

**R AND R VENTURES, LLC**  
MBN281504

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

R and R Ventures, LLC  
d/b/a R and R Cannabis  
700 South Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257

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

Microbusiness (Cultivation and Product Manufacturing Operations)

The application was reopened 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 business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Robert Cohen	Manager
Robert Burnell	Owner / Partner
Maura Stanton	Owner / Partner
Amy Cohen	Owner / Partner
William Stanton	Owner / Partner
Michelle Sylvester	Owner / Partner

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:  
Expedited Applicant (License Type)
7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 30, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 11, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on March 17, 2021 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Provide \$12,000 annually to The Last Prisoner Project.
2	Provide Equity Services for Economic Empowerment participants and Social Equity Program participants, who may be seeking pro bono or reduced rate services.

**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 25 weeks of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:  
  
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday – Sunday: Closed
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
1	Comprise a Management/Executive Team of at least 25% women, 25% BIPOC.
2	Provide “inclusive leadership” training to all individuals who are in leadership roles. Content of training will specifically cover topics such as: privilege, implicit bias, micro-aggressions, and micro-affirmations.

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	Cannabis Flower
2	Bubble Hash
3	Granola Bars (Cranberry/Pepita Oat Bar)
4	Mint Lozenges

**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. 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.
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Positive Impact Plan that specifies the cohort(s) the licensee is seeking to impact and clarification on how a donation to the Last Prisoner’s Project will directly impact the specified cohort(s).
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an update that provides confirmation that the applicant’s training and recruitment partners are eligible to support its activities.
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Diversity Plan that provides hiring goals for LGBTQ residents.
7. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
8. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.



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.

