

Rasta Rootz, LLC

MRN284000

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Rasta Rootz, LLC
21 Broad St, Boston, MA 02109

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):

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
Fernando Bent-Mullings	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Hilary Bent-Mullings	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

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 (Minority-Owned Business)

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7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 29, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 17, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on November 2, 2021 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Coordinate with the Last Prisoner Project by hosting at least one (1) program a quarter (4 annually) for re-entry constituents.
2	Recruit 5% victims of the War on Drugs; 10% individuals who have prior convictions for cannabis distribution and/or individuals with nonviolent cannabis offenses (as allowed by the Cannabis Control Commission's Agent Suitability Standards); 5% Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions 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 five (5) 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	10:00 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 30% women, 25% minorities, 5% veterans, 5% people with disabilities and 10% LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Ensure all employees are trained on diversity and inclusion, implicit biases, and sensitivity training.
3	Prioritize working with businesses in its supply chain and required ancillary services that are 20% woman-owned, 20% minority-owned, 5% veteran-owned, 5% people with disabilities-owned, and 10% LGBTQ-owned.
4	Provide at least two (2) scholarships, one male and one female, every semester (fall and spring) to students at local community colleges.

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Diversity Plan that removes the Cannabis Control Commission from the candidate identification process of the Scholarship Program.
5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
6. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
7. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Marijuana 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.

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