

SOUTHCOAST APOTHECARY, LLC
MRN283075

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Southcoast Apothecary, LLC
d/b/a Ascend
115 Coggeshall Street, New Bedford, MA 02746

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. However, individuals and entities associated with this application are associated with licenses under “Ascend Mass, LLC” and “MassGrow, LLC”.

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Andrea Cabral	Executive / Officer
Francis Perullo	Executive / Officer
Steven Rohlfing	Executive / Officer
Emily Paxhia	Manager
Christopher Leavy	Manager
Scott Swid	Manager

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

Entity	Role
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Ascend Wellness Holdings, LLC	Parent Company
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6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 3, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 17, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on June 29, 2020 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	Recruit six (6) individuals that are ex-offenders from Suffolk County House of Corrections and have completed job-training and re-entry programs to work within Ascend's dispensary.
2	Contribute .5% of its net revenue to the WeGrow Foundation.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 ten (10) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:
- Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 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	Increase the number of individuals working in the establishment that are minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and people who identify as LGBTQ+, by 45%.
2	Provide industry-specific training bi-annually.
3	Utilize at least 40% of suppliers who are also committed to diversity and inclusion.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Southcoast Apothecary, LLC plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, Southcoast Apothecary, LLC 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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
4. 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.

