

**RIVER VALLEY GROWERS, INC.**  
MCN283296

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

River Valley Growers, Inc.  
Bashin Road Lot 12 Map 202, Hatfield, MA 01038

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

Cultivation, Tier 11/Outdoor (90,001 – 100,000 sq. ft.)

The application was reopened once (1) 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
Jared Garfield	Executive / Officer
Christian Smiarowski	Board Member

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Entity	Role
Grow Control	Management Company
JGMA LLC	Equity Holding Company
BRJJ LLC	Equity Holding Company

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type)

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7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 8, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 6, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on April 15, 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	Hire 25% of its staff who are past or present residents of Greenfield and/or other ADI.

### **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 six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:  
  
Monday – Sunday: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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	Hire 35% of employees that are minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ (40% minorities, 40% women, 30% veterans, 10% people with disabilities, 10% LGBTQ+)



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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws.
3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Diversity Plan that includes more than hiring and that promotes and encourages full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 in Massachusetts.
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People to acknowledge GCC's partnership as a goal as it relates to GCC's farm and food systems curriculum, and GCC's plant and soil science curriculum.
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
6. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
7. 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.

