



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

2016 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND
2016 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2016.

Please complete the entire application.

1.	City of Chelsea NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT
2.	Department of Planning and Development DEPARTMENT RECEIVING FUNDS
3.	John DePriest, AICP – Director of Planning and Development NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
4.	500 Broadway Chelsea, MA 02150 ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
5.	617-466-4180 PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
6.	Alexander Train, Planner / Project Manager, Department of Planning and Development NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
7.	500 Broadway Chelsea, MA 02150 ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
8.	617-466-4192 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

Please describe in detail the transportation related impact that is attributed to the construction or operation of a gaming facility. Please provide support for the determination that the construction or operation of the gaming facility caused, is causing or may cause the impact.

Situated within proximity of the Chelsea/Everett line, the Wynn Casino's operations will increase volume, frequency, and trip-type along the Beacham St./Williams St. corridor. This corridor serves as a gateway access point to the casino development from Chelsea, East Boston (Logan Airport), and points northward. It is the preferred route of taxi and livery vehicles due to the presence of tolls on Rt. 1. As one of the most direct routes, this corridor will handle the visitor trip generation induced by the casino. Furthermore, future casino employees who live in the Chelsea/East Boston area will also be dependent on this corridor to attend work, transport goods, and service the casino's facilities. Current conditions are not adequate to accommodate any influx in use. While the extent of the impact is unclear as an operable casino has not yet opened, the development will arguably produce a measurable transportation impact along this corridor. Consequently, ensuring this gateway thoroughfare amply and efficiently serves pedestrians, vehicles, bicyclists, and freights in a safe and sustainable manner is a paramount issue for the City of Chelsea.

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.

These funds will be utilized for a planning study of the corridor that includes a full survey, environmental investigation, basemapping, road safety audit (at 3 HSIP-designated high crash intersections, and conceptual designs. An enumerated proposal with cost estimates is attached. This study builds off of the current study, funded through the 2015 Community Mitigation Fund disbursement, which is analyzing traffic volumes along the corridor and at major intersections.

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.

The City of Chelsea's Department of Planning and Development will contract with Stantec Consulting for the work depicted in the attached proposal. As design and engineering, this work is exempt from state procurement regulations. Despite this, the City has selected a qualified consultant with the capacity, staff, and reputation to complete this work. This consultant has satisfactorily completed past City projects punctually and on budget. Only the City Manager, Auditor, Chief Procurement Officer, and Departmental Director can collectively authorize the disbursement of funds. The consultant will be required to submit regular invoices, detailed in their content, illustrating each task, their progress thus far, and the billing rate. The City of Chelsea is also willing to submit all documentation to MGC for proof of compliance.

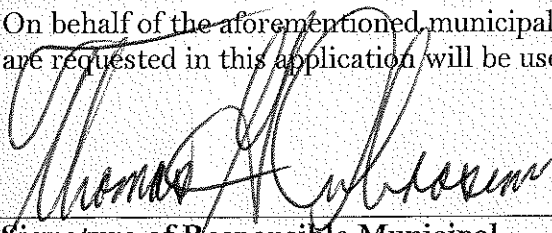
4. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS AND MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) DECISION

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.

While incomplete, a current traffic study is underway to collect and analyze traffic data for this corridor in order to establish a baseline pre-Casino development. While excluded from the MEPA-process, this corridor will serve as a point of access to the Everett casino site for livery, taxis, employees, and visitors. Given the existing conditions of the corridor, which are poor with particularly damaged pavement conditions, a plan for the route is warranted in order to bring the roadway up to a standard with which it can accommodate casino traffic.

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

2/1/16
Date

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

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Ombudsman	Date



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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING FOR THE
2016 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND RESERVE / SPECIFIC IMPACT
APPLICATION OR
2016 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION**

1. 2015 Mitigation Reserve Fund - continuation

Note: Communities that received approval of the 2015 Mitigation Reserve Fund request **do not** need to submit any application to preserve its reserve in 2016.

2. 2016 Mitigation Reserve Fund Only

If a Community is filing for a **mitigation reserve fund only**, please use the application entitled “**2016 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND RESERVE / SPECIFIC IMPACT APPLICATION**”, **check the box on page 1** and fill out all the boxes in blue. **Skip grayed boxes 1-4.** Detail regarding the use of the reserve fund can be provided to the Commission on a rolling basis upon consultation with the Commission.

3. 2016 Community Mitigation Fund Specific Impact Application

If a Community or other Applicant has a **specific impact**, please use the application entitled “**2016 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND RESERVE / SPECIFIC IMPACT APPLICATION**” and **fill out entire application form.**

4. 2016 Community Mitigation Reserve Fund and 2016 Community Mitigation Fund Specific Impact Application

If a Community or other Applicant is requesting **both a 2016 Mitigation Reserve Fund and has a specific impact**, please fill out the **entire application form** entitled “**2016 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND RESERVE / SPECIFIC IMPACT APPLICATION**”.

5. 2016 Transportation Planning Grant Application

If a Community is filing for a **2016 Transportation Planning Grant**, please use the application entitled “**2016 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION**”. Please fill out the **entire application form.**

**Any questions contact: John S. Ziemba, Ombudsman
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02110
(617) 979-8423 or john.s.ziemba@state.ma.us**

An application must be received by February 1, 2016 to meet the application deadline.

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