

Budega, Inc.

MRN281353

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Budega, Inc.
d/b/a Flyte Cannabis
1686 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138

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

Retail

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.

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use retail application and/or licenses under the name of Mass Greenwoods, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Arish Halani	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Ricardo Acevedo	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Sohail Halani	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
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Business Funding, Inc.	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
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6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Minority-Owned Business)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 25, 2022.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 27, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Cambridge on August 18, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 30% of its workforce from disproportionately impacted areas, specifically, Chelsea, Quincy, and Braintree.
2	Provide training and mentoring for a minimum of one (1) Social Equity participant and one Economic Empowerment Priority applicant as defined by the Commission to launch their own marijuana business.

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 nine (9) 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	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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
1	Recruit minorities (40%); women (20%); veterans (20%); people with disabilities (10%); individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Create business partnerships with Commission-identified diverse populations.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

The applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

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. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
5. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6)(g) please include facts regarding substance use disorder signs and symptoms, as well as referral information for substance use disorder treatment programs, and the telephone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline in your consumer education.
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant reviewing its Positive Impact Plan and consider any strategy for outreach to nearby Area of Disproportionate Impact designated community of Boston and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 and provide any updates to CCC Licensing Division.

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.

