

## Mass Cannabis Growers Cooperative

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### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Mass Cannabis Growers Cooperative  
11 Jackson Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

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

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

The application was reopened three (3) 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
Brandon Gates	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
David Mager	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Miira Gates	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Patty Gates	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Deborah Mager	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
David Jackson	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:

Expedited Applicant (License Type)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 8, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 4, 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 June 25, 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 at least 20% of individuals that are past or present residents of the geographic areas of disproportionate impact, specifically, geographically located within Holyoke, and surrounding identified areas of disproportionate impact including Amherst, Greenfield, Pittsfield, Springfield, and West Springfield; Commission-designated Certified Economic Empowerment Priority recipients; Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.

### **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 one (1) year of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	Open 24 hours



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	Attract and retain a workplace team that is 30% women, 20% minorities, 10% veteran, LGBTQ+, and/or persons with a disability.
2	Include as its suppliers, vendors, contractors and wholesale partners businesses owned by women (20%), minorities (20%), veterans (10%), and LGBTQ+ and/or persons with a disability owned companies (10%)

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, 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. Final license is subject to the applicant providing additional clarification about the intended "Membership Lottery" mentioned within the Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People.
7. Final license is subject to the applicant providing an update to its Diversity and Inclusion plan under the program section to also include veterans' publications and job sites; and other veteran outreach strategies when advertising employment opportunities.

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.

