everyone enters a point system for rewarding of the application. Point system could also use current terminology to provide additional points for social equity applicates. Carpfish doesn't want to redefine social equity as it is now, unless adding back emerging farmers which was removed the last meetings we believe.

Hopefully with the correct Federal declassification, small business would hopefully (not decided) to be able to take advantage of WOTC tax credits. That would further boost social equity for the workers needed and help with operating costs come 2025.

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