

Green Choice Dispensaries, LLC

MRN283234

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Green Choice Dispensaries, LLC
114 Main Street, Blackstone, MA 01504

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
Michael Genier	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Monica Paolino	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
John Vanikiotis	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Anthony Paolino	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Jared Benson	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.

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6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 29, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 20, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Blackston on December 23, 2021. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Partner with 20% vendors who are Commission-designated certified Economic Empowerment priority applicants and Social Equity participants.
2	Provide access and guidance to three (3) or four (4) Economic Empowerment priority applicants and Social Equity Program participants per month.
3	Recruit at least 10% of employees who have parents or spouses with past non-violent offenses involving cannabis and 10% Massachusetts residents who have past non-violent offenses involving cannabis for its hiring initiatives.

BACKGROUND CHECK 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 PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within two (2) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 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 40% women, 35% minorities, 30% veterans, 10% people with disabilities, and 20% LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Increase diversity entrepreneurship in general and in the cannabis industry by providing opportunities, materials for operational plans, networking and compliance instruction.

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. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical 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 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.

