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Cannabis Social Equity Program Update

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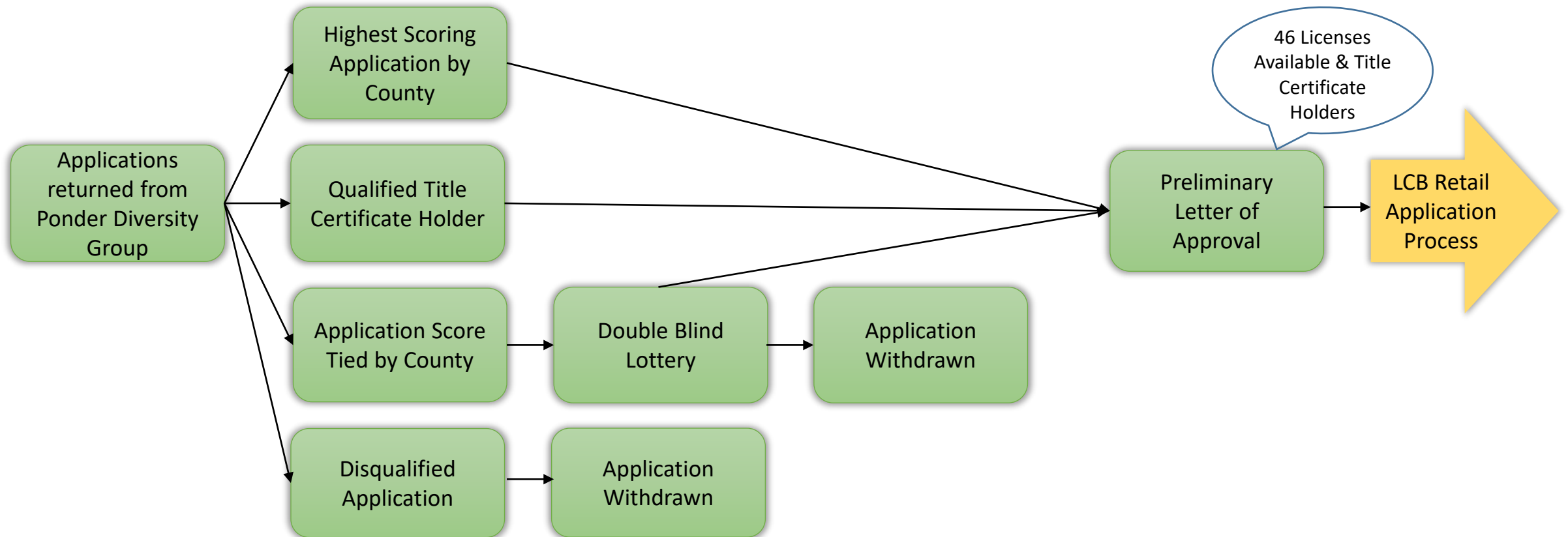
Third-Party Contractor Review Complete

- The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) used a third-party contractor as recommended by the Social Equity in Cannabis Task Force to review and prioritize all social equity applications.
- Ponder Diversity's role was to review the application and supporting documentation to determine which applicants met the criteria for the program.
- Ponder Diversity has completed their review of all social equity applications.
- The LCB anticipates applicants will begin receiving notifications on their application status within the next two weeks.



