



FY 2027 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application

Application Instructions:

- I. All applications must be received by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by January 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. to be considered for funding for the FY 2027 grant round.
- II. Each municipality may only submit **ONE** application as a Word Document.
- III. Each project must have its own form within the appropriate category. Forms can be found below as Parts A-E. If there is more than one project in a category, please copy the form. All attachments should directly follow the relevant project form.
- IV. Be sure to fill in all the information requested on the application. Applications that are left incomplete will not be accepted.
- V. All applications must submit a detailed scope of work and timeline for implementation for all projects identified in the application.
- VI. All applications must contain appropriate backup materials that support the application.
- VII. The Municipal Grant Manager will be the person responsible for compiling the information for the quarterly reports. The application must be signed by the municipal administrator or an individual with signatory authority. Submit this completed form as well as any relevant attachments to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov or as a response to the **COMMBUYS Bid BD-26-1068-1068C-1068L-121911**.

For more detailed instructions as well as the full FY 2027 Application Guidelines visit

<https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>

Municipal Grant Manager Information (Person for filing all Quarterly Reports, etc.):
Applicant: City of Everett
Vendor Code: VC60000192087
Name: Jamillah Kasuswa
Title: Grants Administrator
Email Address: Jamillah.kasuswa@ci.everett.ma.us
Telephone: 617-944-0018
Address: 484 Broadway, Room 25, Everett, MA 02149

Grant Budget Summary

Your community’s FY 2027 proposed allocation can be found at <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>.

Use the space below to total all requests by category. Please clarify how many discreet projects your community plans to undertake per category.

Total FY 2027 Allocation:		
Application Totals by Category	# of Projects	Requested Amount
A. Community Planning		
B. Public Safety	3	\$569,398.8
C. Transportation	1	\$250,000
D. Gambling Harm Reduction		
E. Specific Impact		
TOTAL		\$819,398.8

(Applicants should indicate administrative costs by project where necessary and under specific impact when the funds will be directed across multiple projects.)

Are you requesting a waiver for any program Requirement?

Yes

No

If yes, you must fill out a CMF Municipal Waiver Form. The waiver form can be found as Appendix E to the RFR on COMMBUYS or online at <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/>.

Applications without a completed waiver form will not be considered for a waiver.

Budget Category Summary

Use the space below to provide an overview of all projects to be covered by this funding. You may add as many items as is pertinent to your application (you can add rows by right-clicking on the row and selecting “add row”). Please provide a category, name, brief description, and amount for each item.

Category	Project Name	Description	Amount
A. Community Planning			
B. Public Safety	Utility task vehicles (UTVs)	Purchase UTVs outfitted for public safety use, including emergency lighting, medical equipment storage, patient transportation capability, and communication equipment	\$63,933.00
B. Public Safety	Season Staffing MI – Backfill Overtime	Seasonal staffing of the Everett Fire Department's fire boat, Marine 1, to provide dedicated marine fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services along the Mystic River in response to increased waterfront activity associated with Encore Boston Harbor. From June through August	\$212,096.80
B. Public Safety	Police Overtime	Provide one supervisor and Two Officers on 8Hr shifts from 8 pm to 4 am on Thursdays through Sundays to support public safety efforts. Averaged overtime rate of \$111.12	\$293,369
C. Transportation	Purchase of ROW Easements	Purchase the necessary right-of-way easements required to further transit and transportation projects on Lower Broadway	\$250,000
D. Gambling Harm Reduction			
E. Specific Impact			

Applicant Certification

On behalf of the aforementioned applicant, I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this application.

01/29/2026

Jamillah Kasuswa

Signature:

Date:

Jamillah Kasuswa, Grants Administrator

Name and Title of Signatory:

Part A-Community Planning - The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, requests for proposals, detailed scopes of work, drawings etc.

Project Name: _____			
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.			
Project Contact		Additional Project Contact <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Department:		Department:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
Telephone:		Telephone:	
Address:		Address:	
<p>I. Please use the space below to identify the impact of the gaming establishment on your municipality. You may use the impacts identified in the FY 2027 Guidelines relevant to this category. If you are using an impact not identified in the guidelines, please use the space below to identify the impact. Please provide documentation or evidence that supports the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused or is causing the impact (i.e., surveys, data, reports, etc.)</p>			
<p>II. Please describe the project in detail and how the proposed project will address the impact indicated above. Please include a breakdown of the proposed scope of work, the scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.</p>			
Proposed MGC Grant Budget			
Please use the following table to outline the project budget. Please include as an attachment any requests for proposals, quotes, or estimates that would quantify the costs associated with the mitigation.			
Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
	TOTAL:		

Part B- Transportation The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, requests for proposals, detailed scopes of work, etc.

