



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: Hampden District Attorney’s Office
Project Name (Please limit to 5 words): Hampden District Attorney Public Safety Grant
Amount Requested: \$75,000
Brief Project Description (approx. 50 words): This application is for continued funding for the purpose of mitigating the impact of funding for personnel to handle casino-related prosecutions. The funding has been in place since the casino began operations.

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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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).

As expected with the opening of MGM Springfield gaming facility which includes a hotel, additional restaurants, and entertainment venues, there has been a substantial increase in activity in the downtown area. While this impact is mostly positive it does not come without some public safety challenges. As expected, with this increase in activity, there continues to be arrests for various offenses attributable to the gaming enforcement units which have in turn added to the workload in the District Attorney's office.

Data regarding the cases that were indirectly related to the casino is impossible to track. This office has managed 238 Cases in the last calendar year that are casino related. This includes new matters as well as those that have yet to be resolved.

Additionally, the Roderick Ireland Courthouse in Springfield continues to have infrastructure challenges as they work on various components within the building. The backlog resulting from COVID and courthouse closures has mitigated only somewhat. However, because Springfield District and Superior Courts are some of the busiest in the State, the workload remains demanding.

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 funding will directly ease the financial burden imposed by the casino-related matters. Administrative personnel in our District Court create and manage each case that comes through the system which includes data entry for each court case. Therefore, each casino-related matter represents additional casework that must be managed through our system by administrative personnel. Additionally, a victim witness advocate handles initial victim outreach on all cases involving a victim.

IV. Scope, Budget, and Timeline	
Applicant: Hampden District Attorney's Office	Vendor Code:
Total Amount Requested: \$75,000	Estimated Total Project Cost:

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>The funds will not be used for a "project" but to offset the costs related to public safety and the gaming establishment as outlined by the legislature. The legislature anticipated the impact on public safety of the Expanded Gaming Act by including specifically and by name the office of the local district attorney in establishing the Community Mitigation Fund. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 23K Sec., 61(b) reads in pertinent part: "The commission shall administer the fund and, without further appropriation, shall expend monies in the fund to assist the host community and surrounding communities in offsetting costs related to the construction and operation of a gaming establishment including, but not limited to.... public safety, including the office of the county district attorney, police, fire and emergency services."</p> <p>The \$75,000.00 grant amount will be used for a portion of the salaries of personnel who review cases, administratively manage the cases and work with victims on cases. The total amount is spent throughout the fiscal year.</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
7/1/2023-6/30/2023	Handling and administration of casino-related matters in court		\$75,000.00

		TOTAL:	\$75,000.00
Funding Source	Description of Purchase/Work	QTY	
In Kind Services			
Federal	.		
State			
Local Match			

V. Regional Incentive Award	
Are you applying for a Regional Incentive Award?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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

VI. Waiver	
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/	
Are you applying for a waiver?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

VII. Please provide a brief description of each attachment.

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.

Anthony D. Gulluni

January 30, 2023

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

Date:

Anthony D. Gulluni

(print name)

Hampden District Attorney

Title: