



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25), and St. 2025, c. 2, notice is hereby given of a public meeting of the **Massachusetts Gaming Commission**. The meeting will take place:

Thursday | October 8, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

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PUBLIC MEETING - #599

1. Call to Order – Jordan Maynard, Chair
2. Administrative Update – Dean Serpa, Executive Director
 - a. Update to the Commission on the Third-party Casino Exclusion Program – Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming
3. Meeting minutes
 - a. August 27, 2026 **VOTE**
 - b. September 10, 2026 **VOTE**
4. Legal Division – Kevin Scanlon, General Counsel
 - a. 205 CMR 238.33: Prohibited Persons – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for Final Review and Adoption – Jenna Hentoff, Deputy General Counsel **VOTE**



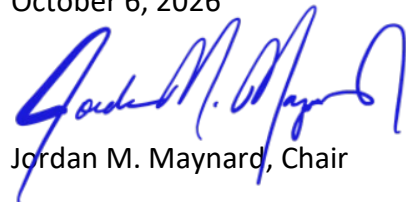
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5. Community Affairs Division – Derek Lennon, Chief Financial and Accounting Officer; Mary Thurlow, Senior Program Manager; Jaden O'Rourke-Nelson, Intern, Community Affairs; Kayla Matos, Intern, Community Affairs
 - a. Reappointment Recommendations for Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Members **VOTE**
 - b. FY 2028 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines **VOTE**
6. Investigations and Enforcement Bureau – Caitlin Monahan, Director of Investigations and Enforcement Bureau
 - a. Year-End 2025 Sports Wagering Financial Review – Yuping Huang, Financial Investigators
 - i. Executive Session **VOTE**

The Commission anticipates that it will meet in executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 23N, § 6(i) to review information and reports provided by: Bally Bet, BetMGM, Caesars Sportsbook, DraftKings, Fanatics Betting and Gaming, FanDuel, and Penn Sports Interactive to the Commission relative to the Commission's review of finances for its Sports Wagering operators in 2025. These reports contain trade secrets, proprietary and/or competitively-sensitive information and, that if disclosed or discussed publicly, would be detrimental, or would place the licensees at a competitive disadvantage.
7. Commissioner Updates
8. Other Business - Reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

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October 6, 2026



Jordan M. Maynard, Chair

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
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The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. Use of this technology was intended to ensure an adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:00)

Chair Maynard called to order the 596th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Chair Maynard noted that Commissioner Brodeur and Commissioner Skinner were unable to attend this meeting, and then conducted roll call attendance.

2. [Meeting minutes](#) (02:01)

a. July 22, 2026

The July 22, 2026 public meeting minutes were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 4 through 9.

Commissioner O'Brien noted that as there was no quorum present to vote on the July 28, 2026 public meeting minutes, she would only put forward a motion for the July 22, 2026 minutes.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the minutes from July 22, 2026 as included in the Commissioners' Packet, subject to any revisions for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: *Aye.*

Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed, 3-0.

3. Research and Responsible Gaming (03:31)

a. Presentation of report, “Perspectives on Sports Betting among Young Adults in Massachusetts: A Community-Engaged Research Study”

Senior Research Scientist with the University of Chicago’s National Opinion Research Center (“NORC”) Petry Ubri, NORC’s Research Scientist Katie Gallant, and NORC’s Data Scientist Jared Sawyer presented the research report “Perspectives on Sports Betting among Young Adults in Massachusetts: A Community-Engaged Research Study” with topics including the following: methods, data collection, patterns of sports betting behaviors among young adults, differential experiences across groups, opportunities to mitigate risks and potential harms, and recommendations. *A memorandum, the research report, and report presentation were included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 16 through 163.*

Commissioner O’Brien noted that sports wagering operators had shifted to using social media influencers in marketing and asked if there were any specific examples found in the study of advertising skewing towards college-aged individuals. Ms. Ubri stated that during the study, they heard a lot about the integration of sports wagering advertisements as part of the sports viewing experience, the inclusion of celebrities that appeal to young adults, and word of mouth from other youth. Ms. Gallant stated that young adults used language that sports wagering advertising was “impossible to avoid.”

Commissioner O’Brien asked if there were any college programs that were successful in educating students regarding financial responsibility and betting. Ms. Gallant stated that thought this program was not in place, some Directors of Athletics and counseling services wanted to implement a seminar on financial literacy that would address sports wagering. Ms. Ubri noted that some colleges considered bringing in alumni and older athletes to discuss their personal experiences with sports wagering.

Commissioner Hill asked if use of social media influencers in advertising was targeted by age. Ms. Gallant stated that responses to the study did track which influencers were seen. She noted that an advertisement with Kendall Jenner appealed to young women, influencers from Barstool Sports were impactful to college-aged individuals, and that advertisements from comedians like Druski were mentioned in responses. Commissioner Hill noted that he had not seen any advertisements with those specific influencers.

Commissioner O’Brien asked if there was any feedback that would assist in addressing the use of virtual private networks (“VPNs”) to circumvent geofencing. Ms. Ubri stated that she did not remember any specific recommendations in the responses to the study. She noted that in her experience, colleges were able to track the use of certain websites on the campus’ internet. Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden stated that the research agenda is currently doing a deep dive into VPN use. Commissioner O’Brien noted that the

Commission was trying to understand the landscape regarding VPN use and if there was a limit to what the Commission could accomplish.

Chair Maynard noted that the Commission was already in the process of addressing the seven recommendations from this study. He stated that the Commission was working on generating public awareness with the Attorney General's Office, that the Commission was continually working on policies regarding advertising and promotions, that the Commission was launching a robust effort to protect college athletes, and that the Commission frequently had conversations with the sports wagering operators regarding know-your-customer ("KYC") protocols. He noted that there were issues with proxy betting and that the Commission was attempting to educate the public regarding that topic.

4. [Community Affairs Division](#) (47:08)

a. Encore Boston Harbor Q2 2026 Quarterly Report

Encore Boston Harbor's ("EBH") Vice President and General Counsel Juliana Catanzariti and EBH's Executive Director of Security and Investigations Tom Coffey presented EBH's quarterly report with topics including the following: revenue, taxes, lottery sales, workforce diversity, supplier diversity, compliance, and community relations. *EBH's quarterly report presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 164 through 186.*

b. [Plainridge Park Casino Q2 2026 Quarterly Report](#) (55:57)

Plainridge Park Casino's ("PPC") Vice President and General Manager Marc Guastella, PPC's Head of Purchasing Eli Huard, and PPC's Director of Security Bob Charette presented Plainridge Park Casino's ("PPC") quarterly report with topics including the following: revenue, taxes, lottery sales, workforce diversity, supplier diversity, compliance, and community relations. *PPC's quarterly report presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 187 through 201.*

Commissioner Hill asked why spending with women-owned business enterprises ("WBEs") fell by 14% this quarter. Mr. Huard explained that it had to do with the timing of invoices and payments. He noted that PPC was still on pace to meet its goals with the combined quarters and that he anticipated growth in WBE spending in the third quarter.

5. [Sports Wagering Division](#) (1:14:01)

a. Extension Request for a Temporary Waiver from Amended 205 CMR 247.07 and 205 CMR 248.10 Related to Debit Access Instruments

i. Fanatics

Compliance and Operations Manager Tom Lam presented FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC d/b/a Fanatics Betting & Gaming ("Fanatics") request for extension of a temporary waiver from the amended versions of 205 CMR 247.07 and 205 CMR 248.10 related to debit access instruments.