Project Name: Silver Line Right-of-way Procurement	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant. If there are multiple people involved in the grants management, please add more lines to accommodate their information.	
Project Contact:	Additional Project Contact (if applicable)
Name: Jay Monty	Name:
Title: Director of Transportation	Title:
Department: Transportation	Department:
Email Address: jay.monty@ci.everett.ma.us	Email Address:
Telephone: 617-544-6033	Telephone:
Address: 484 Broadway, Everett, MA	Address:
<p>I. Please use the space below to identify the impact of the gaming establishment on your municipality. You may use the impacts identified in the FY 2027 Guidelines relevant to this category. If you are using an impact not identified in the guidelines, please use the space below to identify the impact. Please provide documentation or evidence that supports the determination that the operation of the gaming facility causes or is causing the impact (i.e., surveys, data, reports, etc.)</p> <p>The Encore casino brings thousands of visitors to Everett on a daily basis, impacting the roadway and transit network. The resort casino was estimated by its Environmental Impact Report to generate approximately 17,000 new trips per day on Everett’s roadway network. Phase II of Encore, which was permitted through MEPA in 2023, increased this number by an additional 10,600 vehicle trips. Other planned developments, including the New England Revolution soccer stadium (on property currently owned by Encore) and the redevelopment of the Exxon Mobile tank farm (directly adjacent to Encore-owned properties), will transform the Lower Broadway district into a cohesive mixed-use and entertainment district.</p> <p>There are numerous transit and transportation infrastructure projects underway to support these developments, including the extension of the MBTA Silver Line and the construction of an MBTA commuter rail station. These transit projects will rely on Lower Broadway to move both private vehicles and transit vehicles. This impact has required continued mitigation since the opening of the casino.</p>	
<p>II. Please describe the project in detail and how the proposed project will address the impact indicated above. Please include a breakdown of the proposed scope of work, the scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.</p>	
<p>In 2024, the MBTA and the City of Everett were awarded a federal RAISE grant worth \$22M to construct transit priority lanes on Lower Broadway. https://app.box.com/s/o3sciau3a10ea1zybqzenupkvxybdu9j. The City of Everett and the MBTA collaborated in 2023 to develop concept-level plans, which identified preliminary impacts to property and infrastructure that would need to be addressed. The initial concept plan can be viewed here: https://app.box.com/s/86booh9jdfwr6l6h2ogcd37dos6mnl2n. Further development of the design plans has indicated that significant right-of-way easements will be required to construct the project. Several private property owners, including Encore, have committed, through previous permitting processes, to donate these easements where they abut their property. However, the design team has identified an additional 30,000 SF of right-of-way easements that will likely need to be purchased by the City of Everett. The City proposes to use the funds from this grant to purchase the necessary right-of-way easements.</p>	

In 2026, the MGC grant that was awarded to the City consisted of field surveys, property research, and valuation. That work scope will commence in the coming months as the Silver Line designs continue to advance. That work scope can be viewed here: <https://app.box.com/s/d90jmkbi0715twsu65grnjr09na5grna>

The proposed 2027 grant award would be used solely to aid in the purchase of the identified right-of-way. While the exact value of the right-of-way will not be known until the 2026 works scope is complete, land values in the area are estimated to range from \$2M to \$4M per acre. With an estimated ROW area of 30,000SF, the estimated total cost for this effort would be between \$1.3 and \$2.7M.

Proposed MGC Grant Budget			
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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Purchase of ROW Easements	2027-2029	TBD	\$250,000
	TOTAL:		\$250,000

Part C- Public Safety - The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, catalog cuts of proposed equipment purchases, quotes, training course syllabus, etc.

