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COMMUNITY
MITIGATION
FUND

APPENDIX G – RESERVE PLANNING/TRIBAL GAMING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

BD-21-1068-1068C-1068L-56499

Please complete entire Application

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

a) NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT

Town of Hampden

b) PROJECT NAME (LIMIT 10 WORDS)

Crosswalk and flashing signage on Somers Road

c) BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 WORDS)

Install a safe crosswalk across Somers Road/Allen Street to enable residents of Centennial Commons, a senior housing project, to cross this busy road safely. Somers & Allen are main arteries into downtown Springfield and the MGM Casino.

d) CONTACT PERSON(S)/TITLE (Persons with responsibility for this grant)

Robert T. Markel, Town Administrator

e) PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

(413) 566-2151 townadmin@hampdenma.gov

f) MAILING ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

625 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036

2. IMPACT DESCRIPTION/CONNECTION TO GAMING FACILITY

a) Please describe in detail the impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility.

Allen Street/Somers Road are main arterial streets leading into downtown Springfield and the MGM Casino

b) Please provide documentation, specificity 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).

This grant was provided in 2016, before my time here as interim Town Administrator. I do not have data, but Allen/Somers is used by Massachusetts and Connecticut residents to travel into Springfield.

c) How do you anticipate your proposed remedy will address the identified impact.

This is an arterial street where the legal speed limit is 40 MPH. It is dangerous for seniors to cross the street to get to the Village Mart to buy groceries and other items.

3. PROPOSED MITIGATION (Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.)

a) Please identify the amount of funding requested

The Town has been allocated \$100,000.

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

The crosswalk, flashing signs and digital radar device should cost \$45,000. The town also proposes to buy two mobile digital radar devices to use in the corridor to slow chronically speeding traffic. Leftover funds may be used to help build a new sidewalk, already designed, along the corridor.

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.

The cost estimates will be sent soon. We have requested proposals from several firms.

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

The crosswalk, flashing signs and digital radar devices will make the Allen/Somers Road corridor from Centennial Commons to the Senior Center on Allen Street safer for pedestrians as well as automobile traffic.

4. INTERNAL CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF IMPACT FUNDS

a) Please provide detail regarding the internal controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used in planning to address the impact.

This project will be monitored by the Town Administrator and periodic reports to the Board of Selectmen.

b) 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.

The Town will receive and use the funds to contract with several businesses to build various phases of the project.

5. CONSULTATION WITH REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (RPA) / NEARBY COMMUNITIES

Please provide details about the Applicant's consultation with the Regional Planning Agency serving the community and nearby communities to determine the potential for cooperative regional efforts regarding planning activities.

The Town Administrator has acquired and read a traffic calming manual developed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

6. MATCHING FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENTAL OR OTHER ENTITY

a) Please demonstrate that the governmental or other entity will provide significant funding to match or partially match the assistance required from the Community Mitigation Fund.

No matching funds are anticipated. Some additional local funds may be required to complete the sidewalk project.

b) Please provide detail on what your community will contribute to the planning projects such as in-kind services or planning funds.

This project is being coordinated by the Town Administrator in consultation with the Highway Superintendent and Board of Selectmen.

7. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS AND MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA") DECISION

a) Please describe and include excerpts regarding the transportation impact and potential mitigation from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.

None.

b) Where applicable, please also briefly summarize and/or provide page references to the most relevant language included in the most relevant MEPA certificate(s) or comment(s) submitted by the community to MEPA.

Not applicable

c) Please explain how this impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement or such MEPA decision.

Not applicable

d) If transportation planning funds are sought for mitigation not required under MEPA, please provide justification why funding should be utilized to plan for such mitigation. For example, a community could provide information on the significance of potential impacts if trip generation totals exceed projected estimates.

N.A.

8. 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**

Robert T. Markel

(print name)

Robert T. Markel, PhD

Title:
Town Administrator

Date:

07-15-2021