



New England Organics, LLC
MRN281936

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

New England Organics, LLC
d/b/a Victory Gardens
114 Mystic Ave, Medford, MA 02155

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.

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed license are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, retail and marijuana delivery applications/licenses under the names of Verdant Medical, Inc. and Verdant Reparative, Inc.

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

Individual	Role
Tito Jackson	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Jason Zube	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 July 29, 2022.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 3, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Medford on October 16, 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 25% of its workforce who are residents of census tracts of Boston and 20% of its workforce who have a drug-related CORI but are otherwise legally employable in a cannabis-related enterprise.
2	Conduct at least two (2) annual industry-specific educational seminars.
3	Provide at least one (1) annual employee seminar in financial literacy and financial mentoring services.
4.	Hold at least one (1) informational session regarding the process for sealing and expunging criminal records.

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 eight (8) 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	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 women (50%), minorities (50%), LGBTQ+ (10%), veterans (10%), and people with disabilities (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide training on finding, fostering, and promoting diverse employees at least two annual trainings.

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

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.

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.

