

East Boston Local Roots, LLC

MRN284117

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

East Boston Local Roots, LLC
1006 Bennington Street, Boston, MA 02128

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):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

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

Individual	Role
Nicole Modica	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Lorraine Curry	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Tracy Glissman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
James Schena	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
East Bennington, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:



General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 12, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 30, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality Boston on August 23, 2021 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 25% of its employees from target areas, and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have past drug convictions.
2	Provide industry-specific educational programs and informational sessions geared towards individuals from the target areas and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions that are interested in the cannabis industry with specific focuses on marijuana retailers and entrepreneurship, at least twice year.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

11. There were 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 one (1) year 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 8:00 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 people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Offer 100% of the company's opportunities for advancement to management and executive positions internally, thereby providing opportunities to its diverse workforce, to the extent its workforce has been filled by diverse individuals, for advancement.

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. Final license is subject to the applicant identifying additional sources for promoting opportunities and recruiting diverse employee base.
6. Final license is subject to the applicant reviewing diversity hiring goals based on statistics of community and region and not just based on overall state statistics.

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.

