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Massachusetts Gaming Commission Awards \$18 Million in Grants from Community Mitigation Fund

Following approval during a series of public meetings, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) announced that over \$18 million in Community Mitigation Fund grants have been awarded to various municipalities and other eligible entities across Massachusetts.

Since its inception in 2015, the MGC has awarded approximately \$56.7 million in grants from the Community Mitigation Fund. Established by the gaming law, this fund assists host and surrounding communities, along with other qualified applicants, in offsetting costs related to casino construction and operation. Grant awards support a broad spectrum of community needs including education, transportation, infrastructure, housing, environmental issues, public safety, and emergency services.

"The Community Mitigation Fund is an important and impactful program aimed at maximizing the benefits of legalized gambling while mitigating any unintended impacts associated with the operation of the Commonwealth's casinos," said MGC Interim Chair Jordan Maynard. "This program is a direct investment in our communities, prioritizing projects that enhance local infrastructure, public safety, and harm reduction. The 2024 grant recipients represent innovative and tangible initiatives, which upon implementation will have a positive impact on communities and residents across the state."

The Community Mitigation Fund review team conducted a thorough evaluation of all applications to ensure compliance with the FY 2025 Guidelines, making recommendations to the Commission during several public meetings throughout the spring of 2024. Following deliberation on those recommendations, the Commission voted to award the following grants:



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Region A - Municipal and Regional Grants

Everett - Host	Award: \$2,403,400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everett Square Pedestrian and Transit Improvements - \$1,164,300 to reconfigure the roadway and sidewalk network in Everett Square and make pedestrian and signal improvements that will allow more frequent transit service and improve green and open space in the square. This will also expand the platform for multiple buses, provide wider sidewalks and improved pedestrian crossings. • Encore Corridor Upgrades - \$360,500 for traffic signal improvements on Broadway that will contribute to enhanced safety and commute time reduction. • Lower Mystic TMA Support - \$300,000 is for continued support of the Lower Mystic Transportation Management Association (LMTMA), and will support its technological infrastructure, operations and management as well as provide support for the shuttle system. • Public Safety - Everett Police Overtime - \$133,600 to support public safety efforts by providing additional overtime for land-based operations dedicated during peak times in and around the casino and to provide additional overtime for maritime operations between Memorial Day and Labor Day. • Everett Police Hardware & Software Upgrades - \$170,000 is for Police Department hardware in three areas: Radios, Cameras and ShotSpotter. These include the purchase of 10 interoperable radios for supervisory staff, ShotSpotter technology to expand coverage to the area surrounding the casino, and the addition of closed-circuit cameras to the Lower Broadway area. • ALERT Active Shooter training - \$75,000 is for a three-day active shooter training course which would cover police, fire, EMS, GEU and Security Personnel from Encore. • Fire Boat Training - \$200,000 is for a fireboat training course. This would expand the knowledge of the 6 officers who have already have a level of qualification and qualify the rest of the department. The training covers boat handling, water safety, marine firefighting, and surface water rescue. 	