He noted that the Sports Wagering Division reviewed Fanatics' request and had no concerns with the two-month extension. *A memorandum regarding Fanatics' request was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 202 through 203.*

Commissioner Hill moved, that pursuant to 205 CMR 202.03(2), the Commission approve Fanatics' request to extend the temporary waiver of the requirements set forth in 205 CMR 247.07 and 205 CMR 248.10, through November 1, 2026, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, as granting the extension to the waiver meets the requirements specified in 205 CMR 102.03(4) and is consistent with the purposes of G.L. c. 23N. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0.

b. Updates to BetMGM & MGM Springfield House Rules (1:18:17)

Compliance Officer Brittany Costello presented proposed updates to BetMGM, LLC d/b/a BetMGM's ("BetMGM") and MGM Springfield's ("MGM") House Rules. *BetMGM and MGM's proposed house rules were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 204 through 208.*

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the updates to BetMGM LLC's and MGM Springfield's House Rules as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0.

c. Update to Fanatics Betting & Gaming House Rules (1:21:48)

Compliance Officer David Harrison presented proposed updates to Fanatics' House Rules. *A memorandum regarding the update to Fanatics house rules was included in the Commissioners' Packet on page 209.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the updates to Fanatics Betting & Gaming's House Rules as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed, 3-0.

6. Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (1:23:58)

a. Plainridge Park Casino's Request for an Amendment to the Beverage License

Interim Chief of the Licensing Division Richard Lawless presented PPC's request to amend its beverage license. He stated that the Licensing Division recommended approving the amendment to the operating hours of all ten licensed areas in the establishment. *A memorandum and PPC's request to amend its beverage license were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 210 through 265.*

Commissioner Hill asked why PPC requested the later operating hours. Interim Chief Lawless stated that PPC wanted to have the flexibility should they have events that want to operate later into the evenings.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve Plainridge Park Casino's request to amend its gaming beverage license to extend the hours of beverage service for all ten licensed beverage areas to 2 a.m., as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed, 3-0.

7. Legal Division (1:27:59)

a. 205 CMR 116.08: Notice – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process

Deputy General Counsel Jenna Hentoff presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 116.08 and 229.01 for initial review. Commissioner O'Brien noted that all of her questions were answered during her briefing and stated that she was comfortable with the amendments. *A memorandum, the redline draft of the regulations, and Small Business Impact Statements were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 266 through 288.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 116.08, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0.

b. 205 CMR 229.01: Notice – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process (1:32:43)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 229.01, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0.

c. 205 CMR 146.18: Baccarat, Midi-baccarat, Mini-baccarat, and Baccarat- chemin de Fer Tables; Physical Characteristics – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for Final Review and Adoption (1:33:29)

Deputy General Counsel Hentoff presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 146.18 for final review and adoption. *A memorandum, the redline draft of the regulation, and Amended Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 289 through 294.*

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 146.18, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to finalize the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0.

d. MGM Springfield's Request to Join an Existing Wide Area Progressive and Waiver Request (1:36:18)

Deputy General Counsel Hentoff presented MGM's request to join an existing wide area progressive and request for a waiver from certain requirements found 205 CMR 143.02(1)(h)3. *A memorandum and a copy of MGM's waiver request were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 295 through 299.*

Commissioner Hill moved, pursuant to 205 CMR 102.03(4)(a), the Commission approve MGM Springfield's waiver request from the requirements in 205 CMR 143.02(1)(h)3.e., f., h., i., k. and l., as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, as granting the waiver meets the regulatory requirements and is consistent with the purposes of G.L. c. 23K. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve MGM Springfield's request to join an existing wide area progressive, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0.

8. Commissioner Updates (1:44:43)

Chair Maynard asked if there were any Commissioner updates. Commissioner Hill commended the Gaming Agents Division and Sports Wagering Division for their work and the weekly reports they provide to the Commission. Chair Maynard noted that while the Commission met publicly, there was a lot of work that the Commission's staff did behind the scenes.

9. Other Business (1:47:33)

Hearing no other business, Chair Maynard requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated August 25, 2026.](#)
2. [Commissioners' Packet from the August 27, 2026, meeting](#) (posted on massgaming.com).



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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Commissioners Present:

Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:00)

Chair Maynard called to order the 597th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five Commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Administrative Update](#) (04:08)

Executive Director Dean Serpa introduced Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden to provide several updates. He discussed Responsible Gaming Education Month ("RGEM") which is an initiative launched by the American Gaming Association that focuses on promoting gambling literacy, consumer education, and employee training. He stated that this month, the PlayWell team developed three new activities to promote gambling literacy and a targeted social media awareness campaign.

Director Vander Linden notified the Commission that the Massachusetts Lottery launched iLottery on July 27, 2026. He noted that before the iLottery launch, the Division of Research and Responsible Gaming worked with Lottery staff to include iLottery in the Voluntary Self-Exclusion ("VSE") program in which 67 individuals signed up since launch.

Director Vander Linden also provided an update on the player data project in accordance with Section 97 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011. He explained that casino licensees are required to provide the Commission with player data, which has been anonymized and made available to qualified researchers. He noted that the Commission partnered with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute to work with idPair to anonymize the player data and update the stored data on a quarterly basis. He stated that an application to access the data was available on the Commission's website.

Commissioner Brodeur asked if the Section 97 data requirements were unique to Massachusetts. Director Vander Linden stated that while some jurisdictions outside of the United States had similar provisions, this was a unique requirement in the United States. He noted that some jurisdictions required data to be sent to specific institutions, but Massachusetts' law required the data to be broadly available to qualified researchers.

3. [Meeting minutes](#) (14:23)

a. July 28, 2026

The July 28, 2026 public meeting minutes were included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 4 through 9.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the meeting minutes included in the Commissioners' Packet from July 28, 2026, subject to any necessary changes for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Abstain.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 4-0 with one abstention.

b. [August 13, 2026](#) (15:11)

The August 13, 2026 public meeting minutes were included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 10 through 14.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the minutes from August 13, 2026 Commission meeting as included in the Commissioners' Packet, subject to any necessary changes for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Racing (16:09)

a. Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts Recognition

Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian Dr. Alexandra Lightbown presented the request from the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (“SOM”) to be the group representing Massachusetts Standardbred Breeders. She noted that this recognition was in accordance with G.L. c. 128, § 2(j) and that the SOM had been recognized in this role since 1992. *A memorandum regarding the SOM Recognition was included in the Revised Commissioners’ Packet on pages 15 through 16.*

SOM’s Secretary and Treasurer Nancy Longobardi stated that the Sire Stakes races were renamed to the Breeders Stakes as the program was more mare driven. She noted that the program had the largest total number of broodmares to date, with 174 broodmares registered. She stated that there were 128 two-year old horses and 80 three-year old horses eligible for the Breeders Stakes races. She explained that Homicide Hunter, a retired world-record holding trotter, was present for the Spirit of Massachusetts Day at Plainridge Park Casino (“PPC”). Commissioner O’Brien expressed an interest in having the Commission visit the SOM farms.

