

## HIGHER PURPOSE CORPORATION

MCN281756

MPN281514

### **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Higher Purpose Corporation  
815 Pleasant Street, Lee, MA 01238

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.)  
Product Manufacturing

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Individuals associated with this application are also associated with a retail license under the name Slang, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Nathan Girard	Owner / Partner
Nicholas Girard	Employee
Benjamin Girard	Director
Scott Letourneau	Owner / Partner

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

Entity	Role
Sling, LLC	Real Estate Holding Company



6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 12, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 21, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Lee on May 21, 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 20% of its workforce from Pittsfield and Holyoke for its hiring initiatives.

### **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 the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:
- Monday – Sunday: Open 24 hours per 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
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1	Recruit 35% of its staff that comprise of minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQ community.
2	Utilize 35% of contractors, subcontractors and suppliers who are MBE, WBE, VBE, LGBTQ, Service-Disabled VBE, or Disability-Owned Business listed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directory of Certified Businesses.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

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

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

#	Product
1	Oil Cartridges
2	Shatter
3	Wax
4	Rick Simpson Oil
5	Tinctures
6	Cannabis Butter
7	Cannabis Oil
8	Chocolate Bars
9	Caramel Drops
10	Hard Candies (Watermelon, Strawberry, Lemon, Banana, Orange, Lime and Caramel)
11	Gummies (Watermelon, Strawberry, Lemon, Banana, Orange, and Lime)

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

Not applicable.

## **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. 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 licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors;



6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications; and
7. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies the establishments involvement with Holyoke Community College intern program.

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.