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Next Steps





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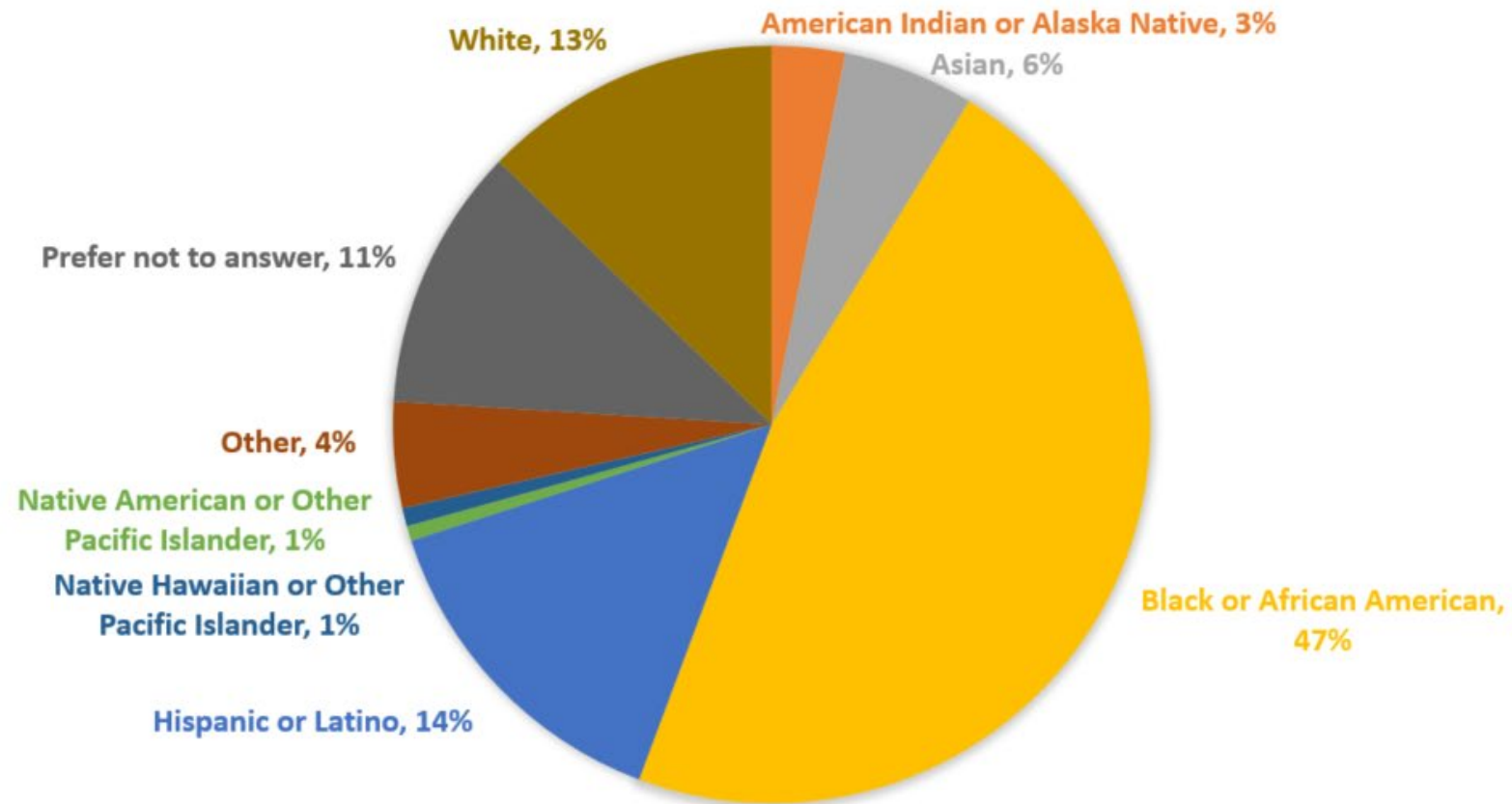
Retail Cannabis Licensing Process

- Successful applicants will be invited to a live webinar to introduce the team, provide an overview of next steps, share the licensing application process, and conduct a survey of readiness.
- A Social Equity Case Manager will be assisting with:
 - Technical Assistance
 - Resources
- A Senior Licensing Specialist will be assisting to ensure applicants meet licensing requirements:
 - Including but not limited to, verifying location, financing, completing an operating plan, and criminal history forms.



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Application Demographics





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Questions?

- Please stay tuned to the LCB Social Equity Website for updated information.
- Questions can be directed to the licensing socialequity@lcb.wa.gov.