



APPENDIX E – RFR 1068-1068C-1068L-109685

MUNICIPAL BLOCK GRANT FY 2026 WAIVER FORM

Applicants may request a waiver of a condition set forth in the Application for the Commission’s consideration. All requests for waivers or variances shall be submitted with the Application. The Commission may in its discretion waive or grant a variance from any provision or requirement contained in the FY 2026 Guidelines.

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I. Financial Variance Request:

If your municipality’s proposed allocation is insufficient to mitigate identified casino related impacts, you may use the space below to request additional funds. Municipal waivers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and award decisions will be based on available funding.

Please Note: The intent of this waiver is not to fund routine expenses but to find significant projects that would not otherwise be able to be funded under a municipality’s annual CMF allocation.

CMF Designated FY 2026 Grant Amount: \$259,824.00

Requested Amount Over Designated: \$20,542.00

Basis of Waiver Request:

During routine review of expenses on the Attorney General’s Office’s (AGO’s) FY2025 Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) award, I discovered indirect expenses were being charged at a rate higher than the program cap of 7.5%. Through discussions with the AGO Budget Division, I learned that the Office of the Comptroller automatically charges our federally-negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) on state-funded Interdepartmental Service Agreements (ISAs).

The AGO’s NICRA with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services outlines a 25% indirect rate on salary and fringe costs only. After discussion with John Scully at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, I now understand that this 25% rate will be applied to any CMF award granted to the AGO. Both the AGO Budget Division and John Scully stated that the Comptroller would be unlikely to grant a waiver of our NICRA for any CMF ISA.

Because I was unaware that our NICRA would be charged on CMF ISAs, I did not incorporate it into our original FY2026 CMF application. I request a waiver totaling \$20,542.00 for additional administrative costs under our NICRA. Attached, please find an amended budget which incorporates the NICRA into our FY2026 CMF request.

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II. Programmatic Requirement Variance Request:

A municipality may request a waiver from any application requirement. Municipal waivers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and applicants will be notified of the Commission's decision.

Basis of Waiver Request:

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