



FY 2026 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application

Application Instructions:

- I. All applications must be received by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by January 31st, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. to be considered for funding for the FY 2026 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 BD25-1068- 1068C-1068L-107735

For more detailed instructions as well as the full FY 2026 Application Guidelines visit

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

Municipal Grant Manager Information:	
Applicant:	Town of Mansfield Police Department
Vendor Code:	
Name:	Caroline Curtis
Title:	Administrative Assistant
Email Address:	ccurtis@mansfieldma.com
Telephone:	508-261-7300 x61340
Address:	500A East Street, Mansfield, MA 02048

Grant Budget Summary

Your community's FY 2026 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 2026 Allocation:		
Application Totals by Category	# of Projects	Requested Amount
A. Community Planning		
B. Public Safety	3	\$147,674.80
C. Transportation		
D. Gambling Harm Reduction		
E. Specific Impact		
TOTAL	3	\$147,674.80

I. Are you requesting a waiver for any program requirement?

Yes ☒

No ☐

II. 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

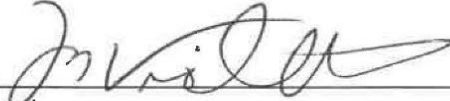
Use the space below to provide an overview of all projects to be covered by this funding. You may add as many items as is pertinent to your application (you can add rows by right clicking on the row and selecting "add row"). Please provide a category, name, brief description, and amount for each item.

Category	Project Name	Description	Amount
A. Community Planning			
B. Public Safety	AEDs	Giving us the ability to equip every cruiser/specialty vehicle with an AED for quick response in medical emergencies.	\$22,562.80
B. Public Safety	Hotel Call Reduction	Overtime for nuanced response to hotels with goal of reducing calls for service and coordinating services for repeat participants.	\$84,672.00
B. Public Safety	Officer Training	Officers participating in training and overtime	\$40,440.00

		coverage.	
C. Transportation			
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.


Signature:

1/31/2025
Date:

Asst. Town Manager/Finance Director
Name and Title of Signatory:



APPENDIX E – RFR 1068-1068C-1068L-107735

MUNICIPAL BLOCK GRANT FY 2026 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 2026 Guidelines.

Applicant: Town of Mansfield – Police Department
Program Manager: Caroline Curtis
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<p>I. Financial Variance Request:</p> <p><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 2026 Grant Amount: \$63,000
Requested Amount Over Designated: \$84,674.80
<p>Basis of Waiver Request: The Town of Mansfield is currently facing a \$2,000,000 deficit for FY26 and as of a 1/16/25, the Select Board, Financial Committee, and School Board opted to bring an override before the voters this spring. In addition to the reduction in department budget (\$95,000 in cuts submitted by the Police Department to-date), Capital Improvement Projects typically used to purchase department fleet vehicles on a rotating basis were cut for the Special Town Meeting earlier this month by \$350,000.</p> <p>Attached is a page from the budget presentation on 1/16/25 showing the shortfall (full presentation available at www.mansfieldma.com/756/Budget-Subcommittee-Meetings-Data)</p> <p>All projects proposed in this grant application are only possible with support from the grant and would not be funded otherwise.</p>

<p>II. Programmatic Requirement Variance Request:</p> <p><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>
Basis of Waiver Request: N/A



JANUARY 15TH UNBALANCED FY2026 BUDGET

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WHERE WE ARE TODAY (1.15.2025)...

➤ Projected Revenue Budget vs. Expenditure Budget:

- ☐ Revenue Budget: \$120,010,564
- ☐ Expenditure Budget: \$121,969,180

➤ Projected FY2026 General Fund Shortfall:

- ☐ **(\$1,958,616)**

➤ Reducing the Shortfall by \$3M...

