

Releaf Cultivation, LLC
MCN282674

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Releaf Cultivation, LLC
Lot 3A-3B Summit Industrial Park, Gardner, MA 01440

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

Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)

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 roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Rafaella Cardoso	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Peter Martin	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:

Expedited Applicant (Woman-Owned Business/Minority-Owned Business)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 8, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 2, 2020. and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on May 7, 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	Donate \$5,000 annually to Worcester Community Action Council.
2	Provide skills, training and education in industry and business-applicable areas to facilitate in resume building and employment seeking.

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 three (3) 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	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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
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1	Recruit 50% women and 25% minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+.
2	One annual cultural sensitivity training for all employees including specific training for employees in management positions.
3	Prioritize working with businesses in its supply chain and required ancillary services that are owned and/or managed by minority groups, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and/or LGBTQ individuals.

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. 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, standard operating procedures that correctly reflects the Commission's regulations which were promulgated in January 2021.
6. Final license is subject to the applicant proving the Licensing Team supplemental documentation confirming the training and recruitment partners and provide documentation which demonstrates their willingness to work with an adult-use marijuana establishment.
7. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff with original and unique language as to their employee retention training and development goals.

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.

