

CANNABIS CONNECTION, INC.

MRN281362

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Cannabis Connection, Inc.
40 Westfield Industrial Park, Westfield, MA 01085

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 two (2) times for additional information.

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

Individual	Role
Thomas Keenan	Owner / Partner
Curtis Gezotis	Owner / Partner
Marc Lichwan	Owner / Partner
Joseph Kennan	Owner / Partner

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

Entity	Role
GKL, LLC	Owner/ Lessor of Real Estate

5. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

6. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 28, 2018.

7. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 18, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

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8. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on October 15, 2019 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.

9. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 30% of individuals from West Springfield, Holyoke and areas in Springfield that are identified as areas of disproportionate impact for its hiring initiatives.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

10. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. These disclosures did not raise suitability issues.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

12. The applicant states that it can be operational within three (3) months of receiving its provisional license.

13. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

14. The applicant submitted all applicable and 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.

15. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit thirty (30) diverse individuals within the next twelve (12) months for its hiring initiatives.

16. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.



17. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable.

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

The establishment intends to obtain marijuana and marijuana products from 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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
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, and upon inspection, the applicant shall submit to the Commission staff an updated Diversity Plan with measurable and quantifiable goals;
6. Prior to final licensure, and upon inspection, the applicant shall submit to the Commission staff an updated Positive Impact Plan (PIP) that fully complies with the Commission's Guidance on Required Positive Impact Plans and will ensure that all monetary and volunteer time donations to organizations have documentation from the organizations stating they will receive such donations and those donations will directly impact the Disproportionately Impacted Area; and
7. Prior to final licensure, and upon inspection, the applicant shall have a standard operating plan that complies with cash handling and transportation requirements pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(7).

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.