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Boston	Award: \$2,322,200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Police Department Public Safety Strategy - \$539,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Office of Research and Development - Hiring full-time Public Safety Program Coordinator - \$71,900 ii. BIS Family Justice Center Human Trafficking Units - \$40,700 iii. BIS Homicide Fatal Collision Accident Investigation Team - \$45,900 iv. BIS Drug Control - Overtime \$2,000 v. BIS Fugitive Apprehension Unit - \$2,000 vi. BFS Youth Violence Strike Force - \$2,000 vii. BFS Districts A-1 and A-15 - \$375,000 • Lost Village Traffic and Safety Improvements - \$655,000 for road and pedestrian safety improvements in the section of Charlestown known as the Lost Village. • Charlestown Safety Improvements - \$500,000 to advance complete streets designs for safety improvement in Charlestown neighborhood and advance planning of proposed Link Shuttle Routes. • Sullivan/Rutherford Redesign - \$450,000 for the continuation of design improvements for Sullivan Square and Rutherford Ave. This project is expected to start construction in 2028; • Gambling Harm Reduction – Youth Gambling - \$177,675 to conduct community participatory research in partnership with internal stakeholders to educate and empower Charlestown youth while determining exposure and attitudes toward Encore. The city will engage a research consultant to perform a survey and conduct focus groups of Charlestown youth. 	
Cambridge	Award: \$527,800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial District Marketing Campaign - \$75,000 is to promote Cambridge's commercial districts as a destination for patrons and employees of the gaming establishment to dine and shop. • Electric Bikes - \$175,000 is for the purchase of electric bikes for the Bluebikes public bicycle share system. These will be placed in the eastern Cambridge/North Point/Cambridge Crossing area which was identified as an area impacted by the increase in traffic to and from the casino. • Traffic Study - \$30,000 is to conduct a traffic study using cellphone data to identify Encore patrons and employees that are traveling through Cambridge to access the casino. • Traffic Signal Equipment and Improvements - \$200,000 for the design and improvement to traffic signals on the Prospect Street corridor to reduce congestion along this stretch of road. • High Visibility Traffic Enforcement - \$47,800 for enhanced traffic enforcement focusing on Cambridge, Hampshire, and Prospect Streets, which are the major routes to the casino through Cambridge. The police overtime is limited to the peak hours associated with Encore such as weekends, evenings, and/or special events. 	
Chelsea	Award: \$957,300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery Chelsea Campaign - \$50,000 for expansion of the Discover Chelsea Marketing Campaign started in 2022 by bringing on a consultant to create new content including web 	



and social media content, blog or vlog posts, and to develop marketing materials to advertise the program.

- **Marginal Street Corridor Study - \$677,000** for a comprehensive redesign of Marginal Street between the McArdle Bridge and the Chelsea Street Bridge.
- **Chelsea Police Overtime - \$93,400** for: overtime for traffic enforcement patrols (\$38,400); two permanently mounted sign boards (\$50,000), and temporary signs and cones (\$5,000).
- **Gambling Harm Reduction - \$150,700** to establish a culturally relevant harm reduction pilot program focused on building capacity of community members to address the harm of gambling on low-income residents.

Lynn

Award: \$200,000

- **City Cameras - \$200,000** for the installation of 30 closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras to be installed strategically on telephone poles, traffic lights and bridges around the city in high incident areas to streamline police investigations, improve traffic safety and reduce impaired driving. Project funding includes cameras, installation costs, associated wiring, and antennas.

Malden

Award: \$881,600

- **Transportation - Broadway 25% Design - \$300,000** to complete the 25% design of improvements to Broadway from the Everett City Line to the Melrose City Line to reduce congestion and improve roadway safety.
- **Transportation - Main Street Signalized Intersections Improvements - \$125,000** to conduct data gathering and engineering analysis in the development of operating schemes and design concepts to address the traffic deficiencies at three locations on the Main Street Corridor.
- **Broadway Pedestrian Signals and Detection Improvements - \$55,000** for the installation of pedestrian signals and detection equipment at four locations on Broadway.
- **Main Street Traffic Signal Detection - \$160,000** for the installation of five video traffic signal detectors on Main Street.
- **Main/Wigglesworth/Judson Pedestrian Improvement - \$35,000** for the installation of a high visibility crosswalk and pedestrian actuated flashing signal in an area which currently has no crosswalk.
- **Citywide Traffic Signal Timing Inventory and Electrical Systems Survey - \$60,000** to develop an inventory of traffic signal timing plans and survey electrical service and connection equipment at signalized intersections.
- **Traffic Calming Devices - \$84,217** to purchase portable radar speed signs, message sign trailers, and StatTrak devices to improve road safety in Malden.
- **Police Training - \$62,380** to provide 99 officers with de-escalation, implicit bias and use of force training.

Medford

Award: \$1,027,300

- **Medford Square Wayfinding Study - \$100,000** for the development of a wayfinding system for commercial areas of Medford.
- **Wellington Transformation Study - \$80,000** for a study on redevelopment opportunities for the Wellington Areas and diversity of its commercial base.



