

The Stories Company Whitman, LLC

MRN284846

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

The Stories Company Whitman, LLC
d/b/a Buddies Cannabis Dispensary
769 Bedford Street, Whitman, MA 02382

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 one (1) time 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
Kaushikkumar Patel	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)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 10, 2023.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 6, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Whitman on September 28, 2023 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	Recruit 10% of individuals who are Massachusetts residents of Abington and Brockton.
2	Provide an annual donation of \$2,500.00 to Whitman Hanson WILL.

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 ten (10) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 a staff comprised of women (50%), minorities (20%), veterans (10%), people with disabilities (10%), individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ (20%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Prioritize contracting with 10% of cannabis and non-cannabis vendors who are woman-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, people with disabilities-owned, and individuals who identify as LGBTQ+-owned businesses.

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

The applicant plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, 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. 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. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6)(g) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
6. Prior to Final Application for Licensure, contact CCC Licensing Division with an update to confirm your training and recruitment partners and eligibility to support your activities in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)(8)(k).

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.