Commissioner Hill moved that, in accordance with G.L. c. 128, § 2(j), the Commission approve the request of the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts, Inc. to be recognized as the group of representative Standardbred breeders to administer the Massachusetts Standardbred breeding program and the Breeders Stake races for 2026, as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O’Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. Community Affairs Division (27:18)

a. MGM Springfield Q2 2026 Quarterly Report

Blue Tarp reDevelopment d/b/a MGM Springfield’s (“MGM”) VP and Legal Counsel Gus Kim, Executive Director of Finance Wynter Hawkins, Director of Public Relations Beth Ward, and Director of Compliance Daniel Miller presented MGM’s Q2 quarterly report with topics including the following: revenue, taxes, lottery sales, vendor diversity, employment diversity,

compliance, and community outreach. *MGM's Q2 Quarterly Report Presentation was included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 17 through 42.*

Chair Maynard noted that MGM had lost some big vendors and asked whether MGM would be able to close the gap to reach its vendor diversity goals. Ms. Hawkins stated that MGM planned to close the gap by finding other suitable vendors though she was not certain MGM would reach 100% of the goal.

6. Sports Wagering Division (49:27)

a. Caesars' Request for Temporary Waiver from 205 CMR 247.07 Related to the Segregation of Rewards Derived from Credit Card Purchases

Chief of Sports Wagering Division Carrie Torrisi presented American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook's ("Caesars") request for a temporary waiver from the requirements in 205 CMR 247.07 as they relate to the segregation of rewards derived from credit card purchases. *A memorandum and Caesars' request were included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 43 through 46.*

Caesars' Outside Counsel from Greenberg Traurig Bob Ross explained that development of a state-specific workaround for Caesars' credit card rewards program was ongoing and would take months of implementation time. Caesars' VP of Compliance and Licensing Lisa Rankin explained that under their program, rewards can be earned in various ways, via digital and physical products, and that not all rewards earned may be from credit card use. She explained that the difficulty in implementing the change was segregating only credit card rewards but not rewards earned via other channels.

Commissioner Skinner moved that, pursuant to 205 CMR 202.03(2), the Commission approve Caesars' request for a temporary waiver from the requirements set forth in 205 CMR 247.07 as such specifically relates to rewards derived from credit cards through December 31, 2026, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, as granting the temporary waiver meets the requirements specified in 205 CMR 102.03(4) and is consistent with G.L. c. 23N. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. Updates to Caesars' House Rules (57:03)

Compliance Officer Griffin Miniutti presented proposed updates to Caesars' House Rules. *A memorandum and the updated House Rules were included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 47 through 52.*

Commissioner Brodeur noted that this house rules change was intended to recalibrate the market and player expectations. He stated that this was in contrast to the unregulated market, explaining that a dispute recently arose when the prediction market Kalshi settled an \$18.6 million market on a Western Michigan game before the game had resolved. He stated that the Commission had rules to prevent that from occurring in a regulated market. Chair Maynard stated that such pseudo-regulated companies also permitted wagering on markets that are not permitted by the Commission, such as wagering on player injuries.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the updates to Caesars' House Rules as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. Research and Responsible Gaming (1:12:47)

a. Discussion of National Council on Problem Gaming membership

Director Vander Linden explained that the National Council on Problem Gaming ("NCPG") had accepted a \$2 million donation from Kalshi. He noted that the Michigan Gaming Control Board, Ohio Casino Control Commission, and Nevada Council on Problem Gambling had since terminated their NCPG memberships. He stated that the NCPG has a long and impactful history of promoting awareness, providing education, and advocacy to reduce gambling-related harms and that the NCPG's priorities remained aligned with the Commission's priorities. He recommended that the Commission maintain its NCPG membership. *A memorandum regarding the Commission's membership with NCPG was included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 53 through 55.*

Commissioner Hill stated that the Commission's opinion on prediction markets was clear and that he had no concerns with the Commission maintaining its NCPG membership.

Commissioner Skinner stated that the NCPG's creation of a new category regarding financial services and trading seemed to legitimize companies like Kalshi which runs counter to the foundational principles of responsible gaming. She expressed that gaming is for entertainment and should not be viewed as an investment or money making.

Commissioner Skinner further stated that the Commission has been clear regarding its opinion of prediction markets and noted that breaking ties with the NCPG would be inconsistent with the way the Commission treats its operators who engage in prediction markets in other jurisdictions, referring to the Commission's November letter to its operators regarding the offering of sports prediction markets in Massachusetts. She stated that she did not want the Commission to appear selective in how they approach policy creation regarding prediction markets. She stated that she would accept Director Vander Linden's recommendation.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that he appreciated the information presented by Director Vander Linden and agreed with the conclusion that the Commission should maintain its NCPG membership but noted that he wanted to keep an eye on the evolution of this issue. He explained that his issue with prediction markets was the way in which they were described, marketed, and the fact that they were unregulated. He also noted that the federal government up until recently had not invested funding into the research of public health impacts related to gambling and that he credited the Massachusetts Legislature for the investment into gambling research. He stated that if prediction market operators tried to grow their presence further in this area, it would be worth reviewing the matter.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that she agreed with Director Vander Linden's recommendation but echoed Commissioner Skinner's concerns. She stated that if the NCPG accepted too much money from a prediction market company, it may no longer be a gray area. She expressed an interest in monitoring this issue and stated that there may be a time sooner than later when the Commission needs to sever ties with the NCPG.

Chair Maynard noted that there was pending litigation regarding prediction markets and that the outcome of those cases may change the Commission's view. He expressed hope that the NCPG could influence any members that join the council but that he would also like the Commission to keep an eye on this issue. He expressed that the NCPG would continue to stand for the Commission's values and that would not change just because they took money from a prediction market. He stated that he agreed with Director Vander Linden's recommendation but there could be further discussion when the Commission renews its NCPG membership. The Commission reached a consensus to maintain its NCPG membership.

8. [Legal Division](#) (1:29:57)

- a. 205 CMR 255.00: Play Management – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process

Staff Attorney Autumn Birarelli presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 255.00. *A memorandum, redline draft of 205 CMR 255.00, and Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 56 through 62.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 255.00 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take steps necessary to file the

required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. Approval of New Table Game Variation for Midi Baccarat and Mini Baccarat
(1:33:00)

Senior Associate General Counsel Judith Young presented a request for approval of a new table game variation for midi baccarat and mini baccarat. She noted that the revised rules for this game were not included in the public meeting packet but that they would be posted shortly. Chair Maynard noted that the Commissioners had the opportunity to be briefed on this game variation and were able to review the draft rules. *A memorandum and the table games rules for midi and mini baccarat were included in the Revised Commissioners' Packet on pages 63 through 96.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the adoption of Tiger Baccarat as a game variation to Midi and Mini Baccarat and the associated updated rules, as discussed today and which will be included in an updated packet. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Maynard noted that he would take Agenda Items 11 and 12 out of order as the Commission did not anticipate returning to the public meeting session after meeting in executive session.

9. Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (1:39:54)

a. Year-End 2025 Gaming Financial Review

Director of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau ("IEB") Caitlin Monahan explained that the IEB was requesting an executive session to discuss the year-end 2025 gaming financial review. Commissioner Brodeur inquired as to why an executive session was recommended. Director Monahan explained that as part of the ongoing suitability process, the operators

provided a substantial amount of financial information that was not publicly available and covered by the non-disclosure agreements between the Commission and each gaming licensee.

i. Executive Session (1:41:27)

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission anticipated it would convene in an executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 23K, §21(a)(7) for the specific purpose of reviewing information and reports submitted relative to Encore Boston Harbor (“EBH”); Plainridge Park Casino (“PPC”); and MGM Springfield (“MGM”) relative to the Commission’s review of finances for gaming licensees in 2025. He stated that this matter is further governed by 205 CMR 139.02, as discussion of this matter in public would frustrate the purpose of the statute and associated legal authorities as the information and reports at issue are covered by nondisclosure agreements between the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and its three Gaming Licensees.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission go into executive session for the reasons provided in the Chair’s comments immediately prior to the motion. Commissioner O’Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

10. Litigation Update – Massachusetts Gaming Commission v. Landmark American Insurance Company (1:42:59)

a. Executive Session

Chair Maynard state that the Commission anticipates it would convene in an executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Massachusetts Gaming Commission v. Landmark American Insurance Company, as discussion at an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Commission.

Commissioner O’Brien moved that the Commission go into executive session on the matter and for the reasons just stated by the Chair. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission entered executive session at 11:43 A.M. and did not return to the public meeting session.

11. [Commissioner Updates](#) (1:39:31)

Chair Maynard inquired if there were any Commissioner Updates and received no response.

12. [Other Business](#) (1:39:41)

Hearing no other business, the Commission returned to Agenda Item 9.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated September 8, 2026.](#)
2. [Revised Commissioners' Packet from the September 10, 2026, meeting](#) (posted on massgaming.com).



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TO: Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur

FROM: Jenna Hentoff, Deputy General Counsel

CC: Carrie Torrisi, Chief of Sports Wagering

RE: Proposed amendments to 205 CMR 238.33: *Prohibited Persons*

DATE: October 8, 2026

Overview:

Enclosed for the Commission's review is the proposed final draft of amendments to 205 CMR 238.33 which governs wagering by prohibited persons. The regulation was first presented to the Commission on August 13, 2026 at which time the Commission voted to begin the promulgation process. The regulation is now being brought back before the Commission along with an Amended Small Business Impact Statement for a request for a vote for final adoption.

Discussion:

The proposed changes relate to 205 CMR 238.33(3) in which language has been added directing the sports wagering operator, where it is reasonably possible, to confiscate, in a lawful manner, any funds confiscated as a result of wagering by a prohibited person. The proposed amendments further direct the operator to deposit such funds into the Sports Wagering Fund within 45 days. This language will provide clarity to the operators and align requirements regarding the handling of confiscated funds with those found elsewhere in the Commission's regulations.

These amendments were posted on the Commission's website for public comment, and a hearing was held on September 22, 2026. Written comments were received from FanDuel, which further submitted a clarification of their original comments, both of which are included for the Commission's review. As indicated in its addendum, FanDuel proposed language which would allow for Commission-approved, alternative methods for how confiscated funds are distributed. FanDuel states that this flexibility would allow the Commission to authorize more effective or equitable uses of confiscated funds, as opposed to depositing confiscated funds in the Sports Wagering Fund. The addition of such language would contradict the language found in other Commission regulations on where confiscated funds are to be placed. Therefore, no changes have been made to the draft of this regulation.



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205 CMR 238.00: ADDITIONAL UNIFORM STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES
AND INTERNAL CONTROLS FOR SPORTS WAGERING

238.33: Prohibited Persons

A system of Internal Controls submitted by a Sports Wagering Operator in accordance with 205 CMR 238.02 shall include commercially reasonable methods to prevent a prohibited person from placing a Sports Wager.

- (1) For the purposes of 205 CMR 238.33, a prohibited person refers to:
 - (a) Any individual prohibited from Sports Wagering pursuant to 205 CMR 152.00: *Individuals Excluded from a Gaming Establishment*;
 - (b) Any individual prohibited from Sports Wagering pursuant to 205 CMR 250.00: *Protection of Minors and Underage Youth from Sports Wagering*;
 - (c) Any individual who is self-excluded from Sports Wagering pursuant to 205 CMR 233.00: *Sports Wagering Voluntary Self-exclusion*;
 - (d) Any individual who is prohibited from or subject to limitations regarding Sports Wagering pursuant to 205 CMR 254.00: *Temporary Prohibition from Sports Wagering*, and regulations pertaining to play management and limit setting;
 - (e) Any individual Wagering while not in the authorized geographic boundaries within the Commonwealth;
 - (f) Any individual placing Sports Wagers as agents or proxies for others;
 - (g) Any restricted patron Wagering in violation of their restrictions established in 205 CMR 238.32;
 - (h) Any individual Wagering in violation of state, local or federal law; or
 - (i) Other prohibited Persons as determined by the Commission.
- (2) If a Sports Wagering Operator detects, or is notified of, an individual suspected of being a prohibited Person who has engaged or is engaging in prohibited Sports Wagering, the Sports Wagering Operator, shall use reasonable measures to verify whether the individual is prohibited or not.
- (3) If the Sports Wagering Operator establishes, by reasonable measures, that the individual is prohibited, the Sports Wagering Operator shall cancel the individual's Sports Wager and, where reasonably possible, confiscate in a lawful manner any resulting funds. The monetary value of the confiscated funds shall be paid to the Commission for deposit into the Sports Wagering Fund within 45 days.
- (4) If the Sports Wagering Operator is unable to establish, by reasonable measures, that the individual is prohibited, then the individual is presumed to not be a prohibited Person for the purposes of 205 CMR 238.33.



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AMENDED SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) hereby files this Amended Small Business Impact statement in accordance with G.L. c. 30A §5, relative to the proposed amendments to **205 CMR 238.00: Additional Uniform Standards of Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls for Sports Wagering, specifically 205 CMR 238.33: Prohibited Persons**. A public hearing was held on September 22, 2026 regarding the proposed regulation amendments. The amendments were developed as part of the process of promulgating regulations governing sports wagering in the Commonwealth.

The amendments apply directly to licensed Sports Wagering Operators in the Commonwealth. Accordingly, the proposed amendments are not likely to have a negative impact on small businesses. These regulation amendments are authorized by G.L. c. 23N, § 4.

In accordance with G.L. c. 30A §5, the Commission offers the following responses on whether any of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses would hinder achievement of the purpose of the proposed regulation:

1. Establishing less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses:

Presently, there are no less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

2. Establishing less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses:

The proposed amendments to this regulation do not impose any reporting requirements for small businesses.

3. Consolidating or simplifying compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses:

The proposed amendments to this regulation do not impose any consolidating or simplifying compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

4. Establishing performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation:

The proposed amendments to this regulation utilize performance standards to ensure licensee compliance with the requirements outlined in the regulation.



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5. An analysis of whether the proposed regulation is likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth:

The regulation is unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth.