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- **Salem Street Transportation Study - Phase 1 - \$123,100** to conduct a study of Salem Street including a Road Safety Audit and conceptual design of road improvements.
- **Salem Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements - \$122,800** for the construction of pedestrian safety improvements on Salem Street by using pedestrian crossing flashing signals, radar signs and physical elements to narrow the road and improve sightlines.
- **EV Safety Equipment Purchase and Training - \$69,700** to assist the fire department in handling electric vehicle related fires through EV fire training, and the purchase of EV fire blankets and E-Plugs which de-power the vehicles in the event of fire.
- **De-escalation and Use of Force Training - \$55,600** for Use of Force/De-escalation training for the entire police force (111 officers).
- **Implicit Bias Training - \$55,600** for Implicit Bias training for its Police Officers.
- **Impact Assessment Young Adult Study - \$70,450** for a study on the potential social, economic, mental, and behavioral health impact of casino gaming on young adults. The focus of the study would be on the advertising of casino gambling and sports wagering.
- **Chevalier Theatre Digital Signage - \$75,000** for the purchase of digital signage to increase the visibility of the Chevalier Theatre as an economic driver to local restaurants and businesses.
- **Chevalier Theatre LED Ceiling Light Conversion - \$225,000** for upgrading the lighting at the Chevalier Theatre to LED Lights to enable it to compete with Encore and other entertainment venues.

Melrose

Award: \$65,500

- **Economic Development: Pop Up in Melrose - \$20,000** for a downtown holiday "Pop-Up" shopping experience to provide opportunities for smaller businesses without a traditional brick-and-mortar operation.
- **Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) purchase - \$14,600** for the purchase of 7 portable AEDs.
- **Gambling Harm Reduction - Youth and Adult Harm Reduction - \$28,500** for a program to identify populations at risk for problem gambling. A survey will be developed and administered covering current habits and perceptions of Middle and High School Students. The program also proposes financial management education classes for youth and adults that will address gambling harm reduction.
- **Council on Aging Initiative - \$2,400** for the development of higher quality programming at the Senior Center to increase participation in activities and trips for older adults that do not encourage gambling. This could include contracting with local musical performers, theatre productions, and other entertainment options that the center would not typically be able to afford.



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Revere	Award: \$620,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revere History Museum Strategic Plan - \$64,500 to complete a short and long-term strategic plan for attracting patrons to the Revere History Museum. • EMT Training - \$53,920 for an Emergency Medical Training program in partnership with Bunker Hill Community College. This program would offer a free EMT certification course to 12 Revere residents which may lead to positions with Cataldo Ambulance. • Revere Beach Connector - \$325,055 for the 25% design of the Revere Beach Connector which will be a multi-use path connecting Revere Beach to the Northern Strand Community Path. • Holistic approach to reduce harmful effects of Problematic Gambling - \$90,000 for a new program in conjunction with the Hass Health & Wellness Center to reduce the effect of problematic gambling in Revere. This program will target population groups at specific risk and provide coping strategies and support structure to reduce the occurrence of problematic behaviors associated with gambling. • Administration of Grant Programs - \$35,000 is to cover the program administration costs of the CMF Block Grant Program. • Vehicular Extraction Equipment \$52,000 for the purchase of the latest technology in vehicular extraction equipment. 	
Saugus	Award: \$90,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverwalk - \$30,000 for exploring economic development opportunities along the recently completed Saugus Riverwalk. • Targeted Marketing Campaign to Attract Visitors - \$20,000 to implement a targeted marketing campaign for Saugus aimed at increasing visibility and visitor awareness. • Enhanced Traffic Enforcement and Education - \$40,000 for the purchase of speed/message boards and the creation and implementation of a public education campaign. 	
Somerville	Award: \$959,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Pass Pilot Program - \$215,000 for the provision of MBTA passes to 200 employees of small hospitality businesses in East Somerville. • Traffic Signal Pre-emption for Emergency Services - \$165,000 for the installation of GPS-based traffic signal pre-emption equipment on fire apparatus and traffic signal equipment. Equipment will be provided on 11 vehicles and 13 signalized intersections. • Middlesex Ave./Mystic Ave. Intersection Project - \$579,500 for the reconstruction of the intersection of Middlesex and Mystic Avenue to reduce congestion and improve public safety. This project is to completely reconfigure and reconstruct the intersection for all users and incorporate new multimodal improvements. Safety upgrades include pedestrian crosswalks, new crosswalks, and separated bicycle facilities are designed to provide a safer connection to Assembly Square streets. 	



