



**Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110**

**2017 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND
2017 Transportation Planning Grant Application
BD-17-1068-1068C-1068L-11234**

**APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2017.
*Please complete the entire application.***

	City of Revere and Town of Saugus
1.	NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT
2.	Revere Department of Planning & Community Development DEPARTMENT RECEIVING FUNDS
3.	Robert O'Brien, Economic Development Director NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
4.	City Hall - 281 Broadway – Revere, MA 02151 ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
5.	781-286-8201 PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
6.	Mayor Brian Arrigo and Town Manager Scott Crabtree NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
7.	City Hall - 281 Broadway – Revere, MA Town Hall – 298 Central Street – Saugus, MA 01906 ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
8.	Revere: 781-286-8111 barrigo@revere.org Saugus: 781-231-4111 scrabtree@saugus-ma.gov PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
9.	Wynn Everett NAME OF GAMING LICENSEE

1. IMPACT DESCRIPTION

The City of Revere and the Town of Saugus have long been plagued by the woeful inadequacy of outmoded old Route 1. The highway is subject to ever increasing traffic volumes and virtual gridlock during attenuated morning and evening rush hours. A number of Route 1 interchanges have very high accident rates because of this increased traffic. The City and the Town believe the Wynn Casino will bring substantial volumes of new traffic onto the Route 1-Route 99 corridor.

Saugus believes that to a lesser but still significant degree, some casino generated traffic may bypass lower Route 1 exiting the highway onto Walnut Street-Central Street or Main Street-Center Street and on to Winter Street then Ballard Street and then Route 107 as an alternative way to access route 16 towards Everett.

Revere will be negatively impacted by traffic heading to Route 16 west from Route 1 south and some northeast originated traffic will choose to follow route 107 through the heart of the city to access route 16 west. And of course Revere will undoubtedly see an increase of traffic along already overtaxed route 1A as residents of North Shore coastal communities use that route to connect to route 16 and the Wynn Casino.

The City and the Town hope to work together to affect key roadway improvements along these arterials that will help alleviate existing traffic and offset anticipated traffic problems resulting from increased volume attributable to the new casino.

As neither Revere nor Saugus has been recognized as a Surrounding Community to the Wynn Casino, the grant would provide the means to these communities to jointly and cooperatively begin pursuing measures to mitigate anticipated casino traffic impacts. In the process, some negative conditions that pre-date the casino may be alleviated.

Additionally, certain transportation improvement projects that may be advanced as a result of this MGC planning grant will help set the stage for both Revere and Saugus to realize positive mixed-use development at two major vacant but valuable sites along the Route 1 corridor. The first is the former Weylu's/Caddy Farms property, a more than 40 acre site located partly in Revere and Partly in Saugus. The second is the Saugus Quarry for which the Town and Aggregate Industries have negotiated a Land Reclamation Agreement and will together soon begin a collaborative master-planning process.

2. PROPOSED USE OF PLANNING FUND

Please identify below the manner in which the funds are proposed to be used. Please provide documentation (e.g. - invoices, proposals, estimates, etc.) adequate for the Commission to ensure that the funds will be used for the cost of planning to mitigate the transportation impact from the construction or operation of a proposed gaming establishment. Please describe how the planning request will address the specific transportation impact indicated. Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.

The City of Revere and Town of Saugus plan to use Transportation Planning Grant funds to hire a sub-regional transportation planner for a period of one year. The combined communities seek a \$150,000 2017 Community Mitigation Fund Planning Grant to pay the salary, benefits and reasonable direct expenses of a highly qualified and experienced transportation planner for a one year period. It will be the transportation planner's responsibility to focus on achievable transportation improvement projects along the highway corridors previously discussed; The planner will need to marshal support among surrounding communities also impacted, identify likely funding sources for such projects, and work to advance individual projects for funding and implementation in the State Transportation Improvement Plan. Because this effort will need to be sustained as a longer-term strategy, the transportation planner will also need to seek out financial means and support to continue his or her employment in this capacity beyond the initial MGC grant period.

3. IMPACT CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF IMPACT FUNDS

Please provide detail regarding the controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to plan to address the specific impact. If non-governmental entities will receive any funds, please describe what reporting will be required and how the applicant will remedy any misuse of funds.

Funds will be set-aside for a one year salaried position and for appurtenant benefits together with a modest allocation for travel and related direct expense reimbursement. The account will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Revere Department of Planning and Community Development. The position will be advertised and the successful candidate chosen by the mutual agreement of the Mayor of Revere and the Saugus Town Manager. The Transportation Planner will alternate weeks working in Revere City Hall and Saugus Town Hall. The Planner will issue regular monthly progress reports to the CEOs of both communities and to their administrative designees. The Planner will also meet with the Mayor and Town Manager jointly on a quarterly basis and at other points as necessary.


4. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS AND MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) DECISION

Please describe and include excerpts regarding the transportation impact and potential mitigation from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement. Please also briefly summarize and/or provide page references to the most relevant language included in the most relevant MEPA certificate(s) or comment(s) submitted by the community to MEPA. Please explain how this transportation impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement or such MEPA decision. If planning funds are sought for mitigation not required under MEPA, please provide justification why funding should be utilized to plan for such mitigation. For example, a community could provide information on the significance of potential impacts if trip generation totals exceed projected estimates.

N/A Neither Revere nor Saugus has a Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.

CERTIFICATION BY MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

On behalf of the aforementioned municipality/governmental entity I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this Application.




Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity

1.30.17

Date

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APPROVAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

On behalf of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, the Commission hereby authorizes the payment from the Community Mitigation Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c. 23K as outlined in this Application.

Executive Director

Date

Ombudsman

Date