



20 | COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND

APPENDIX C

Specific Impact Grant Application
BD-20-1068-1068C-1068L-46130

Please complete entire Application

1.	Town of West Springfield
1.	NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT Police and Fire/EMS Direct Impact
2.	PROJECT NAME (LIMIT 10 WORDS) Funding for additional Police and Fire/EMS personnel hired to increase staffing for the impact to municipal services resulting from the opening of the MGM Casino in Springfield, MA.
3.	BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 WORDS) William C. Reichelt, Mayor
4.	NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA 01089
5.	ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY (413)263-3041 wreichelt@tows.org
6.	PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY Sharon A. Wilcox, Chief Financial Officer
7.	NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACT MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA 01089
8.	ADDRESS OF CONTRACT MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY (413)263-3025 swilcox@tows.org
9.	PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTRACT MANAGER ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MGM Springfield
10.	NAME OF GAMING LICENSEE

1. IMPACT DESCRIPTION

Please describe in detail the impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility. Please provide support for the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused or is causing the impact.

The opening of the MGM Springfield gaming facility in August of 2018 has resulted in additional public safety needs for the manning of related traffic incidents and EMS calls. The proximity of West Springfield to the MGM Casino results in the main travel corridors through town serving as a primary travel route to and from the casino. As a response to these needs, West Springfield has added (4) four dispatchers, (4) patrolmen and (8) firefighters/EMS to our budget.

In anticipation of the opening of the MGM Springfield Casino, the Town of West Springfield budgeted an increase in the number of patrolmen for an anticipated start date in the spring of 2018 to allow sufficient time for new patrolmen to attend the police academy to be fully trained by the opening date of the casino. Subsequently, the Town also budgeted to increase the number of dispatchers to handle additional call volume and ensure trained E911 professionals are on duty in dispatch positions without the need to sub in patrolmen. The police department received 11,936 call for service the year preceding the opening of MGM Springfield (August 2017 to July 2018) and 13,789 calls the year subsequent to the opening of MGM Springfield (August 2018 to July 2019), a 15.5% increase. Additionally, there has been an increase in motor vehicle accidents of 24% since the opening of MGM Springfield.

EMS calls were anticipated to increase with the opening of the MGM Springfield casino. West Springfield obtained a federal SAFER Grant to add (8) firefighters/EMS which provided necessary staffing to run a third ambulance. Staff were hired in January of 2018 under the SAFER Grant. The Grant provided for 75% reimbursement in year one and year two (January 28, 2018 to January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2019 to January 27, 2020 respectively) and 30% reimbursement in year three (January 28, 2020 to January 27, 2021). As we enter the third year of the SAFER Grant, West Springfield will be responsible for 70% of the staffing costs. Upon conclusion of the SAFER Grant, West Springfield will be responsible for 100% of the staffing costs. As justification to support the increased staffing, Fire/EMS calls were reviewed from the casino opening of August 24, 2018 to current (January 17, 2020) and compared to comparable time frame prior to the casino opening, August 24, 2016 to January 17, 2018. The time period subsequent to the casino opening resulted in 11,033 total calls, of which 9,115 were EMS related. The time period prior to the casino opening resulted in 10,308 total calls, of which 8,591 were EMS related. During the 17 month time period subsequent to the opening of the casino the fire department had an increase in volume of 725 overall calls (+7%); an increase of 524 more EMS calls (+6%).

2. PROPOSED USE OF SPECIFIC IMPACT MITIGATION FUNDS. (Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.)

a) Please identify the amount of funding requested.

\$200,000.00

b) Please identify below the manner in which the funds are proposed to be used. Please provide detailed scope, budget and timetable for the use of funds.

Funding will be used to pay the FY 2021 public safety operating costs, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

c) Please provide documentation (e.g. - invoices, proposals, estimates, etc.) adequate for the Commission to ensure that the funds will be used for the cost of mitigating the impact from the operation of a proposed gaming establishment.