CATEGORY 2 – REGION A	
Plainville (Host)	Award \$153,300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Powered Traffic Monitoring Devices and Smart Flares - \$121,310 for the purchase of 16 solar powered traffic and speed monitoring devices and electronic flares for Plainville Police Department vehicles. • Regional Destination Marketing Initiative - \$31,990 for continued and expanded implementation of the strategies outlined in the Regional Destination Marketing Plan and marketing. 	
Foxborough	Award \$64,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Destination Marketing Initiative - \$64,500 for continued and expanded implementation of the strategies outlined in the Regional Destination Marketing Plan and marketing. 	
Mansfield	Award \$54,200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel Patrol Overtime - \$54,200 for supplemental police patrols at local hotels to address increased calls for service. Officers placed at the hotel properties to deter illegal activities using the approach taken by the Problem-Oriented Policing Unit working collaboratively with hotel management to address issues that lead to repeat calls for service. 	
Wrentham	Award \$76,800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Destination Marketing Initiative - \$56,800 for a continuation of the joint effort with Plainville and Foxborough with Foxborough being the fiscal agent. • Police De-Escalation and Use of Force Training - \$20,000 to provide each officer with 8 hours of training in the use of Force and De-escalation. 	



REGIONAL GRANTS	
MA Attorney General	Award: \$249,100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing Casino-Linked Domestic Violence in Massachusetts - \$249,100 to add resources to address gaming-related domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) cases while building capacity to investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes. This funding would cover the salary and fringe benefits associated with hiring a new Assistant Attorney General (AAG) who would work solely on casino-related cases. 	
MassHire Metro North Workforce Boards	Award: \$750,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Boston Regional Hospitality Consortium - \$750,000 to allow Masshire Metro North Workforce Board to continue the Metro Boston Regional Hospitality Consortium (MBRHC) to provide workforce development programs in the greater Boston area. 	
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)	Award: \$250,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelsea to Everett Greenway Connector - \$90,000 to plan the extension of the Chelsea Greenway shared-use path from its current end point in Chelsea to connect to the Northern Strand Community Trail and Encore Casino in Everett. MAPC will procure and manage an engineering consultant to conduct an alternatives analysis to identify a preferred alignment or routes from the end of the Chelsea Greenway at Chestnut Street in Chelsea to Broadway (Route 99) in Everett and on to the Northern Strand Trail. • Regional Marketing and Tourism Initiative for Arts and Culture Entertainment Venues - \$75,000 for a regional initiative to integrate arts and culture entertainment venues into existing digital regional marketing tools to increase marketing and awareness of venues in competition with the Encore Casino. • Small Business Resiliency and Growth Supports Plan - \$85,000 to create a small business regional planning initiative to explore and recommend strategies to better support small business in the retail, hotel/hospitality, travel services, food service/dining, recreation, and entertainment industries; and organize, develop content for and hold a half-day supplier diversity conference for business support organizations. 	
Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)	Award: \$234,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Culture Tourism Plan - \$234,000 to develop an arts and cultural tourism plan for the Category 2 region including the communities of Attleboro, Foxborough, Mansfield, North Attleboro, Plainville, and Wrentham 	
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office	Award: \$106,900
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Public Safety - Suffolk County District Attorney - \$106,900 for the addition of an Assistant DA and electronic hardware and software to combat Human Trafficking and bring cases to prosecution. 	



