



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

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

*Please complete the entire application.*

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development  
District

1. NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT

SRPEDD

2. DEPARTMENT RECEIVING FUNDS

Ling Ling Chang, Chief Financial Officer

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

88 Broadway; Taunton, MA 02780

4. ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS

508-824-1367; lchang@srpedd.org

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

Jeffrey Walker, Executive Director

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

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Project First Light Tribal Gaming

9. NAME OF GAMING LICENSEE

**1. IMPACT DESCRIPTION**

**Please describe in detail the 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.**

Potential traffic capacity and operations concerns along local roadways and intersections, those local roadway impacts in adjacent communities not covered within the purview of the FEIR MEPA review; transit connection impacts, public safety concerns, water related concerns for impacts on the Assawompsett Pond Complex, as well as impacts from other consequences once this project is underway, were identified by comments received during the FEIR MEPA review. It is anticipated that such related impacts attributed to the construction or operation of the Tribal Gaming facility in Taunton, will be identified by communities in close proximity to the facility once the legal issues are cleared.

**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 impact from the construction or operation of a proposed gaming establishment. Please describe how the planning request will address the specific impact indicated. Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.**

SRPEDD anticipates planning requests for studies to assist communities in geographic proximity of the potential Tribal Gaming facility with the determination of traffic capacity and operations impacts, as well as impacts from other consequences, once this project is underway will be needed should the construction of the Tribal Gaming facility moves forward.

**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 in planning 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.**

SRPEDD will provide and, in turn, will require periodic reports detailing the tasks undertaken during the reporting period with details of staff charges on tasks.

**4. CONSULTATION WITH REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (RPA)**

**Please provide details about the Applicant's consultation with the Regional Planning Agency serving the community.**

N/A



**5. MATCHING FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENTAL OR OTHER ENTITY**

**Please demonstrate that the governmental or other entity will provide significant funding to match or partially match the assistance required from the Community Mitigation Fund. Please provide detail on what your community will contribute to the planning projects such as in-kind services or planning funds.**

SRPEDD provides a Municipal Assistance program for its 27 cities and towns, through which, each community receives 40 hours of staff assistance. Communities in geographic proximity to the potential Tribal Gaming facility in Taunton requesting assistance can elect to use its Municipal Assistance hours for in-kind assistance.

**6. A PORTION OF THE RESERVE WILL BE USED AS AN OFFSET AGAINST A SPECIFIC IMPACT APPLICATION**

**If these funds are to be used to supplement a Specific Impact Mitigation Application, please describe.**

N/A

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

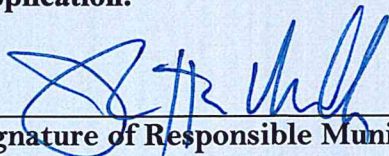
Please describe and include excerpts regarding the impact and potential mitigation from any relevant sections of the community's Host or Surrounding Community Agreement. Where applicable, please also briefly summarize and/or provide page references to the most relevant language included in the most relevant MEPA certificate(s) or comment(s) submitted by the community to MEPA. Please explain how this 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 the impact exceeds projected estimates.

Comments received during the MEPA review of the FEIR "...raised traffic capacity and operations concerns along local roadways and intersections ... Local roadway impacts in adjacent communities will be addressed as part of the MGC licensing process and in accordance with the Expanded Gaming Act." [FEIR Certificate, pg. 17] The FEIR also anticipated the construction of regional projects, namely the South Coast Rail Project (Stoughton-Straight alternative) and the Middleborough Rotary improvements in the 2022 Build scenario. [FEIR Certificate, pgs. 13-14] The current South Coast Rail alternative [Middleborough Limited] being considered may not provide anticipated traffic capacity or GHG relief. The Middleborough Rotary improvement project is also still in early stages and progress may be slowed.

The proposed Tribal Gaming facility is a new type of development to the greater Taunton area (indeed the state) and impacts of its construction and operation cannot be entirely anticipated. Studies will be necessary to determine actual impacts and potential mitigation of those impacts in surrounding communities not addressed in the FEIR.

**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

2-1-17  
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.

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**Executive Director**

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**Date**

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**Ombudsman**

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**Date**