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Dear Community / Potential Applicant:

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) is pleased to announce the application and guidelines for the 2022 Community Mitigation Fund grant program are now available on COMMBUYS. (www.commbuys.com (Bid No.: BD-22-1068C-1068L-_68403)).

The Massachusetts Legislature legalized casino gaming to produce broad-based economic development, including jobs and revenue. The Legislature also established an equally important mandate to mitigate unintended impacts associated with the arrival of casino gaming. To that end, the law created the Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) to support communities and governmental entities in offsetting costs related to the construction and operation of gaming facilities. Since 2015, the MGC has issued approximately \$28 million in funding to advance needs in transportation, community planning, workforce development and public safety for municipalities and government entities located in the vicinity of the casinos.

We want to extend our gratitude to all those who have participated and those who will participate in the CMF's highly collaborative mitigation planning and innovative programming. The gaming law established an annual deadline of January 31 for applications from municipalities seeking mitigation funds.

Highlights of the Guidelines for the 2022 Community Mitigation Fund:

Specific Impact Grants

The 2022 Specific Impact Grant may be used only to mitigate operational related impacts that are being experienced or were experienced from the gaming facilities by the January 31, 2022 application date. MGC has placed a per community limit for the 2022 Specific Impact Grant of \$500,000, subject to a request for waiver.

Public Safety Grant (NEW)

Public Safety Grants Applications may be submitted for public safety operational costs, which also may include specific training related to gaming facility issues. To receive a Public Safety Grant an applicant must demonstrate three specific things (1) that the grant addresses an issue caused by the casino, (2) the impact is not addressed in the host or surrounding community agreement and (3) the funding will supplement and not supplant historical operational funding.

Incentive for Regional Cooperation

MGC established incentive funding for applications involving more than one community. These joint applications must specifically show the interrelationship of the communities in their endeavor.

Transportation Planning Grants

The 2022 CMF authorizes communities to apply for Transportation Planning Grants. MGC has placed a per grant maximum of \$200,000 (plus potentially a regional incentive).



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Transportation Construction Grants

In 2022, MGC will continue grant funding for transportation construction costs. MGC has established a maximum contribution from the CMF of 1/3 of the total construction costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$1,500,000. However, MGC has retained the ability to increase this award amount and other award amounts if funds are available.

Workforce Development Programs in Region A and Region B

MGC will make funding of \$500,000 per region available for workforce development programs in Regions A and B.

Community Planning Grants

MGC will make funding available for certain planning and technical assistance activities through Community Planning Grants. These grants may be used to achieve further benefits from a gaming facility or to avoid or minimize adverse impacts. The maximum grant amount for 2022 is \$100,000. If a Community Planning Grant involves more than one community for the same planning project, applicants would be eligible for a Regional Planning Incentive Award.

Tribal Gaming Technical Assistance

MGC is making technical assistance funding available to assist in the determination of potential impacts that may be experienced by communities in geographic proximity to the potential Tribal Gaming facility in Taunton. This funding will only be made available if it is determined by the MGC that construction of the gaming facility will likely commence prior to or during 2022.

Emergency Impact

MGC is making emergency impact funding available to communities experiencing an emergency event that is connected to a casino and could not be remedied through any other funding source. The funding will only be made available after it is determined by the MGC as appropriate.

Further detail on this year's program may be found in the 2022 Guidelines or by contacting the MGC's Community Affairs Office. On behalf of the MGC, I look forward to continuing work with the communities and other interested parties to help the Commonwealth achieve the goals of the Expanded Gaming Act.

Sincerely,



Cathy Judd-Stein, Chair

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cc: Karen Wells, Executive Director

Joseph Delaney, Chief of Community Affairs



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