

KG Collective, LLC
MRN284224

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

KG Collective, LLC
1589 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02119

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 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):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Boston

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses and medical marijuana treatment centers.

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

Individual	Role
Michael Pires	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Marcus Johnson-Smith	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
(Michael Pires, 67% Ownership and Marcus Johnson-Smith, 33% Ownership/ EE201965)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 9, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 28, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the municipality on May 28, 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	Recruit 45% past or present residents of "areas of disproportionate impact", which have been defined by the Commission, 5% Commission designated SEP, 5% Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions and 5% Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Provide 50 hours of free training and educational seminars that focus on operating or working in the legal marijuana industry.
3	Donate \$2,500 to three social service groups.

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 four (4) 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	11:00 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 50% woman and 75% minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and/or people who are LGBTQ+.
2	Provide 20 hours of free training and educational seminars.

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 licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended security plan to state that the appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities and the Commission shall be notified of any breach of security or other reportable incident defined in 500.110(9) immediately and, in no instance, more than 24 hours following discovery of the breach or incident.

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.

