



## 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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<p><b>I. Financial Variance Request:</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> 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.</p>
<b>CMF Designated FY 2026 Grant Amount:</b>
<b>Requested Amount Over Designated:</b>
<b>Basis of Waiver Request:</b>

<p><b>II. Programmatic Requirement Variance Request:</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
<b>Basis of Waiver Request:</b> <p>The Boston Police Department, Office of Research and Development, is requesting a Programmatic Variance Request/Waiver related to the full time Law Enforcement (LE) Program Coordinator’s position. Within the 2025 grant award, BPD has 12 months’ worth of funding available for the FT LE Coordinator. This position is estimated to begin work this upcoming September 1, 2025, which will carry through – through August 31, 2026. In Year 2, the 2026 grant funds will cover the position (September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027). And in Year 3, we want the 2026 grant to carry the position</p>

from September 1, 2027 – August 31, 2028. But in Year 3, in order for that to happen, BPD/ORD would need this waiver. This waiver is a request is for a **no cost a timeline extension** through August 31, 2028. If approved, the FT LE Coordinator would be able to accomplish the Encore Casino’s Public Safety goals over a full 3-year period. These goals will include:

- 1) Staffing of both internal and external law enforcement partnerships, collaborations and communication efforts - ongoing through the development and staffing of an ***Encore Casino Public Safety Task Force (Task Force)***;
- 2) Through that Task Force, facilitate the development of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), amongst and between law enforcement agencies involved in casino operations;
- 3) Provide to the MGC, the crime and research data needed for the MGC to effectively analyze the impact of gaming on Boston crime incidents in all Boston neighborhoods, while participating in any and all research partnerships embarked upon by the MGC; and
- 4) Administering, implementing and financially managing the many strategies proposed in our current and future MGC grant programs.

The BPD/ORD feels that 3 years is a necessary timeframe from the success of these goals, especially considering our need to be able to evaluate the impact of our interventions over time. With that, please consider approving this waiver request as we believe that if approved, this extended timeline will serve both the Encore community and the neighborhoods of Boston greatly.