Region B - Municipal and Regional Grants

MUNICIPAL GRANTS	
Chicopee	Award \$341,100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Police Virtual Training Program- The funding will be used to purchase the Axon Virtual Reality (VR) Training System, with three (3) years of service. This training system will provide police training including de-escalation training, implicit bias training, use of force training as well as other training to help improve police/patron/employee interactions. ● Center Streetscapes (Phase 2)- A continuation of a project funded last cycle, the funding will be used for Complete Street and Vision Zero Streetscape Design services. Converting streets from one-way to two-way travel, with a Complete Streets design approach to enhance walking, bicycling, and bus stops for people of all ages and abilities ● ValleyBike Bikeshare - In anticipation of the relaunch of the ValleyBike program the funding will go toward relaunching the system and reactivating Chicopee’s three stations. 	
East Longmeadow	Award: \$292,725
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parcel Inventory and Site-Readiness Assessment - Funds will allow the town to work with their local regional planning agency to develop a parcel inventory and site-readiness assessments for a Center-Town District. This information will help the Town identify key sites with high development prospects that they can leverage for economic and community development initiatives. ● Road Safety Audit - Funds will be used for a traffic study from LaSalle Street southerly to Center Square Driveway, just north of the East Longmeadow Rotary, approximately 0.87 miles. The study will collect, tabulate, and analyze crash data and document trends and causes of incidents within the project limits. ● Rapid Flashing Beacons - Funds will be used to install beacons at four pedestrian crossings along Maple Street and Shaker Road to facilitate pedestrian safety. ● Sidewalk Design - Funds will be used for design services required to install new cement concrete sidewalks (excluding driveways) with ADA compliant pedestrian curb ramps along portions of Westwood Avenue and Maple Street. ● Radar Speed Signs - Funds will be used to purchase portable speed radar signs. The signs would slow and calm traffic on Rt. 83 and other streets in town that are commonly used to travel to and from Springfield. The signs also collect and store traffic data (speeds and counts). ● Traffic Cameras - Funds will be used to purchase 4 traffic monitoring cameras to be installed at intersections in town, both on Rt. 83 and on other routes, which have traffic going to or from Springfield. These cameras assist in monitoring real-time traffic conditions and can also be used as an investigative aid in vehicle crashes and criminal investigations. ● Mutual Aid Fire Pre-Plan - Funds will be used for training to prepare their firefighters to respond to fire or EMS emergencies at MGM casino, the Mass Mutual Center, and the nearby hotels. 	



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Holyoke	Award: \$219,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race Street Lot Activation - Funding will be used in collaboration with the City of Holyoke, Transformative Development Initiative (TDI), and the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce to activate a vacant and blighted lot in a high tourism area. • ExploreHolyoke.com - Funds will be used to continue tourism-related events web development and maintenance. • MGM Shuttle Service - Funding will go toward a shuttle service between MGM Casino and Holyoke for special events throughout the year. The shuttle service is the critical connection between the city and MGM to promote further collaboration with the Casino and a form for locals and visitors to explore both Holyoke events and Springfield's growing Casino. • Event and Marketing Support - Funding for marketing support for local events and initiatives related to the 2018 Tourism Plan. • Greater Springfield Visitor's Bureau Membership Package - Funding will cover the cost of the City of Holyoke's Tourism Advisory Committee fees towards memberships to the Greater Springfield Convention Bureau. • ValleyBike Bikeshare Program - Funding will cover the administrative costs associated with being a part of the bikeshare program. • Lighting Installation - In collaboration with Beyond Walls, a nonprofit that implements design response projects, we will engage the community in designing and installing lighting features that further enhance the tourism experience and beautify a few select locations. • Harm Reduction Survey - Funding will be used to conduct a city-wide survey in collaboration with the Western Mass Public Health Institute. The survey will be available in English and Spanish. The survey will gather data on all age groups and will include all relative demographic information. Partnering with the public schools, the Holyoke Senior Center, Holyoke Community College, Nueva Esperanza, Girls Inc and others the survey. With the data from the survey Holyoke will be able to create an action plan to address concerns of gambling addiction or unhealthy behaviors around gambling. 	
Ludlow	Award: \$244,900
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Plan - Funds will be used to support the development of a master marketing plan as a tool to promote Ludlow and its quality dining, outdoor recreation spaces, craft breweries and zoo among other attractions. • Fire Extrication Tools - Funds will be used to purchase battery operated a hydraulic cutter, spreader, combi-tool, extrication ram, a set of lifting air bags and accessories. • Traffic Public Safety Equipment - Funds will be used to purchase equipment and upgrade crosswalks to ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety including message boards, Lidar, speed boards, a message trailer and solar lighted crosswalks. 	
Northampton	Award: \$75,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ValleyBike Bike Share Operations - Funding will cover a portion of the city's operational costs. Including costs for maintaining bikes, maintenance of a storage facility, daily balancing of bikes, customer service, IT support for users, and data and reporting. 	