6. Minimizing adverse impact on small businesses by using alternative regulatory methods:

The regulation is not likely to adversely impact small businesses to the extent that any of the Sports Wagering Operators could be considered small businesses.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
By:

/s/ Jenna Hentoff
Jenna Hentoff
Deputy General Counsel

Dated: October 8, 2026



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September 21, 2026

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Re: FanDuel comments on amendments to 205 CMR 238.33(3)

Dear Staff Attorney Birarelli,

I write to provide comments on behalf of FanDuel Group, Inc. (“FanDuel”) regarding the Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s (the “Commission”) proposed amendment to 205 CMR 238.33(3) (“Proposed Amendment”). Based on our extensive experience as an operator in the sports betting industry and a collaborator with sports wagering regulators in many jurisdictions in the development of their regulations, we offer constructive feedback on the Proposed Amendment for the Commission’s consideration.

FanDuel commends the Commission’s commitment to ensuring only those eligible to wager in the Commonwealth are permitted through consistent monitoring and improvement of its regulations. The Proposed Amendment would require operators to confiscate, in a lawful manner, any resulting funds from a prohibited person’s wagers and remit the funds into the Sports Wagering Fund. While FanDuel agrees that any resulting funds from a prohibited person’s wagers must be confiscated, we believe the Commission would be best served to include flexibility in the language if better methods for confiscated funds are identified.

Requiring one uniform method for confiscated funds may inadvertently limit the Commission's ability to adapt to evolving best practices, technological advancements, or changing policy priorities. As the sports wagering industry matures and regulatory frameworks develop across jurisdictions, alternative approaches may emerge that better serve the public interest. By providing the Commission with discretionary authority to approve alternate methods, the regulation would maintain its core objective of preventing prohibited wagering while allowing the Commission to evaluate and authorize more effective or equitable uses of confiscated funds.

Given these concerns, FanDuel respectfully recommends the Commission include language that permits approved, alternative methods for the confiscated funds to provide increased flexibility for the Commission on future best practices. We have provided the recommended edits below. For convenience, the proposed added language will be shown in **bold and underlined** text.



205 CMR 238.33: Additional Uniform Standards of Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls for Sports Wagering

(3) If the Sports Wagering Operator establishes, by reasonable measures, that the individual is prohibited, the Sports Wagering Operator shall cancel the individual's Sports Wager and, where reasonably possible, confiscate in a lawful manner any resulting funds. The monetary value of the confiscated funds shall be paid to the Commission for deposit into the Sports Wagering Fund within 45 days, **unless an alternate procedure for confiscated funds is approved by the Commission.**

We appreciate your time and consideration of our comments and would be happy to discuss them at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory Fox'.

Cory Fox
Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Sustainability

From: [Nicolas Soto](#)
To: [Hentoff, Jenna](#)
Cc: [Cory Fox](#); [Josh Mehta](#); [Jamie Renfield-Miller](#); [Brendan Goldenberg](#)
Subject: FanDuel Addendum to 205 CMR 238.33 Public Comments
Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 4:36:14 PM

Good Afternoon Jenna,

Thank you for taking the time to connect with our team to discuss our comments on 205 CMR 238.33. Per our conversation, please find below an addendum to our comments addressing the Commission's questions.

To clarify, FanDuel's recommendation is to permit Commission-approved, alternative methods for how lawfully confiscated funds are distributed after such confiscation occurs. Our comments are not meant to recommend that approved, alternative methods for the confiscation of funds be permitted. To further clarify our recommendation, we are including revised regulatory language for 205 CMR 238.33(3) below for your convenience.

205 CMR 238.33(3)

(3) If the Sports Wagering Operator establishes, by reasonable measures, that the individual is prohibited, the Sports Wagering Operator shall cancel the individual's Sports Wager and, where reasonably possible, confiscate in a lawful manner any resulting funds. The monetary value of the confiscated funds shall be paid to the Commission for deposit into the Sports Wagering Fund within 45 days, **unless an alternate procedure for how the confiscated funds are distributed is approved by the Commission**

We appreciate your time and consideration and would be happy to discuss further at your convenience.

Thank you,
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TO: Chair Jordan Maynard and Commissioners
FROM: Derek Lennon, Interim Community Affairs Director
Mary Thurlow, Senior Program Manager
CC: Dean Serpa, Executive Director
Kevin Scanlon, General Counsel
DATE: October 8, 2026
RE: Reappointment Recommendations for Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Members

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23K, Section 68, the Commission is required to make appointments to several committees under the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee ("GPAC"). Last year the Commission made several one-year appointments to the Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee which will expire on October 2, 2026. We are recommending that the Commission consider reappointing these members for an additional one-year term. We also recommend that these appointees continue to serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committees ("LCMAC")

The purpose of these advisory committees is to provide information and develop recommendations for the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation on issues related to the gaming facilities in each region and present information to the Commission on any issues related to the gaming establishment located in each region. Below are the biographies of the members.

Region A LCMAC

Vincent Panzini - Chamber of Commerce Representative

Mr. Panzini was born and raised in Everett and graduated from Everett High School. He began working right out of high school in the banking and related technical areas and did so for 21 years. He was educated at Bentley University with a bachelor's degree in management.

In 1987 Mr. Panzini opened a Financial Advisor practice in Everett and began a 37-year career in that field while becoming very active in community organizations. He later moved his office to Danvers as his client base was moving north of Boston. He has been particularly active in the Everett Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Panzini has a keen interest in the Everett area and the effects of gaming and is interested in participating in activities that will make this a successful venture for the community.



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David Bancroft – Regional Economic Development Organization

David Bancroft is the Senior Vice President of Community Development for MassDevelopment. In this position he works in the Agency's Greater Boston region. He is responsible for the Agency's Brownfields, Predevelopment, Co-Working and Transformative Development initiatives.

He joined MassDevelopment in July 1999. He has worked with many for-profit, non-profit and municipal agencies involved in economic and transformative development issues. This includes the development of affordable housing, environmental assessment and clean-up, re-development and expansion of many cultural and tourism institutions as well as the local community and neighborhood-based projects in many of the gateway cities and neighborhoods in the region.

Prior to joining MassDevelopment, he was employed for eight years with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development where he managed the Housing Innovations Fund and Facilities Consolidation Fund. He was also a Financial Analyst for Bank of Boston.

He graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a degree in Business Administration & Finance. In 1996, he was chosen for the Commonwealth Fellowship Award from Suffolk University and earned a Master's in Public Administration in 1998.

He has served in the past as the President of the Board of Victory Programs, a non-profit human service provider that provides housing and support services to homeless individuals and families impacted by substance abuse and chronic illnesses like HIV/AIDS. Victory Programs also operates one the largest urban farms in the City of Boston.

Dr. Catherine Vuky, Human Service Provider

Dr. Catherine Vuky is an Associate Professor and Program Director at William James College, where she founded and directs the Asian Mental Health Concentration, the first graduate psychology program in the United States dedicated to preparing culturally responsive mental health professionals to serve Asian communities. She also serves as Director of the Behavioral Health Department and Director of Clinical Policies and Training at South Cove Community Health Center, one of Massachusetts' leading providers of health and behavioral health services for immigrant and refugee populations.

With more than 20 years of experience in community mental health, Dr. Vuky has dedicated her career to improving access to behavioral health services, advancing workforce development, and reducing mental health disparities among underserved populations. Her work has focused on serving immigrant, refugee, and multilingual communities through culturally responsive clinical care, education, training, and community engagement initiatives.