- ☐ Applying Remaining Health Care Stabilization Funds - \$600K
- ☐ Reducing Overlay - \$100K
- ☐ Strategic Use of Free Cash - \$950K (School Textbooks & Technology, Town Debt Reduction)
- ☐ Adjusting Health and Dental Budgets - \$329K
- ☐ School Reductions - \$500K, Town Reductions - \$136K
- ☐ Eliminating newly proposed Public Safety positions - \$300K
- ☐ Revenue Offset Parking MBTA Assessment - \$51K



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: Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)			
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: Caroline Curtis		Name: Philip Seaward	
Title: Administrative Assistant		Title: Support Staff Supervisor	
Department: Police		Department: Police	
Email Address: ccurtis@mansfieldma.com		Email Address: pseaward@mansfieldma.com	
Telephone: 508-261-7300 x61340		Telephone: 508-261-7300 x61200	
Address: 500A East Street Mansfield, MA 02048		Address: 500A East Street Mansfield, MA 02048	
<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 2026 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.)</p> <p>The Plainridge Park Casino very likely causes increased visitation in our area, especially with a direct route through town along Route 106. With the increase of patrons in our town whether they are passing through or staying here, that can lead to an increased risk of medical emergencies. With increased visitation in our town it is extremely essential for every cruiser to have an automatic external defibrillator (AED) due to the increased risk that a medical emergency will result in needing an AED.</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>Due to the proximity of the casino to Mansfield, that can lead to an increased likelihood of our officers providing initial medical aid as a first responder to a medical emergency. With grant funds we would purchase ten (10) Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to equip every cruiser in our fleet including specialty vehicles (detectives and command staff). It is very critical to have as many of our cruisers equipped with an AED, to ensure the fastest possible response to a cardiac emergency.</p>			
<p align="center">Proposed MGC Grant Budget</p> <p>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.</p>			
Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Automatic External Defibrillators	July 2025	10	\$22,562.80

	TOTAL:	10	\$22,562.80
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**ZOLL Medical Corporation**

269 Mill Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824-4105
Federal ID# 04-2711626

Phone: (800) 348-9011

Fax: (978) 421-0015

Email: esales@zoll.com

Quote No: Q-108986 Version: 1

Mansfield Fire Department
10 Plymouth Street
Mansfield, MA 02048

Quote No: Q-108986
Version: 1

ZOLL Customer No: 111282

Eric Dufour
(508) 261-7488
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Issued Date: April 24, 2025
Expiration Date: June 30, 2025

Terms: NET 30 DAYS

FOB: Destination
Freight: Free Freight

Prepared by: Corey Frerichs
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Item	Contract Reference	Part Number	Description	Qty	List Price	Adj. Price	Total Price
1	1501418	20100000102011010	AED Plus® with AED Cover Includes: LCD screen showing voice prompt messages, device advisory messages, elapsed time, shock count and chest compression bar. Supplied with Public Safety PASS Cover, Softcase, Operator Guide and (5) five year limited warranty.	10	\$3,009.00	\$1,986.28	\$19,862.80
2	1501418	8000-0807-01	Type 123 Lithium Batteries, quantity of ten (10) with storage sleeve	10	\$100.00	\$72.75	\$727.50
3	1501418	8900-0402	CPR Stat-padz HVP Multi-Function CPR Electrodes - 1 pair	10	\$116.00	\$84.75	\$847.50
4	1501418	8900-0810-01	Pedi-padz II Pediatric Multi-Function Electrodes Designed for use with the AED Plus. The AED recognizes when pedi?padz II are connected and automatically proceeds with a pediatric ECG and adjusts energy to pediatric levels. Twenty four (24) month shelf-life. One pair.	10	\$155.00	\$112.50	\$1,125.00

Subtotal: \$22,562.80

Total: \$22,562.80

Contract Reference	Description
1501418	Reflects CHM GPO NPP 2020 - Contract No. PS20200 (EXT2) contract Pricing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the terms and conditions set forth in NPP Contract No. PS20200 shall apply to the customer's purchase of the products set forth on this quote.

