

DISCERN'D CANNABIS PURVEYORS, INC.
MRN283997

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Discern'd Cannabis Purveyors, Inc.
130 Worcester Street, Grafton, Massachusetts 01519

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 once (1) for additional information.

3. The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.
4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Allan Villatoro	Executive/Officer
Bruce Spinney	Director

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 (Minority-Owned Business)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 13, 2019.



8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 28, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on March 3, 2021 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Contribute an annual donation of \$2,500.00 to New England Veterans Alliance (“NEVA”).
2	Contribute \$3,000.00 per calendar year to Cannabis Expungement Program (“CEP”) to provide financial assistance for legal/filing fees for up to five (5) individuals from an ADI attempting to expunge cannabis related charges from their record.

SUITABILITY 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 REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
15. 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.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference (35%) to minorities.



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

Discern'd Cannabis Purveyors, Inc. 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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws.
3. Final license is subject to any remaining individuals being fingerprinted.
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to New England Veterans Association will directly impact the specified cohort(s).
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Diversity Plan that provides any hiring goals for women, veterans, individuals with disabilities and LGBTQ residents.
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.

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.

