

Community Growth Partners Delivery, Inc.

MDA1281

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Community Growth Partners Delivery, Inc.
d/b/a Community Growth Partners
20 Ladd Avenue, Northampton, MA 01062

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

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

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses and medical marijuana treatment centers under the names of Community Growth Partners Great Barrington Operations, LLC and Community Growth Partners Northampton Operations, LLC.

4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Delivery Operator on September 27, 2021. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.
5. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Marcus Williams	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Charlotte Hanna	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Ernest Hanna	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Community Growth Partners Holdings, Inc.	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

7. Applicant's priority status:

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant
Marcus Williams / 50.1% of Ownership / EE202207

8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 15, 2021.
9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 9, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Northampton on December 13, 2021 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Commit 3% of its annual net profits to its criminal justice reform program to provide financial assistance of legal fees for individuals attempting to expunge cannabis criminal charges from their record.
2	Match the donation its employees make to charities in areas of disproportionate impact, up to \$500 per employee per year.
3	Offer monthly education seminars to provide an opportunity for local community members to learn and ask questions about cannabis and cannabis products.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

12. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
13. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.



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14. The applicant states that it can be operational within three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
15. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

16. 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.
17. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Establish a diverse ownership and management team that exceeds 75% disenfranchised population make-up and accounts for at least 51% equity ownership across Massachusetts-based Community Growth Partners Delivery operations.
2	Facilitate recruiting and hiring practices that ensure individuals from disenfranchised populations represent over 75% of all employees.
3	Contract at least 25% diverse vendors and suppliers.

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 licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
6. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Marijuana 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

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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).

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.