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Project Name: Hotel Call Reduction	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
Project Contact:	Additional Project Contact (if applicable)
Name: Caroline Curtis	Name: Philip Seaward
Title: Administrative Assistant	Title: Support Staff Supervisor
Department: Police	Department: Police
Email Address: ccurtis@mansfieldma.com	Email Address: pseaward@mansfieldma.com
Telephone: 508-261-7300 x61340	Telephone: 508-261-7300 x61200
Address: 500A East Street Mansfield, MA 02048	Address: 500A East Street Mansfield, MA 02048
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<p>In Mansfield, we have three hotels but have noticed the most activity in the Red Roof Inn on Forbes Boulevard and the Envision Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) on Hampshire Street which are both in close proximity to the casino. Because these hotels are so close to the casino, they are very convenient for people to stay while coming and going from the Plainridge. There is a significant correlation between casinos and other hospitality-related businesses that can attract different types of crimes. We have specifically noticed more criminal activity related to human trafficking, drug trafficking, disturbances, and assaults.</p> <p>These two hotels are continuing to account for 5% of our calls for service every year. In 2024, the Mansfield Police Department responded to 679 calls for service at the Envision Hotel and 693 calls for service at the Red Roof Inn. While most of these calls for service relate to proactive patrols and community policing checks on the properties, we are responding to a significant amount of Priority 1 (highest) and Priority 2 (medium) calls for service. The Priority 1 and Priority 2 calls have consisted of domestic violence, drug overdoses, disturbances, assaults, mental health emergencies, human trafficking, and prostitution. Since COVID, we have seen an increase in Priority 1 and 2 calls. Most recently, comparing 2023 and 2024, Priority 1 calls have increased 104% at the Envision Hotel, with the majority of these calls being disturbances.</p> <p>Another concerning statistic from the past couple of years we have been able to track is the mental health related calls in town and at the hotels. Internal data shows that at the Red Roof Inn there has been an alarming increase in mental health related calls requiring Section 12 transports. Many studies have been done to explain how gambling can negatively impact someone's mental health. Results from, 'A Longitudinal Study of the Temporal Relation Between Problem Gambling and Mental and Substance Use Disorders Among Young Adults' determined, "In cross-sectional analyses, at-risk or PG (problem gambling) was associated with increased odds of depression, OCD, alcohol dependence, and illegal drug use" (2016). The Department has interacted with individuals who suffer with all of these disorders that have been staying at the hotels within the impacted area.</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.

With the Community Mitigation Funds, we received in FY2025 we have been able to conduct overtime shifts focusing on drug-related activity, prostitution and human trafficking at the hotels in town. While we weren't able to get consistent shifts running until the end of December we have seen great progress from the shifts we have already conducted. During these shifts, officers have conducted both high-visibility patrol and low-profile patrol as well. Officers have been able to connect with hotel staff at the beginning of every shift, run license plates on vehicles in the parking lots, and look into suspicious activity as well as interact with repeat participants whether they be an offender or victim.

We hope to continue the same patrols in FY2026. These shifts would consist of high visibility and proactive patrols that don't only focus on crime but also aiding victims of crimes whether they be current or previous. At the beginning of the shift officers will check in with hotel staff to build a relationship with them and also get a sense of any issues that have occurred recently that we should be on the lookout for. While patrolling officers will identify and investigate any criminal or suspicious activity, assist any victims of crimes or persons needing assistance, coordinate services to participants causing calls for services (i.e. mental health issues, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc.), and follow up with internal departmental resources such as the Detectives Division or the Problem Oriented Policing Unit.

While this program is still in its infancy and we don't have much data to support it yet, we have many big plans to continue to grow this program. From using information gathered from these overtime shifts and regular patrol shifts, officers will be able to use that to collaborate with other agencies to execute more elaborate operations. The officers involved in these shifts have been in contact with the State Police, Boston Police's Human Trafficking Unit, and surrounding jurisdictions to work on building joint operations in the near future to catch offenders involved with drugs, human trafficking and sex crimes. With more resources and officers being a part of a taskforce such as this one, it can lead to more successful operations.

