

EVG Farms, LLC
MRN284535

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

EVG Farms, LLC
d/b/a Firehouse
883 Hyde Park Ave, Boston, MA 02136

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 more than four (4) times 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
Armani White	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Sean Berte	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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:

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant
(Sean Berte / 50% of Ownership / EE201867)



(Armani White / 50% of Ownership / EE201867)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 29, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 9, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on May 10, 2022 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	Increase the percentage of employees who reside in an area of disproportionate impact, specifically census tracts of Boston or have lived for five of the preceding ten years in an area of disproportionate impact, or who have a drug-related CORI but are otherwise legally employable in a cannabis-related enterprise, to at least 40% in 2 years and 50% in 5 years.
2	Purchase at least 40% in 2 years, and 50% in 5 years, of wholesale product from Certified Economic Empowerment operators (cultivators, processors, manufacturers).

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. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 five (5) 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	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 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	Create a Professional Development Fund designed to assist employees in reaching their career goals and expanding their knowledge on topics related to cannabis, diversity, equity, and inclusion
2	Provide yearly training around creating a culture of inclusion and belonging for all staff, which will be around 20 individuals

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. 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 final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6)(a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.

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.

