

ELEVATED CULTIVATION Co, LLC
MCN282873

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Elevated Cultivation Co., LLC
44 William C. Gould Jr. Way, Unit C, Kingston, MA 02364

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

Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.)

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
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Kingston

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

Individual	Role
Robert Palma	Owner / Partner
Vivekanand Patel	Owner / Partner
Barznab Khan	Owner / Partner

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

Entity	Role
Elevated Roots, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
BKVP 420 Holdings, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
BAMA Holdings, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control



6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant – Minority-Owned Business

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on February 18, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 2, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Kingston on October 10, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 25% of its employees from target areas, specifically, Brockton; and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions; or individuals who are participants in the Commissions Social Equity Program.
2	Contribute a minimum of \$25,000 to charitable groups, specifically The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, serving the target areas (Brockton, Abington, and Wareham; and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have past drug convictions).
3	Provide industry-specific educational programs and informational sessions, at least two (2) times a year, to 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

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 six (6) months of receiving its provisional license(s).



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

Monday – Sunday: Open 24 hours a day

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	Provide 50% of employment opportunities to minorities; women; veterans; people with disabilities; and individuals who identify as LGBTQ+
2	Provide advancement opportunities to its diverse workforce by offering advancement to management and executive positions internally.
3	Provide training on diversity and sensitivity within 90 days of employment and once annually, thereafter.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

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 licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation will directly impact specified cohorts;
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
5. 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.