In addition to high visibility patrols, the use of low profile, plain clothes officers will also be useful. In consulting our Detective Division, they reported success in utilizing low-profile, plain clothes officers to conduct surveillance to identify and attack drug activity at the hotels in the past. In 2024, through the use of undercover surveillance, Detectives were able to observe drug transactions at the Red Roof Inn, develop a pattern of a fentanyl dealer and ultimately setup an arrest operation (two individuals charged with conspiracy to violate the drug law and fentanyl seized).

Besides drug activity, prostitution and human trafficking have also been noted at the Red Roof Inn and the Envision Hotel. An officer currently working with the Boston Police Departments Human Trafficking Unit received intelligence that a Human Trafficking suspect had been staying at Envision Hotel in October of 2024. They also shared that a Human Trafficking victim was staying at the Envision Hotel, who had a prostitution ad posted online, and was arrested at Envision Hotel in September of 2024 following a reported disturbance at the hotel. The Detective Division was advised of activity consistent with prostitution/human trafficking in December of 2024 at the Red Roof in regards to a woman there renting a room. In an effort to initiate investigations in Human Trafficking and assist the Boston Police Human Trafficking Unit, as well as the State Police High Risk Victims Unit (Human Trafficking), the best approach would be utilizing plainclothes officers to conduct surveillance. A strong correlation is recognized between drug dealing and human trafficking as traffickers will often use drugs as a means of controlling addicted victims.

To continue the program established as a result of the FY25 MGC award, we are requesting \$84,672 calculation based on 49 weeks x 24 hours x \$72 OT average rate.

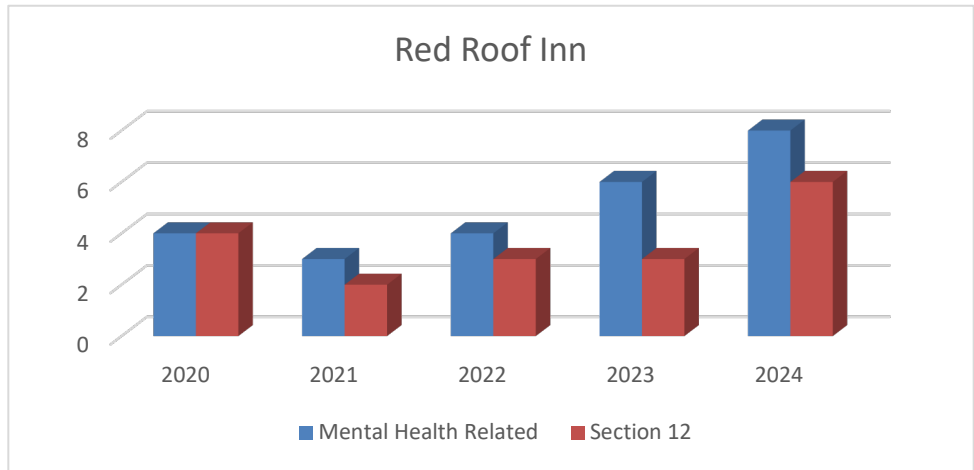
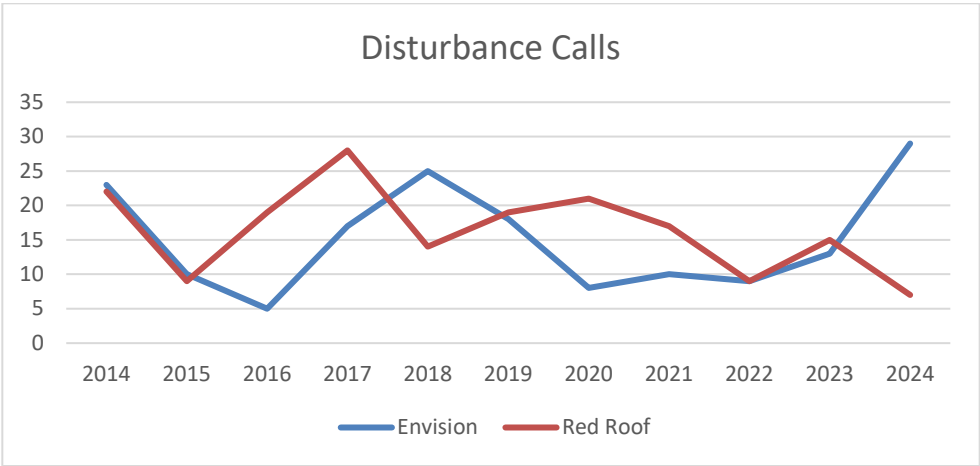
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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Hotel Overtime Patrol	August 2025 – June 2026	1	\$84,672
	TOTAL:	1	\$84,672