Throughout her career, Dr. Vuky has worked collaboratively with community organizations, healthcare systems, educational institutions, and policymakers to address behavioral health inequities and strengthen the mental health workforce. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she founded the Asian Providers' Network to support mentoring, professional development, and workforce retention for emerging behavioral health professionals. She also serves as a consultant to the Asian Community Fund at The Boston Foundation and led a statewide convening of Asian-led organizations to address mental health disparities across Massachusetts, helping secure funding to expand clinical supervision and training opportunities.

Her commitment to community service is reflected in her decade of service on the Boston

Children's Hospital Community Advisory Board (2014–2024), her participation on the Harvard University Phillips Brooks House Association Community Advisory Board, and her work with the Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment (BRYE) Summer Program from 2012–2020. She currently serves on The Massachusetts Statewide Advisory Council since 2024. In addition to her work in Massachusetts, Dr. Vuky serves as an advisor to Dalat University in Vietnam, supporting the development of campus mental health services and counseling programs. In recognition of her leadership and contributions to health care and behavioral health, she was inducted as a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice. Her experience in behavioral health, higher education, community-based services, and workforce development provides a valuable perspective on addressing the evolving needs of the Commonwealth's diverse populations.

For Region A LCMAC to be complete, it needs to fill one positions of a Human Service provider position. Commission staff are investigating potential members.

Region B LCMAC

Diana Szynal - Chamber of Commerce Representative

Diana brings over 20 years of state and local government experience, community outreach, a deep understanding of the legislative process, and workforce advocacy to her role. Prior to becoming Chamber President/CEO, Diana served as the Executive Director of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for over three years.

A lifelong Hampshire County resident, Diana spent her formative years in Hatfield and attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her breadth of experience working with local governments and the state legislature began in Hampshire County where she served as the Municipal Specialist to the Hampshire Council of Governments. Diana went on to gain elected experience completing four full terms as a member of the Hatfield Select Board, including 10 years as Board Chair. Like many elected officials serving in small towns, Diana also served on other town boards such as the Capital Planning Committee and served as the Selectboard liaison to the School Department, Police Department and Council on Aging. Before joining the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director, Diana spent 16 years as the district director for the late state Representative Peter Kocot in the 1st Hampshire District. Having served in various legislative roles, Diana has developed a deep passion for community and constituent services, helping to solidify her understanding of how the government works to benefit both large and small local businesses. Diana has served on the Board of Directors for MassHIRE Franklin and Hampshire Counties, as well as the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County, the Franklin Regional Economic Development Initiative, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee which helped develop the Franklin County Recovery and Resiliency Plan. Much of her work impacted all areas of Western Massachusetts, providing Diana with a deep understanding of the strengths and challenges of the businesses, communities, and organizations in our tri-county area.

Aaron Vega – Regional Economic Development Organization

Aaron Vega became President and CEO, Western Mass Economic Development Council (EDC) at the start of 2026, succeeding Rick Sullivan in the role. Vega most recently held the position of Director of the City of Holyoke's Office of Planning and Economic Development in which he was instrumental in advancing major housing and redevelopment projects; as well as initiatives to strengthen business support and local economic planning.

His career in service of community began prior to that serving from 2013 – 2021 as MA State Representative for the 5th Hampden District, as an Adjunct Political Science Professor at UMass Amherst for four years and before that for two terms as a one of Holyoke's first Latino at-large councilors, where he served a term as Chair of the Redevelopment Committee. Vega's passion for economic growth can also be seen in his role as a small business owner of VegaYoga & Movement Arts and VegaYoga Mobile.

Mr. Vega is also a well-known keynote speaker and panelist, having presented at the University of Massachusetts School of Public Health and Health Sciences' 2nd Annual Summit on Health Care, the Massachusetts Women in Law Enforcement Conference, an MMA webinar on regulatory developments related to cannabis, the Western Massachusetts Health Equity Network's MOSAIC Film Screening, and the Democratic State Convention panel on Combating Bigotry, Racism, and White Supremacy in American Politics.

Vega's educational journey found him attending Holyoke Community College and Keene State College where he graduated with a dual bachelor's degrees in psychology and film studies. After which he pursued a career in film editing, working on projects for Ken Burns, PBS, TLC and HBO.

A proud Ecuadorian, born and raised in Holyoke, Mass; his film career took him to New York City and New Hampshire for a number of years. Missing what Western Mass offers, he moved back to Holyoke with his wife, former Rockette and now entrepreneur, Debra. He is the proud parent of three daughters and a son, as well as a recent grandfather.

Mr. Vega currently serves on the board of Mass Humanities as Chair and serves on the board for the Community Foundation of Western Mass, The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice, NEPM and MassHire Holyoke Career Center.

Having received various recognitions over the years, a few that stand out include being an award-winning documentary film editor, being named to the BusinessWest 40 under Forty, class of 2010, and most recently by MassLive as one of eight Hispanic trailblazers driving change across Massachusetts and beyond.

Joan Kagan Levine - Human Service Provider

Joan joined Square One as the organization's President and CEO in 2003, retiring in 2021. She has over 40 years of experience and is a recognized leader in the fields of child welfare, mental health and early education and care. Immediately prior to assuming her position at Square One, Joan served as the Western Massachusetts Director for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) covering 4 counties. Before beginning at MSPCC, Joan had served for 17 years with Brightside for Families and Children, leaving as Vice President of Community Services.

In her career, Joan advocated at the local, state and regional levels to influence policies and legislation that impacted children and families. She was a resource to legislators, often informing them of how a particular legislative bill would affect their constituents or of some unintended consequences. Joan received several community awards which recognized her work to improve the lives of children and families, particularly those most at risk and for her contributions to the health and well-being of the community.

As a leader of several nonprofit organizations, Joan was known for her collaborative spirit and her ability to work well with others. She demonstrated strong fiscal and administrative management, policy and

program development and writing and securing contracts and grants. Writing grants and responding to RFPs was an integral part of her responsibilities at Brightside and MSPCC. While serving at Square One as President and CEO, she oversaw the grant writing. She also took pride in creating strong leadership teams and promoting an organizational culture that responded to the changing needs of families within the community.

Joan received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis and her master's degree in social work from Columbia University in New York. She is a licensed independent clinical social worker in Massachusetts. She was a trustee at Elms College and past chair of the Springfield College Social Work Advisory Board and the Human Service Forum. She served on the Board of Directors for many organizations, including the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Human Services Provider's Council, the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts, the Children's Investment Fund and the Massachusetts Association for Day Care Agencies. Joan was also a member of the Early Education for All Advisory Committee, the Cherish Every Child Advisory Board and the Early Literacy Panel for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She is a member and past president of the Holyoke Rotary Club.

Ellen Patashnick – Human Service Provider

Ellen received her undergraduate degree at Northeastern University and her master's degree in counseling from Suffolk University. Early in her career Ellen worked at the Department of Youth Services in Boston with delinquent and pre-delinquent youth and their families. Before moving out to the western part of the state, she worked as a social worker in Roxbury with the Department of Public Welfare and was then promoted to a supervisory position in the Division of Child Guardianship (now the Department of Children and Families). She has held several management positions including Director of the Holyoke and Robert Van Wart DCF offices.

Now retired, Ellen was a volunteer disaster responder and instructor for the American Red Cross for both local and national events for 15 years. Her husband is a retired adoption supervisor.

Other GPAC Subcommittees

In addition to the appointment of non-commission members of the LCMACs, the Commission also made internal appointments to the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation.

Subcommittee on Community Mitigation

The Subcommittee on Community Mitigation develops recommendations to address community mitigation issues. The Commission has the authority to choose one representative of the Commission to be on the Subcommittee. This representative could be a member of the Commission, the Executive Director, or a staff member. Last year, the Commission determined that it would designate Brad Hill for that Subcommittee. MGC staff has been working with the Boards of Commissions on filling the governor appointees.

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Introduction

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission” or “MGC”) created a grant program that provides municipalities, government, and regional entities with certainty about the availability of mitigation funds and helps them fund actionable, mitigation-based projects tailored to their communities. The MGC has adopted a structure that closely resembles Federal Block Grants. For the purposes of the Community Mitigation Fund (CMF), this block grant provides a fixed sum awarded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to aid municipalities and other entities impacted by the casino in funding broad-purpose projects. This block grant can be used for a variety of purposes through well-developed projects, with the distribution of funds overseen and allocated by the MGC.

Recent Updates

- The Massachusetts State Legislature has approved a 4% distribution from the Gaming Control Fund, which will raise the amount available from \$5M for Fiscal Year 2027 to ~\$10M for Fiscal Year 2028,
- New procurement structure (details continued),
- New application process that utilizes an “Intent to Request” form (details continued), and
- New supporting documents or applicant guidance: Allocation Breakdown, Intent to Request Sample, Project Checklist + Key Dates.

Program Structure

Regulating Authority: M.G.L. c. 23K, Section 61, enacted as part of the Expanded Gaming Act, created the CMF 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, communities and water and sewer districts in the vicinity of a gaming establishment, local and regional education, transportation, infrastructure, housing, environmental issues and public safety, including the office of the county district attorney, police, fire and emergency services”.

This grant program will follow a traditional block-grant process, in which eligible communities are entitled to a specified allocation and must request their allocation annually. The “Intent to Request” form will now be used as an official request for such mitigation funds. Applicant will work with the Community Mitigation Fund staff in the development of a project that would be presented for Commission approval. The Commission also may “distribute funds to a governmental entity or district other than a single municipality” for a project that affects more than one municipality, but both parties must submit a written request to the Commission that specifies how the applicant entities will allocate/use the total amount requested and which community/entity is the fiscal agent for the grant. This supports regional approaches to mitigation needs and recognizes that some mitigations require the commitment of more than one community. After Commission approval, projects would be awarded the grant in that fiscal year and would be subject to quarterly reporting throughout the year. If a municipality or entity does not submit an “Intent to Request” by the deadline of January 31, 2027, that municipality or entity will forfeit its allocation for the year.

The Commission reserves the right to fund only portions of requested projects and only a portion of the requested amounts. The Commission also reserves the ability to place conditions on any award. As a result of limited funding available, the Commission reserves the right to determine which requests to fund based on its assessment of a broad range of factors, including the extent of public benefit each grant is likely to produce. The duration of any awarded grant will be 24 months. Grantees can make a one-time request for a 12-month extension of the grant period with a special request to the Commission. The determination to grant such a request is subject to the Commission’s discretion. Any unexpended funds past this period and/or consistent negligent reporting will lead to rescission of that year’s funds.

Process:

1. Submit an Intent to Request form by January 31, 2027
2. CMF staff will contact each Applicant and meet regularly to discuss the proposed project
3. Applicant will develop their project by establishing a scope, timeline, and other supporting documents
4. The Commission will vote on all projects and determine approvals by June 30, 2027
5. Once approved, grant documents and contracts will be executed between the MGC and community

Eligibility

The Community Mitigation Fund Block Grant Program is intended to mitigate casino impacts on local communities. These impacts may be either negative or positive and must be related to the construction and operation of a gaming establishment.

Any municipality or entity seeking funding for mitigation is required to ensure that any planned use of funding complies with all applicable laws and regulations as well as provisions of the Massachusetts Constitution. This includes, but is not limited to, the Anti-Aid Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution. The Anti-Aid Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution prohibits the use of public money, including state-appropriated funds such as those that comprise the Community Mitigation Fund, solely to benefit or aid a private party. Private non-governmental parties may not apply for Community Mitigation Funds. Municipalities, governmental, and regional entities may apply to the Commission for funds to mitigate casino-related impacts, provided that the funding is used for a “public purpose” and not for the direct benefit or maintenance of a private party. In some instances, the intended use of funds may result in both public and private benefit. In some such cases, the use may be permitted in accordance with the Anti-Aid Amendment if the private benefit is not the primary benefit and is only incidental to the public purpose.

For FY2028, there are two categories of grants, Municipal and Regional. The Municipal Grant will provide funds for eligible municipalities, and the Regional Agency Grant will fund projects for regional agencies in the workforce development, public safety, and regional planning areas. Approved projects can be in areas including, but not limited to, Community Planning, Transportation, Public Safety, Gambling Harm Reduction, Specific Impact, and any area that can be proven to provide economic benefit.

The CMF will not fund the mitigation of impacts already being addressed by a Host or Surrounding Community Agreement. All projects must demonstrate that funds will supplement, not supplant, historical operations funding. This fund does not cover impacts that are predicted or projected. The eligible municipalities covered are:

Region A - Everett, Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Revere, Somerville and Saugus

Region B - Springfield, Agawam, Chicopee, Holyoke, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Northampton, West Springfield and Wilbraham

Category 2 - Plainville, Attleboro, Foxborough, Mansfield, North Attleborough and Wrentham

Regional Agency Grant Program: workforce grants, regional planning agency grants, regional public safety grants and other grants that may be filed by eligible regional entities.

If you are unsure about your community’s eligibility, please contact program staff in advance of submitting your application.

Waivers

Due to block grant formula allocations, there are limited opportunities for financial waivers, and therefore, submission of waivers is discouraged unless an emergency exists. Emergency events are categorized as, but not limited to, unanticipated infrastructure, technology, and/or public safety emergencies that require immediate action to avoid significant harm or to prevent threats to health, welfare, or safety. The Commission may accept requests for emergency appropriations from municipalities or entities. Such requests are subject to Commission discretion and may be based on the availability of funding. If granted, such appropriations shall be funded from the municipality’s next Community Mitigation Fund fiscal year allocation if funding is available. A waiver should be requested by completing a [Waiver Request form](#) and be submitted at the same time as submitting an

“Intent to Request”.

Tribal Gaming

The Commission may decide to fund impacts for communities in geographic proximity to a Tribal Gaming facility in Taunton. Such funding will be made available only after SRPEDD or a comparable regional entity approves any application.

Allocations

The allocations for each eligible entity are attached to these Guidelines.

Completed forms should be submitted directly to MGCcommunitymitigationfund@massgaming.gov by **January 31, 2027, at 11:59PM, via e-mail to or as a response to COMMBUYSBID NUMBER BD27-1068-1068C-1068L-134043. If an entity does not apply by this deadline, that municipality will forfeit its grant funds for that year.** Applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Mitigation email to reach staff with any questions or concerns.

Attachments:

- 1) Allocation Breakdown
- 2) Intent to Request Sample Form

FAQ

- 1) How do you apply?

