



City of Boston
Mayor Martin J. Walsh
Economic Development

Dear Current and Future Applicants,

The City of Boston commenced its Marijuana Establishment Application process on April 30, 2018. All applications that have been submitted to the City after that date remain active and an applicant does not need to submit a new application or re-start the process. Applicants must have site control for the address where they wish to site their business and submit financial disclosure documents for an application to be deemed active.

The recently passed "Ordinance Establishing Equitable Regulation of the Cannabis Industry in the City of Boston" created a new requirement in the Community Outreach Process whereby the district city councilor where a business wishes to site shall be responsible for providing a letter of support, non-opposition, or non-support for an application. If you are a current applicant and have not engaged with your councilor(s) with regards to your proposal, it is recommended you start this part of the process.

The Boston Equity Program offers assistance in the licensing process to applicants who meet certain established criteria with assistance in the licensing process. If you/your team meet the criteria listed below, please fill out the section of the City of Boston Marijuana Establishment Application section for the Boston Equity Program and provide supporting documents to the City of Boston to verify eligibility. The online application allows for documents to be uploaded electronically, but supporting documentation may also be mailed to: Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square-Room 603, Boston, Massachusetts 02201 ATTN: CANNABIS APPLICATIONS".

An applicant shall be designated by the Boston Cannabis Board as a Boston Equity Program applicant if at least 51% of its ownership, meets at least three (3) of the following criteria:

A person who has resided in an area of disproportionate impact, as defined by the Cannabis Control Commission, for at least 5 of the last 10 years;

A person who has a past arrest or conviction for the possession, sale, manufacturing, or cultivation of Marijuana between 1971 and 2016, who has been a resident of Boston for the past 5 years; OR a person who is the child of a person with a past arrest or conviction for the possession, sale, manufacturing, or cultivation of Marijuana between 1971 and 2016, who has been a resident of Boston for the past 5 years;

A person who has resided in the City of Boston for at least the past 7 years;

A person who is of Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino or Asian descent;

A person whose annual household income is at or below 100% of the area median income;

A person who has been certified by the Cannabis Control Commission as an Economic Empowerment Applicant and is a resident of Boston for at least one of the last three years.

Finally, the link to the Marijuana Establishment Application, including steps in the application process, a map of approved sites and their Host Community Agreements, a list of public meetings and other helpful guidance materials can be found at: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/311/marijuana-legalization-and-city-boston>.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

ALEXIS TKACHUK

Director of Emerging Industries, City of Boston