Envision Hotel	2016	2017	2018	2019*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
1	70	78	331	161	12	13	12	23	47	747
2	8	9	24	28	31	54	62	95	95	406
3	457	563	357	458	535	621	476	496	540	4503
Grand Total	535	650	712	647	578	688	550	614	682	5656

Red Roof Inn	2016	2017	2018	2019*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
1	91	109	329	157	41	26	23	36	21	833
2	15	25	19	36	67	66	42	45	39	354
3	640	625	416	473	841	745	638	614	633	5625
Grand Total	746	759	764	666	949	837	703	695	693	6815

*Switchover in June 2019 to new Records Management System

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Envision Hotel	536	650	712	647	578	688	550	614	682	5,656
Red Roof Inn	746	759	764	666	949	837	703	695	693	6,812
Mansfield All CFS	23,633	24,359	25,285	25,388	25,720	25,644	25,216	24,856	26,767	226,868



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Project Name: Officer Training	
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: Caroline Curtis	Name: Philip Seaward
Title: Administrative Assistant	Title: Support Staff Supervisor
Department: Police	Department: Police
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<p>Since the opening of the casino in 2015, that increases the probability of Mansfield Police interacting with patrons coming and going to the casino. Increased visitation and employment due to the Plainridge Park casino has likely increased the interaction between our officers and casino patrons and employees. With our officers having more interactions that is a perfect opportunity for them to get more trained to better prepare them for any interaction.</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>The Mansfield Police Department is constantly looking for training opportunities to provide our officers with more knowledge and skills they can use on everyday patrol. These trainings would include but aren't limited to de-escalation, implicit bias, use of force, human trafficking, sexual assault, drug investigations, money laundering and cybercrime. Our officers are interacting with all diverse groups of people every day whether they be from the casino or not. It is very important for our officers to be equipped with the knowledge and decision making going into any situation to provide the best outcome for everyone involved.</p> <p>Connecting back to our hotel overtime initiative, our officers are seeing issues related to human trafficking, prostitution, and drugs. Many officers working these hotel overtime shifts have expressed interest in attending trainings related to these topics to help have a better understanding of how to investigate these crimes, but also help victims of these crimes as well.</p> <p>Our officers attend training with registration fees that range from no cost to more than \$1,000 for multi-day courses. We estimate average cost of paid training to be \$299 and our goal is to attend 40 training seminars/classes that would be afford all full-time members an opportunity to attend at least one class. Along with the cost of registration, we also need to consider the overtime pay for both the officers that are in training or officers working shift coverage for officers attending training in lieu of shift. These trainings will take place</p>	

all throughout FY2026.

With not every training class having a fee, if we cannot use the planned \$12,000 to pay for classes we would use the remaining amount to cover training overtime and overtime coverage.

40 training seminars/classes x \$300 = 12,000

395 hours overtime/overtime coverage x \$72 OT avg = \$28,440

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
Police Training/Training Coverage	July 2025 – June 2026	1	\$40,440
	TOTAL:		