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**COMMUNITY
MITIGATION
FUND**

APPENDIX C

Specific Impact Grant Application

BD-19-1068-1068C-1068L-33629

Please complete entire Application

1.	NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT
	Hampden District Attorney's Office
2.	NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
	District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni
3.	ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
	50 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103
4.	PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
	413-747-1000 a.gulluni@state.ma.us
5.	NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACT MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
	Joan O'Brien CFO/Director of Operations
6.	ADDRESS OF CONTRACT MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
	50 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103
7.	PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTRACT MANAGER ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
	413-505-5671 joan.obrien@state.ma.us
8.	NAME OF GAMING LICENSEE

1. IMPACT DESCRIPTION

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

Since the opening of MGM Springfield, 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 issues. There has been a notable amount of arrests attributable to the gaming enforcement units which have in turn added to the workload in the District Attorney's office. We maintain that the influx of people into the area for casino-related activities also indirectly impacts our office through additional prosecutions throughout the County.

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

a) Please identify the amount of funding requested.

The Hampden District Attorney's Office is requesting funding in the amount of \$100,000.00.

b) Please identify below the manner in which the funds are proposed to be used.

The proposed funding will be used for personnel to mitigate the additional burdens in caseloads that are created directly and indirectly by the influx of people into the downtown area due to the casino. In Springfield District Court, every criminal matter associated with the casino goes through the administrative process within the District Attorney's Office. Administrative assistants must create files, manage them in the office database and continue to index the case as it progresses to its conclusion. Additionally, a victim witness advocate handles initial victim outreach on all victim related cases and follows through with transferring documentation to the subsequent advocate who will handle the matter to its conclusion. An ADA often assists in the day-to-day handling of arraignments and other matters related to casino matters. The indirect impact can be felt as a result of additional matters that are prosecuted throughout the County that add to the office caseloads.

Per agreement with the Attorney General's Office, more serious matters are screened by this office and will likely be prosecuted by this office as well. This places an additional burden on our Superior Court Assistant District Attorney, advocates and staff.

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 construction or operation of a proposed gaming establishment.

The statistics indicate that as of January 31, 2019, 255 cases have come into the court system that are directly attributable to the casino. The Community Mitigation funds will be used for personnel costs associated with the handling of these additional casino cases.

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

The funding will directly ease the financial burden imposed by the increased caseload. Each case represents additional casework that must be managed through our system by administrative personnel. A victim witness advocate handles initial victim outreach on all cases involving a victim.

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.

The funds will be used specifically to mitigate the cost of our personnel who are handling casino related cases.

4. IMPACT CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF IMPACT FUNDS

Please provide detail regarding the controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to address the specific 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.

All funds are subject to current financial controls and existing personnel policy manual procedures under which this office operates.

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 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."

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.

District Attorney Anthony Gulluni

2/1/19

Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity

Date