



2023 Specific Impact Grant Application

Bid No. BD-23-1068-1068C-1068L-81256

All completed applications must be sent by January 31st to be considered for funding for the 2023 Grant Round. Please submit this completed form as well as any relevant attachments to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov.

For more detailed instructions as well as the 2023 Application Guidelines please visit <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>

I. Project Summary
Legal Name of Applicant: City of Boston
Project Name (Please limit to 5 words): Bluebikes expansion in Charlestown
Amount Requested: \$120,000
Brief Project Description (approx. 50 words): <i>BTD proposes to expand the Bluebikes bike share system in Charlestown to improve access to the Sullivan Square area. Bluebikes provide convenient, affordable, and reliable transportation by bike, and helps to reduce trips by single occupancy vehicles.</i>

II. Applicant Contact Information
Please provide below the manager for this grant and any other individuals you would like to be copied on all correspondence.
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Contact III: Stefanie Seskin
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III. Detailed Project Description & Mitigation

- 1) Please describe in detail the impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility. Please provide documentation or evidence that gives support for the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused or is causing the impact (i.e. surveys, data, reports).

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s Section 61 Findings pursuant to the Encore Casino describes: “When adjusted for mode share, the Project is estimated to generate approximately 17,550 average daily trips (“adt”) on a Friday and 20,566 adt on a Saturday.” Also, “Assuming no further improvements to Orange Line service and operations prior to 2023, if the Project is built and becomes operational, Orange Line service is expected to be beyond the MBTA’s Service Delivery Policy capacity standards for four hours a week, including three weekday non-peak hours... and a fourth hour on Saturday...”

With the project’s Supplemental Environmental Impact Report of 2015, estimated trips generated by the Casino were significantly increased: “According to the Trip Generation Summary table, the project is expected to generate a total of 53,228 person trips on an average Friday and a total of 63,332 person trips on an average Saturday.” Of these trips, “...43,930 are expected to be made via automobile.”

The MEPA filing for the Encore Casino stated that some 70% of the traffic generated by is projected to go through Sullivan Square.

The project addresses the significant increase in trips by single-occupancy vehicles attributed to the operation of the Encore Casino, as well as the excess burden on the Orange Line. During peak riding months, Bluebikes accommodates more than 20,000 trips per day. Stations in the Charlestown area, including at Sullivan Square and Bunker Hill Community College, experienced nearly a 50% increase in trips in 2022 compared with 2021. The Boston Transportation Department proposed to grow the network of available stations and docks in Charlestown to better meet this demand for bike share, and provide a reliable alternative for thousands of people to travel to and from the Sullivan Square area.

- 2) *(If applicable)* Please explain how this impact was not anticipated in the Applicant’s Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.

N/A

3) Please describe what the Applicant is proposing and how the mitigation request will address the impact indicated.

The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) is proposing the expansion of the Bluebikes bike share network in Charlestown. The expansion will include two 19-dock stations near the Sullivan Square Rotary (funded by CMF support), and two 19-dock stations in other parts of Charlestown (funded by BTD). Together, these new stations will help reduce travel by single-occupancy vehicles, by providing convenient, reliable, and affordable transportation by bike to residents, workers, and visitors traveling to and from the Sullivan Square area.

The Bluebikes bike share system is an important part of the transportation network in the communities surrounding the Casino, including Boston (Charlestown), Everett, and Somerville. In 2022, Bluebikes riders took more than 144,000 trips that started or ended at stations in Charlestown. During the peak riding season (July-September), these stations averaged nearly 700 trips per day, (see attached spreadsheet), providing a meaningful share of trips to and from the neighborhood. Users took 43.5% more trips from the Charlestown stations than they did in 2021, demonstrating the significant demand on the system. By expanding the Charlestown Bluebikes network, particularly near Sullivan Square, BTD will help increase capacity to meet this rising demand, and improve the reliability of bike share a transportation option for residents, workers and visitors.

IV. Scope, Budget, and Timeline	
Applicant: City of Boston	Vendor Code: V6000192075
Total Amount Requested: \$120,000	Estimated Total Project Cost: \$250,000

Scope of Work
<p>Please include below a breakdown of the proposed work. The project scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.</p> <p><i>a. Site planning for two CMF-funded stations (January – March 2023):</i> BTD staff will survey locations for new Bluebikes stations (tentatively near the Schrafft’s Center in Sullivan Square, and on Medford Street in Charlestown).</p> <p><i>b. Site planning for two local match stations (January – March 2023):</i> In coordination with BPDA PLAN Charlestown team, BTD will identify locations for two additional stations to expand access to Bluebikes in other parts of the Charlestown neighborhood.</p> <p><i>c. Permitting and license agreements (March – April 2023):</i> BTD staff will secure permits for stations on City-owned property, and if necessary, license agreements on third-party property.</p> <p><i>d. Site preparation (April – June 2023):</i> As necessary, BTD staff will select a vendor and oversee the installation of any hardscape necessary for the installation of new station(s).</p> <p><i>e. Station installation (July – August 2023):</i> BTD staff will oversee vendor (Lyft Bikes and Scooters, LLC) in the planning, scheduling and deployment of the new Bluebikes stations.</p>

Proposed MGC Grant Budget			
<p>Please use the following table to outline the budget of your project. Include any requests for proposals, quotes, or estimates that would quantify the costs associated with the mitigation as an attachment. In determining the funding request, please round up to the nearest hundred dollars.</p>			
Timeline	Description of Purchase/Work	QTY	Budget
July 2023	19-dock bike share station (equipment purchase @\$36,693 per station)	2	\$73,400

July 2023	Bikes (purchase at 57% ratio to # of docks @\$1,161 per bike)	22	\$25,600
August 2023	Site preparation (concrete/permeable pad installation)	2	\$16,000
August 2023	Installation (\$2,500 per station)	2	\$5,000
	TOTAL:		\$120,000
Funding Source	Description of Purchase/Work	QTY	
In Kind Services			
Federal	.		
State			
Local Match	BTD staff time to site stations, manage permitting, oversee vendor contract, and coordinate with other Bluebikes municipalities Expansion and upgrade of Boston Bluebikes bike share Charlestown network (2 additional new stations).		\$10,000 \$120,000

V. Regional Incentive Award	
Are you applying for a Regional Incentive Award?	
___ Yes	__X_ No

Partner Community Contact-
Name:
Role:
Email Address:
Telephone Number:
Address:

<p>VI. Waiver</p> <p>If you are applying for a waiver, please submit the Waiver Form with your application. The form can be found at www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/</p>
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Are you applying for a waiver?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

VII. Please provide a brief description of each attachment.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mass Gaming Commission Second Amended Section 61 Findings Issued Pursuant to MGL c. 23K and MGL c.30, S612. Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Report, Wynn Everett, February 25, 2015.3. Excel spreadsheet of Bluebikes trips in 2022 to/from stations in Charlestown.

VIII. Applicant Certification

On behalf of the aforementioned applicant/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.



2023-01-31

**Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity**

Date:

Jascha Franklin-Hodge

(print name)

Chief of Streets

Title:

BLUBIKES START + END TRIPS IN CHARLESTOWN (2022)

		2022 Q1		2022 Q2		2022 Q3		2022 Q4		2022 VS 2021 % CHANGE
ID	STATION	TRI PS	TRI PS/ DAY	TRI PS	TRI PS/ DAY	TRI PS	TRI PS/ DAY	TRI PS	TRI PS/ DAY	TRI PS
A32022	EDWARDS PLAYGROUND	722	8.20	2,136	23.47	3,124	33.96	1,903	20.68	41.4%
A32023	BUNKER HILL COMM COLLEGE	778	8.84	1,749	19.22	2,746	29.85	1,807	19.64	60.9%
D32020	MAIN ST AT AUSTIN ST	1,238	14.07	4,094	44.99	6,474	70.37	3,210	34.89	29.2%
D32021	WARREN ST AT CHELSEA ST	3,317	37.69	9,137	100.41	12,893	140.14	6,848	74.43	46.8%
D32023	SPAULDING REHAB HOSP	2,455	27.90	4,832	53.10	5,658	61.50	3,675	39.95	26.7%
D32026	HAYES SQUARE	0	0.00	1,345	17.24	2,710	29.46	1,144	25.42	38.2%
D32036	MAIN ST AT BALDWIN ST	908	10.32	2,513	27.62	3,309	35.97	1,844	20.04	56.0%
D32037	MEDFORD ST @ CHARLESTOWN BCYF	1,141	12.97	2,423	26.63	3,115	33.86	1,764	19.17	20.9%
D32038	MAIN ST @ THOMPSON SQ	1,119	12.72	3,475	38.19	4,792	52.09	2,675	29.08	55.8%
D32039	CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD	2,983	33.90	9,065	99.62	13,517	146.92	7,310	79.46	47.8%
D32053	SULLIVAN SQUARE	759	8.63	2,235	24.56	3,347	36.38	1,756	19.09	41.1%
D32060	HOOD PARK	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,017	19.94	740	8.04	NA
	ALL CHARLESTOWN	15,420	514.00	43,004	472.57	62,702	681.54	34,676	376.91	43.5%

Appendix D
WAIVER REQUEST FORM
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Any project which proposes to exceed the funding limit for a category or requires a variance from any other provision contained in the Guidelines must submit a waiver request with its application. The Waiver Request Form must set forth the specific provision of the Guidelines to which a waiver or variance is sought and shall state the basis for the proposed waiver or variance. The Waiver should be signed by a municipal official or other government official that has the authority to enter into a contract on behalf of that community or governmental entity.

Name of Applicant:	City of Boston		
Project Name:	Gambling Harm Reduction + Active Transportation		
Type of Grant:	Specific Impact		
Name and Title of Contact:	Inez Foster, Director of Resource Development		
Email Address:	inez.foster@boston.gov	Telephone:	617-635-3954

Waiver Request:

Fill in here:

The funding limit in this category is \$500,000 per Community. The City of Boston is submitting applications for two separate and distinct uses of funds for Special Impact Grants. Those requests total \$613,500.

The first is the Partner application with Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, justified by the Guidelines, to wit: "Where demonstratable gambling related harms exist or have been identified in previous research studies, the Applicant may wish to apply for Community Mitigation Funding under the Specific impact Category." This is exactly the case made in the Partner application, and in a meeting with the Gaming Commission staff on January 19, 2023, which contributed to a more responsive application than the one submitted in 2022. The request is \$493,500.

The second is the Boston Transportation Department application for Active Transportation in Charlestown. This is a request to install two bike-share docks at the Sullivan Square rotary that would accommodate 38 BlueBikes. This work will be matched by City of Boston funds to install two additional BlueBikes docks there. The immediate benefit would be reduced traffic congestion in this area, as well as a low-cost and environmentally friendly alternative to single vehicle travel to and from the Encore impact area. The request is \$120,000.

We believe these two requests fit the purpose of the Community Mitigation Fund to help offset costs related to the operation of the gaming establishment. As there are no other categories of funding that fit these projects, we respectfully request a waiver of the funding limit.

Signed by: 

Title: Director of Resource Development, Intergovernmental Relations, City of Boston