Exhibit A identifies the additional staffing costs for public safety personnel hired to mitigate the effects of the MGM Springfield Casino. The annual cost for additional staffing for FY 2021 is estimated to be \$1,061,736.92. The Town will receive \$375,000 directly from MGM Springfield under our SCA to mitigate the anticipated adverse effects of the MGM Springfield Project. Applying 100% of the SCA annual payment to public safety alone, the amount funded locally for additional public safety staff is anticipated to be \$686,736.92. A grant award in the amount of \$200,000 would reduce the burden on the municipal operating budget to \$486,736.92 for FY 2021.

d) Please describe how the mitigation request will address the impact indicated.

As indicated above, West Springfield has committed to the employment of additional public safety personnel to handle the increased need for dispatch, patrolmen and EMS services. The requested funding will decrease the burden on the municipal operating budget, which exceeds the funding received under our SCA with MGM Springfield.

3. CONNECTION TO GAMING FACILITY

Please provide specificity/evidence that the requested funds will be used to address issue or impacts directly related to the gaming facility.

Additional public safety staffing were added to the police and fire department budgets as a result of the opening of MGM Springfield. Staffing comparison from the FY 2017 Operating Budget(pre MGM Springfield) to the FY 2020 Operating Budget (post MGM Springfield) is below:

**Additional Staffing added
Casino Opening August 2018
Budgeted Staffing changes began FY 2018**

	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2020 Budget	Staffing Change
Firefighters/EMT	48	56	8
Police Patrolmen	60	64	4
Police Dispatchers	5	9	4

Grant funding will ensure West Springfield is able to maintain the increased staffing levels that have resulted from the opening of MGM Springfield.

4. INTERNAL CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

Please provide detail regarding the controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to address the impact. If non-governmental entities will receive any funds, please describe what reporting will be required and how the applicant will remedy any misuse of funds.

West Springfield will maintain separate fund accounting for all grant related expenditures. Only expenditures approved for funding by the terms of the grant agreement between the MA Gaming Commission and the Town of West Springfield will be charged to the grant fund.

5. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

Please describe and include excerpts from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement. Please explain how this impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement.

The Surrounding Community Agreement between MGM Springfield and The Town of West Springfield provides for \$375,000 annually in recognition that West Springfield will experience significant adverse impacts as a result of the Project. While the SCA does not specifically address those impacts, among the impacts anticipated were public safety, inclusive of crime, motor vehicle accidents and ambulance calls as well as traffic and maintenance related issues to infrastructure resulting from increased usage. Additionally, the SCA requires West Springfield to exercise good faith efforts to secure state funding for any remaining Net Adverse Impact Amounts through the Community Mitigation Fund. While the one year look back study is not yet complete, we believe the employee costs identified in Exhibit A, which exceed the \$375,000 annual SCA payment, are indicative of a Net Adverse Impact.

CERTIFICATION BY MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

On behalf of the aforementioned 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.



Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity

1/30/20

Date

EXHIBIT A

**Public Safety Specific Impact Cost
Increased Public Safety Personnel
FY 2021 Estimated Costs**

Police	516,687.56
Fire	<u>545,049.36</u>
Total Personnel	1,061,736.92
FY 2021 Annual Mitigation Payment SCA with MGM Springfield	<u>(375,000.00)</u>
Additional Costs - West Springfield	<u><u>686,736.92</u></u>