Springfield	Award: \$2,864,800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main St Wayfinding and Signage - Funding develop a consistent district identity & demarcation, cohesive signage package to unite the anchors together and provide clear wayfinding throughout and attraction to all the retail, business, and tourism offerings in the area around MGM, Court Square and MassMutual. • Connectivity & Public Realm (Phase 2) - Funds will advanced the detailed urban design, streetscape, hardscape, landscape, and lighting designs and related engineering to expand a high-quality pedestrian environment and connectivity to additional areas around MGM. • Mixed Use Parking Infrastructure Project - A continuation of a project funded in the last cycle this is the second tranche of funding for the mixed-use garage construction in downtown Springfield. • Police Equipment, Training, and Outreach - The funds will cover the purchase of 2 new Recon Power Bikes, new earpieces and microphones, and 4 new Mobile LPR-2 Cameras. Funds will also cover various police trainings including Sexual Assault and Cyber Crimes, Crisis Intervention, and ALERRT Active Response Responder. The City also plans to use funding to cover the cost of increased traffic and homelessness deployments in the MGM area. • Extrication Tools - Funds will be used to purchase two new sets of extrication tools to more efficiently carry out extrication incidents. These 2 sets of jaws will be assigned to the Rescue Squad and TAC-1 which primarily respond to the casino area. • Springfield Young Adult Gambling Project - A continuation of a project funded in the last cycle for the Young Adult Gambling Project (YAGP) Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Plan. These funds will be used to continue research being done on the impacts of the casino on young adults in the city. 	
West Springfield	Award: \$299,800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police, Fire/EMS, and Dispatch Support - Reimbursement of Police, Fire/EMS & Dispatch for additional public safety personnel. • Fire Department Training - Training related to aerial ladder truck operations and truck placement specific to hotel occupancies. • Police Department Overtime - Increase patrols in the area of Memorial Bridge and North End Bridge. • Police Department Training - Funds will cover overtime costs for training of officers for two courses using the MILO System at the Western MA Police Academy in Holyoke. The courses are Crisis Intervention and Force and De-escalation Tactics. • Radar Message Sign-funds for a portable radar message sign that will be deployed in the area of the Memorial Bridge and the North End Bridge to assist with traffic enforcement. 	
Wilbraham	Award: \$309,100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Equipment - funding will cover a variety of public safety equipment including highway message boards, license plate cameras, a multi lens CCTV Camera for Main Radio Transmitter Site, Video Server for System Upgrades, Video Software and Installation of Cameras. 	



- **Springfield and Stony St Intersection** - Funding will be used to improve the intersection's line of sight, reduce accidents, allow for pedestrian use, and reduce congestion.

REGIONAL GRANTS	
Hampden County District Attorney	Award: \$75,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Costs - The funding will directly ease the financial burden imposed by casino-related matters. Administrative personnel in the District Court create and manage each case that comes through the system which includes data entry for each court case. 	
Hampden County Sheriff	Award: \$400,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease Assistance - Funding will help to offset the annual lease increase to the Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness Center. The Center was previously located in the footprint of MGM Springfield and the new building had a significantly higher rent. 	
Holyoke Community College	Award: \$448,750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCC Line Cook and Hotel Training - Funding will be used to host 7 cohorts of line cook trainees who will be able to attain credentials including a Line Cook Certificate, ServSafe Food Manager, and an Allergen Certificate. New for this year is the creation of a Hotel Front Desk/Room Attendant training program trainees will be able to attain credentials including a Certificate of Completion and Guest Service Gold Customer Service Certificate. • Springfield Public Schools Ahead of the Game - Funding will be used to provide a comprehensive array of resources to students, including basic literacy, basic mathematics, high school equivalency test preparation (HiSET/GED/TABE), adult diploma programs, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), job skills training (interview and resume writing), financial literacy, work readiness training, and computer literacy. Students will also participate in a series of workshops tailored to their needs. 	
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	Award: \$98,400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIPOC and Women-Owned Micro and Small Business Study - Funding will be used to collect and evaluate data regarding BIPOC and Women-Owned Micro and Small Businesses in the Pioneer Valley to gain greater understanding of how best to enhance business capacity. 	
Springfield Technical Community College	Award: \$301,250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WorkReady 2024- In collaboration with Holyoke Community College, STCC will continue to offer their Hampden Prep Program. This program provides high-impact computer & digital literacy training and job readiness skills with ESOL support. They will also continue to offer HiSET/GED test preparation, contextualized ESOL for hospitality/customer service, and hospitality industry related certifications. 	



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