

**876 Grow, Inc.**  
MBN282362

**APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

876 Grow, Inc.  
360 Race Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Microbusiness (Cultivation only)

The application was reopened four (4) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Daneton Blake	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type/Social Equity Participant)  
(Daneton Blake/ 100% Ownership/ SE305709)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 11, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 20, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Holyoke on December 23, 2021. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 50% of past or present residents from Holyoke, 25% of Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions, and 25% of Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions for its hiring initiatives.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

### **MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW**

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	Open 24 hours

15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
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1	Recruit 25% minorities, 20% women, 15% veterans, 10% people with disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ individuals for associate and management positions.
2	Engage and Partner with 30% minorities, 10% women, 10% LGBTQ+, and 10% other minority establishments for its supply needs.
3	Donate two (2) hours every six (6) months with the community through partnership with Nuestras Raices to teach minorities the proper procedure and technicality of Cannabis Cultivation.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
3. Final license is subject to the applicant providing an updated Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People to include more than just hiring that promotes and encourages full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 in Massachusetts.
4. Final license is subject to the applicant reviewing its Diversity Plan and to provide clarification that the intended goals may be accomplished, as they seem to mirror the goal of the Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People. If needed, the applicant shall provide an updated Diversity Plan.
5. Final license is subject to the applicant providing an updated Diversity Plan that identifies any spending goals with Veteran or Disabled Citizen-Owned certified businesses.
6. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
7. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
8. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Treatment Center, and Independent Testing Laboratory Agents involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for adult and medical use shall have attended and successfully completed the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program to be designated a "Responsible Vendor" and provide a "certificate of completion" to the Commission upon request. In addition, all newly hired employees involved in the handling or sale of marijuana or marijuana products must also successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program within 90 days of hire, in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(2) or 935 CMR 501.105(2).



9. Final license is subject to the applicant notifying the Commission with any additional information regarding its "Additional Operational Plans for Indoor & Outdoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120 (14).

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