**Town of West Springfield
Police Payroll and Benefits
Additional Staffing
Annual Cost (at FY 2020 Rates)**

	Pay Grade	Weekly Salary	Annual Salary	Benefits						Total Annual Cost
				Medicare (1.45%)	Pension (9%)	Education Stipend	Health (employer cost)	Vaca (cost of OT to cover min manning - 10 days, 80 hrs)	Annual Benefits	
Patrolmen:										
#1	P-1, 1 YR, W/BD	1,138.88	59,221.76	858.72	5,329.96	4,500.00	5,382.00	3,416.64	19,487.32	78,709.08
#2	P-1, 1 YR, W/AD	1,138.88	59,221.76	858.72	5,329.96	3,500.00	5,382.00	3,416.64	18,487.32	77,709.08
#3	P-1, 1 YR, W/AD	1,138.88	59,221.76	858.72	5,329.96	3,500.00	5,382.00	3,416.64	18,487.32	77,709.08
#4	P-1, 1 YR	1,138.88	59,221.76	858.72	5,329.96	-	5,382.00	3,416.64	14,987.32	74,209.08
Dispatchers:										
#1	S-6, Min	772.84	40,187.68	582.72	3,616.89		5,382.00	2,318.52	11,900.13	52,087.81
#2	S-6, Min	772.84	40,187.68	582.72	3,616.89		5,382.00	2,318.52	11,900.13	52,087.81
#3	S-6, Min	772.84	40,187.68	582.72	3,616.89		5,382.00	2,318.52	11,900.13	52,087.81
#4	S-6, Min	772.84	40,187.68	582.72	3,616.89		5,382.00	2,318.52	11,900.13	52,087.81

Total Annual Cost at FY 2020 Rates

516,687.56

**Town of West Springfield
Firefighter Payroll and Benefits
Additional Staffing
Annual Cost (at FY 2020 Rates)**

	Pay Grade	Weekly Salary	Annual Salary	Funded by Ambulance Revenue	Salary Funded by General Fund	Benefits				Vaca (cost of OT to cover min manning - 10 tours 120 hrs)	Annual Benefits	Total Annual Cost
						Medicare (1.45%)	Pension (9%)	Health (employer cost)				
#1	EMT Basic 1yr	1,260.02	65,521.04	3,193.32	62,327.72	950.06	5,896.89	5,382.00	Net Blue Ind	5,400.09	17,629.04	79,956.76
#2	EMT Basic - 1 Yr w/degree	1,332.87	69,309.24	3,154.84	66,154.40	1,004.98	6,237.83	14,148.00	Net Blue Fam	5,712.30	27,103.11	93,257.51
#3	EMT Basic - 1 Yr w/degree	1,332.87	69,309.24	3,154.84	66,154.40	1,004.98	6,237.83	5,382.00	Net Blue Ind	5,712.30	18,337.11	84,491.51
#4	Paramedic - 1 yr	1,368.95	71,185.40	8,857.68	62,327.72	1,032.19	6,406.69	5,382.00	Net Blue Ind	5,866.93	18,687.81	81,015.53
#5	EMT Basic 1yr	1,260.02	65,521.04	3,193.32	62,327.72	950.06	5,896.89	5,382.00	Net Blue Ind	5,400.09	17,629.04	79,956.76
#6	Paramedic - 1 yr	1,368.95	71,185.40	8,857.68	62,327.72	1,032.19	6,406.69	5,382.00	Net Blue Ind	5,866.93	18,687.81	81,015.53
#7	Paramedic - 1 yr	1,368.95	71,185.40	8,857.68	62,327.72	1,032.19	6,406.69	5,382.00	Net Blue Ind	5,866.93	18,687.81	81,015.53
#8	EMT Basic 1yr	1,260.02	65,521.04	3,193.32	62,327.72	950.06	5,896.89	5,382.00	Net Blue Ind	5,400.09	17,629.04	79,956.76
Total											660,665.89	

Fiscal Year 2020	Safer Grant Pays 75% to 1/31/2020; 30% 2/1/2020 to 6/30/2020 - West Springfield Cost 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020: 7/1/2019 to 1/31/2020: 7/12 @ 25% 2/1/2020 to 6/30/2020: 5/12 @ 70% Total FY 2020 costs	96,347.11 192,694.22 289,041.33
Fiscal Year 2021	Safer Grant Pays 30% to 1/31/2021 - West Springfield Cost 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021: 7/1/2020 to 1/31/2021: 7/12 @ 70% 2/1/2021 to 6/30/2021: 5/12 @ 100% Total FY 2021 costs	269,771.91 275,277.45 545,049.36
Fiscal Year 2022	100% West Springfield	660,665.89