

## CNA Stores, Inc.

MRN283460

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

CNA Stores, Inc.  
70 Von Hillern Street, Boston, MA 02125

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 one (1) time for additional information.

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

| Type  | Status                 | Location   |
|---|------------------------|------------|
| Retail  | Commence Operations    | Amesbury   |
| Retail  | Commence Operations    | Haverhill  |
| Cultivation, Tier 4/Indoor<br>(20,001-30,000 sq. ft.) | Provisional License    | Amesbury   |
| Product Manufacturing                                 | Provisional License    | Amesbury   |
| Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor<br>(5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)  | Provisionally Approved | Winchendon |
| Product Manufacturing                                 | Provisionally Approved | Winchendon |

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with a marijuana delivery operator pre-certification under the name of Nug Run, LLC.

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

| Individual     | Role                                  |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Robert DiFazio | Person Having Direct/Indirect Control |

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| Billie Haggard | Person Having Direct/Indirect Control |
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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 (Veteran-Owned Business)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on February 23, 2022.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 1, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City of Boston on November 8, 2022. 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 | Devise a social media campaign that promotes sustainable, socially, and economically reparative practices in the cannabis industry through no less than monthly postings targeted towards Haverhill residents, particularly those who have past drug convictions or who were otherwise disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition. |
| 2 | Donate at least \$5,000 annually to Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, a local Haverhill charity that provides housing and support services to homeless veterans in Haverhill and provides food pantry services to Haverhill residents.  |
| 3 | Create jobs in in the adult-use cannabis industry for individuals who are past or present residents of a disproportionally impacted community, with the goal of 25% of staff being past or present residents of a disproportionally impacted community, specifically Haverhill.   |

## **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 ten (10) 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 | 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 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 | Develop an annual mentorship program to give industry-specific training to at least four (4) individuals who identify as either a woman, minority, veteran, person with a disability, or person identifying as LGBTQ+ |
| 2 | Recruit at least at least 40% women; 15% minorities; 10% veterans; 5% LGBTQ+; and 5% people with disabilities for its hiring initiatives.   |

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

The applicant plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, 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 Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and consider any strategy for designated Area of Disproportionate Impact and Host Community of Boston



and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 to CCC Licensing team.

6. Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Diversity Plan and consider any strategy for designated Area of Disproportionate Impact and Host Community of Boston and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k to CCC Licensing team.

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.