Project Name: Season Staffing MI – Backfill Overtime	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
Project Contact:	Additional Project Contact (if applicable)
Name: Sabato LoRusso	Name:
Title: Deputy Chief	Title:
Department: Everett Fire Department	Department:
Email Address: Sabato.LoRusso@cityofeverett.org	Email Address:
Telephone: 617-394-2349	Telephone:
Address: 384 Broadway, Everett MA 02149	Address:
Please use the space below to identify the impact of the gaming establishment on your municipality. You may use the impacts identified in the FY 2027 Guidelines relevant to this category. If you are using an impact not identified in the guidelines, please use the space below to identify the impact. 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, etc.)	
The operation of Encore Boston Harbor has significantly increased marine activity in the City of Everett, driven by its waterfront location and seasonal water taxi service along the Mystic River. The increased traffic, combined with private recreational boating associated with casino visitation, has resulted in greater navigational congestion and greater risk of marine emergencies, including fires, medical incidents, and water rescues, particularly during peak months from May through October. As a result, the Everett Fire Department has experienced increased demand for marine fire suppression, rescue, and life-safety response in the vicinity of the casino. Seasonal staffing of the City's fire boat, Marine 1, with one Fire Officer and two Firefighters, is necessary to mitigate these casino-related impacts and ensure the safety of patrons, residents, and first responders operating on and along the Mystic River.	
II. Please describe the project in detail and how the proposed project will address the impact indicated above. Please include a breakdown of the proposed scope of work, the scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.	
The proposed project is the seasonal staffing of the Everett Fire Department's fire boat, Marine 1, to provide dedicated marine fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services along the Mystic River in response to increased waterfront activity associated with Encore Boston Harbor. From May through October, Marine 1 will be staffed with one Fire Officer and two Firefighters to ensure immediate response capability during peak periods of casino-related water taxi operations, recreational boating, and waterfront events.	
The scope of work includes assigning trained personnel to Marine 1 during designated operational hours, conducting routine marine patrols in the vicinity of the casino and the surrounding river corridor, and responding to marine-based emergencies, including vessel fires, medical incidents, collisions, and water rescues. Personnel will also perform equipment inspections, vessel maintenance checks, and ongoing marine safety training to ensure operational readiness throughout the season.	

This project directly addresses the identified impact by providing a consistent and proactive marine public safety presence during periods of heightened river usage attributable to casino operations. Seasonal staffing of Marine 1 enhances response times, reduces risk to the public and first responders, and ensures the City of Everett can effectively mitigate the increased marine safety demands created by Encore Boston Harbor's waterfront operations.

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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Seasonal Staffing MI – Backfill OT	June — August (92 Days 10 Hour Shifts)	NA	\$212,096.80
	TOTAL:		\$212,096.80

Part C- Public Safety - The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, catalog cuts of proposed equipment purchases, quotes, training course syllabus, etc.

Project Name: Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs)	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
Project Contact:	Additional Project Contact (if applicable)
Name: Sabato LoRusso	Name:
Title: Deputy Chief	Title:
Department: Everett Fire Department	Department:
Email Address: Sabato.LoRusso@cityofeverett.org	Email Address:
Telephone: 617-394-2349	Telephone:
Address: 384 Broadway, Everett MA 02149	Address:
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<p>The operation of Encore Boston Harbor has significantly increased the demand for specialized emergency response capabilities within the City of Everett due to the scale of the gaming facilities, large patron volumes, and frequent events occurring on and around the casino property. The casino’s expansive grounds, parking areas, waterfront, walkways, and adjacent open spaces create operational challenges for traditional fire apparatus and ambulances, times and complicate patient access, transfer, and incident mitigation.</p> <p>The Everett Fire Department regularly responds to incidents in areas impacted by the casino operations, where conventional emergency vehicles may be limited by crowd density, terrain, or space constraints. The use of Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs) would allow for rapid access to patients, equipment transport, and emergency response in these hard-to-reach areas. Increased call volume, large-scale occupancy risks, and prior Massachusetts Gaming Commission mitigation funding awarded for casino-related public safety impacts support the determination that the operation of Encore Boston Harbor has created an ongoing need for UTVs to mitigate these impacts and enhance public and responder safety</p>	
II. Please describe the project in detail and how the proposed project will address the impact indicated above. Please include a breakdown of the proposed scope of work, the scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.	

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Polaris Ranger XD 1500 Crew	NA	1	\$63,933.00
	TOTAL:		\$63,933.00

Part C- Public Safety - The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, catalog cuts of proposed equipment purchases, quotes, training course syllabus, etc.

