

Sun Grown Alternatives, LLC

MCN283358

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Sun Grown Alternatives, LLC
0 Progress Avenue, Westfield, MA 01085

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

Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.)

The application was reopened three (3) 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
Laurence Cohen	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:

General Applicant



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 16, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 5, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Westfield on September 3, 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 ELEVATE Northeast to benefit past or present residents of the geographic areas of disproportionate impact (ADIs), which have been defined by the Commission, Commission-designated Certified Economic Empowerment Priority recipients and Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants.
2	Provide education and support relating to sealing criminal records to reduce barriers to entry in the cannabis industry and the workforce in general for 50 participants annually to benefit Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.

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	7:00 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
1	Recruit 15% Minorities, 25% women, and 10% Veterans.
2	Fund or host one (1) workshop annually for 50 participants.

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
6. Final license is subject to the applicant identifying any hiring goals for individuals with disabilities and LGBTQ residents.
7. Final license is subject to the applicant identifying specific outreach strategies for its Diversity Plan educational trainings.
8. Final license is subject to the applicant ensuring that all persons having direct or indirect control over the license, and all newly hired employees involved in the handling or sale of marijuana or marijuana products, successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program and subsequently provide a "certificate of completion" to the Commission for each individual within 90 days of hire to be 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.

