



**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.

City of Medford, Massachusetts

1. **NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT**

Treasurer/Collector

2. **DEPARTMENT RECEIVING FUNDS**

Ann Marie Irwin

3. **NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS**

85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA 02155

4. **ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS**

781-393-2345 airwin@medford.org

5. **PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS**

Stephanie Muccini Burke, Mayor

6. **NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY**

85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, Massachusetts 02155

7. **ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY**

781-393-2409 sburke@medford.org

8. **PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY**

Wynn MA LLC

9. **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.

The proposed construction of the Wynn MA casino in Everett has transportation impacts that have been well documented in the Environmental Review process. The Secretary of EOEAs has determined that mitigation is required to offset impacts of this project. Transportation impacts are anticipated to be the most negative impacts of this project on surrounding communities especially in Medford. Identified impacts include the deterioration of level of service and capacity. Wynn's anticipation of encouraging alternative modes of transportation to reduce reliance on vehicular travel will generate need for pedestrian, bicycle, water and public transportation improvements. Current funding strategy is to wait until the Casino is operation to fund transportation improvements. Planning, design and financing must be started now to offset impacts before they are actualized. Construction impacts from the Casino requiring signalization improvements are anticipated at the following intersections:

1. Fellsway West/Fulton Street
2. Fellsway West/Route 28
3. Central Ave/Medford Street/Fellsway
4. Riverside Ave/Fellsway
5. I-93 Off Ramp to Rte. 16 South
6. Harvard Street/ Mystic Ave.
7. Harvard Street/Route 16/Mystic Valley Parkway South
8. Mystic Valley Parkway/Locust Street
9. Mystic Valley Parkway/Commercial Street
10. Mystic Valley Parkway/Revere Beach Parkway/Middlesex Avenue
11. Revere Beach Parkway Eastbound Ramp to River's Edge Drive
12. Revere Beach Parkway Westbound Ramp to River's Edge Drive

Additionally pedestrian, handicap. Bicycle and water transportation improvements and demand are anticipated but not as clearly defined. The magnitude of impact on a regional basis, the limited availability of state and federal resources and the existence of multi-jurisdictional control of the transportation network will require a model transportation planning process to be conceived and implemented. Localities such as Medford must be provided equal resources now.



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 Medford is requesting a total of \$600,000.00 in Transportation Planning grant funds.

The City proposes to utilize \$450,000.00 to hire a Transportation Planner and consultants to work with Wynn, private property owners and State transportation officials to identify a financing and implementation transportation plan within the City of Medford. Activities will also include creation of a city-wide parking permit program to prevent employees and other long term parking on neighborhood streets, as well as identification of essential roadway, bicycle, pedestrian and water transportation improvements to offset impacts, review financing and construction alternatives and conduct a participation process for input by the public and interested parties.

Additionally \$150,000.00 of funds would be utilized to provide a match of a \$750,000.00 federal earmark for studying the feasibility, design and construction of facilities for a water shuttle to key areas in Medford on the Malden and Mystic River including River's Edge, Wellington Circle Area and Medford Square

The total request is: \$600,000.00

Transportation Planner- \$240,000.00 (\$80,000x 3 years)

Consultant Services- \$210,000.00

Water Transportation Matching funds- \$150,000.00

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.

All funds will be procured in a competitive bid process with contracts. The City will utilize proper financial and controls to prevent misuse.

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.

Impacts of the project were anticipated in the Host Agreements. Scope and Timing ate the issues to be addressed. See Chapter 3 of the SSFEIR, Transportation Impacts of the Surrounding Community Agreement, and GPI Peer Reviews.

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.

Stephanie M. Buckley
Signature of Responsible Municipal

1/27/14
Date

Official/Governmental Entity

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