Project Name: Police Overtime			
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.			
Project Contact:		Additional Project Contact (if applicable)	
Name: Captain Demetri O’Malley		Name:	
Title: Commander Special Services		Title:	
Department: Everett Police Department		Department:	
Email Address: demetri.omalley@cityofeverett.org		Email Address:	
Telephone: 617-394-5011		Telephone:	
Address: 45 Elm St, Everett MA 02149		Address:	
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The Encore Casino continues to be in the top users of police services with 552 calls for service, which accounts for over 2% of calls, just down ½ percent from last year. It must be noted that from Jan 2025 through Dec 2025, we provided 271 additional shifts of 2,035 hours using MGC Grant monies.			
Water traffic increases during the summer months, with water shuttles/taxis and civilian boats in the area coming to the casino			
II. Please describe the project in detail and how the proposed project will address the impact indicated above. Please include a breakdown of the proposed scope of work, the scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.			
We would like to level fund at the same amount as last year.			
Provide one supervisor and Two Officers on 8Hr shifts from 8 pm to 4 am on Thursdays through Sundays to support public safety efforts. Averaged overtime rate of \$111.12			
30 Additional Marine Patrols for 2 Ofc’s 8hrs each Averaged OT Rate of \$111.12			
Proposed MGC Grant Budget			
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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
300 Land-Based63 Patrol OT (1 Supervisor and 2 Patrol Officers)	1 Jul 2026 – 30 Jun 2027	300	\$266,700
30 Marine Patrols OT (2 Officer 8 hrs each)	Memorial Day to Columbus Day	30	\$26,668

	TOTAL:		\$293,369

Part D- Gambling Harm Reduction- The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include other relevant research, Requests for Proposals, etc.

Project Name: _____			
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant			
Project Contact:		Additional Project Contact <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Department:		Department:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
Telephone:		Telephone:	
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	TOTAL:		

Part E- Specific Impact (“SI”) If you are applying for a SI grant you should reach out in advance to MGC Staff to ensure project eligibility. A community may also use this Specific Impact Grant to break out administrative and staffing costs associated with the grant as a whole.

Project Name: _____			
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.			
Project Contact:		Additional Project Contact <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Department:		Department:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
Telephone:		Telephone:	
Address:		Address:	
<p>I. Please use the space below to identify the impact of the gaming establishment on your municipality. This category is for projects that do not fit in any other category but may use any impacts identified in the FY 2027 Guidelines that are relevant. If you are using an impact not identified in the guidelines, please use the space below to identify the impact. 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, etc.)</p>			
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	TOTAL:		



**APPENDIX E – BD-26-1068-1068C-1068L-121911.
MUNICIPAL BLOCK GRANT FY 2027 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 2027 Guidelines.

Applicant: City of Everett
Program Manager: Jamillah Kasuswa
Email: Jamillah.kasuswa@ci.everett.ma.us
Telephone: 617-944-0018
Address: 484 Broadway, Room 25, Everett, MA 02149
<p>I. Financial Variance Request: <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>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.</p>
CMF Designated FY 2027 Grant Amount: \$733,900
Requested Amount Over Designated: \$85,498.80
<p>Basis of Waiver Request: While the resort and casino represent a valuable economic development in Everett's Lower Broadway Corridor, they have introduced substantial public safety challenges. As the host community for the Commonwealth's largest gaming facility, the City of Everett is requesting a waiver of the designated grant amount to address these increased demands on municipal services.</p>
<p>II. Programmatic Requirement Variance Request: <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>
<p>Basis of Waiver Request: Police and Fire Department overtime.</p>

Quote

New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus

10 Stillman Rd. North Haven, CT 06473

Date 1/14/2026	To Everett Fire Department Attn: Danny Rio 384 Broadway St Everett, MA 02149	Ship To Same as recipient
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Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	Polaris Ranger XD 1500 Crew Northstar Premium	\$63,933.00	\$63,933.00
	Enclosed Cab		
1	Emergency Lighting/Siren Package		
1	QTAC 85EMS-C UTV Skid Unit HP Pump		
	4500 lb Winch w/ Synthetic Rope		
	Headache Rack		
	Front & Rear Scene Lighting		
	Turn Signal/hazard/horn kit		
	Side Mirrors		
	MASS STATE CONTRACT PSE01		
		Subtotal	\$63,433.00
		Sales Tax	
		Shipping & Handling	INCLUDED
	POLARIS Government & Defense Program	Total	\$63,933.00

Thank you for your business!

Randy Crowe
Sales Representative
Tel: 401-481-8999

Accepted By: _____