Applicants will need to file a completed “Intent to Request” form by **January 31, 2027 at 11:59PM** to be eligible. The application must describe how the municipality or entity will spend the proposed grant amount in accordance with the program guidelines.

- 2) Can there be more than one grant manager?

There can only be one grant manager for the entity’s administrative requirements and must encompass all expenses for all projects. It is the grant manager’s responsibility to manage department distributions, reporting requirements, and communication with the CMF team. Grantees may designate additional persons to be included whenever the Grant Manager is contacted, and these contacts can be added at any time.

- 3) What should be included in your request for funding?

Applicants should state concisely the goals of the proposed Project. Summarize the gambling-related harms and potential impacts that the results of the project will have on Massachusetts.

These are **recommendations** of the type of information a successful proposal can include:

DO include	DON'T include
- Connection between impact and Casino - How this project will remedy the impact - Local activities, events, related to the impact - Administrative costs for managing the grant - References to previous studies that prove the impact	- Funding for responsibilities of third parties (ex. utility outages & government building assistance) - Requests for vehicles or equipment purchases (e.g., radios, etc) without a proper nexus to the impact - Requests for local government operating and/or maintenance expenses - Requests for partisan political purposes, such as projects relating to voter registration - Projects that are not related to the construction or operation of a gaming establishment

4) Will the Guidelines change? How much funding is available for next year?

Every year the Commission publishes new [Guidelines](#) along with the confirmed amount of funding available for that fiscal year.

5) Where can I find all of the forms? Where can I find more information about CMF?

All [forms](#) can be found on the [CMF website](#).

Criteria Checklist

- ☐ Part of a surrounding community agreement
- ☐ Submitted Intent to File form before/on deadline
- ☐ Intent form identifies connection between Casino and issue being addressed
- ☐ Project(s) are supplemental and not supplanting
- ☐ Issue is not being predicted/projected and has not already been addressed in previous agreements

FY25 Allocation \$ 16,500,000.00
FY28 Available Funds \$ 10,000,000.00
Proposed Amount for Regionals \$ 1,125,000.00
Regional Allocation \$ 8,875,000.00
Regional % of Initial Block Grant FY25 53.79%

Region A				
Grantee	Change	FY25 Allocation	FY27 Allocation (~25.64% of FY25)	FY28 Allocation (~53.78% of FY25)
Boston	\$ -	\$ 2,607,000.00	\$ 668,500.00	\$ 1,402,250.00
Everett	\$ -	\$ 2,862,000.00	\$ 733,900.00	\$ 1,539,409.00
Cambridge	\$ -	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 179,500.00	\$ 376,515.00
Chelsea	\$ -	\$ 1,027,700.00	\$ 263,500.00	\$ 552,778.00
Lynn	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 107,576.00
Malden	\$ -	\$ 882,800.00	\$ 226,400.00	\$ 474,839.00
Medford	\$ -	\$ 1,048,400.00	\$ 268,900.00	\$ 563,912.00
Melrose	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 107,576.00
Revere	\$200,000.00	\$ 662,100.00	\$ 169,800.00	\$ 463,705.00
Saugus	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 107,576.00
Somerville	\$ -	\$ 1,110,000.00	\$ 284,700.00	\$ 597,045.00
Subtotal Region A	\$200,000.00	\$ 11,500,000.00	\$ 2,949,100.00	\$ 6,293,181.00

Category 2				
Grantee	other	FY25 Allocation	FY27 Allocation (~25.64% of FY25)	FY28 Allocation (~53.78% of FY25)
Attleboro	\$ -	\$ 60,700.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 32,649.00
Foxborough	\$ -	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 34,693.00
Mansfield	\$ -	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 33,886.00
North Attleboro	\$ -	\$ 81,700.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 43,945.00
Plainville	\$ -	\$ 153,300.00	\$ 39,300.00	\$ 82,457.00
Wrentham	\$ -	\$ 76,800.00	\$ 19,700.00	\$ 41,309.00
Subtotal Category 2	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 128,300.00	\$ 268,939.00

Region B				
Grantee	other	FY25 Allocation	FY27 Allocation (~25.64% of FY25)	FY28 Allocation (~53.78% of FY25)
Agawam	\$ -	\$ 357,400.00	\$ 91,700.00	\$ 192,238.00
Chicopee	\$ -	\$ 341,100.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 183,470.00
East Longmeadow	\$ -	\$ 352,000.00	\$ 90,300.00	\$ 189,333.00
Hampden	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 40,341.00
Holyoke	\$ -	\$ 294,000.00	\$ 75,400.00	\$ 158,136.00
Longmeadow	\$ -	\$ 324,800.00	\$ 83,300.00	\$ 174,703.00
Ludlow	\$ -	\$ 244,900.00	\$ 62,800.00	\$ 131,727.00
Northhampton	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 40,341.00
Springfield	\$ -	\$ 1,403,700.00	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 755,023.00
West Springfield	\$ -	\$ 518,300.00	\$ 132,900.00	\$ 278,782.00
Wilbraham		\$ 313,800.00	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 168,786.00
Subtotal Region B	\$ -	\$ 4,300,000.00	\$ 1,102,800.00	\$ 2,312,880.00
Regional Entities				
Grantee	Change	FY25 Allocation	FY27 Allocation (~25.64% of FY25)	FY28 Allocation (~53.78% of FY25)
Hampden County District Attorney Office		\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Hampden County Sheriff's Department		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Holyoke Community College		\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
MA Attorney General		\$ -	\$ 69,800.00	\$ 125,000.00
MassDOT		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Mass Hire Metro North Workforce Board		\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Metropolitan Area Planning Council		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Southern Regional Planning & Economic Development		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Springfield Technical Community College		This is part of Holyoke CC Grant		
Suffolk County District Attorney Office (SCDAO)		\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Subtotal Regional Agency		\$ -	\$ 819,800.00	\$ 1,125,000.00
Total Grants		\$ 16,300,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00



MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

FY27 → FY28 Community Mitigation Fund

Jaden O'Rourke, Kayla Matos

Agenda

- 1) Review of old guidelines
- 2) Distinct changes to address pain-points
 - Application Model
 - Eligibility
 - Waivers, Reporting, and Administration
- 3) LCMAC immediate feedback
- 4) Summary and next steps



Old Guidelines

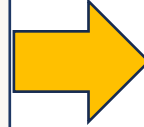
- 35 pages
- Confusing to read through because it is a compilation of years of additions
- Locked impact categories
- Inconsistent w/ Commission historical decisions



Application

FY27 "Project-by-Project"

- **Full application** w/ each individual project scope, budget, & timelines
- **Individually reviewed** by MGC Review Team and eventually by the Commission for voting, February – May
- Applicants are **confused** how to connect projects they care about to casinos
- Time is spent **waiting** for applications, reviewing, requesting applicant clarification, and more...



FY28 "Intent-to-Request"

- **Form** submission
- CMF staff **collaboration** w/ applicant to build project
- **Easier process** for applicants
- **Reduced time** reviewing long applications for CMF
- Allows for **more creative** projects to address casino impacts
- **Individualized support** to further connection w/ applicants

Eligibility

Eligibility has not changed:

- Must be Region A, Region B, and Category 2
- Must submit by deadline
- Project must have clear connection to casino
- Restrictions still apply

Additions:

- Open-ended category: any economic benefit
- Impacts may now be positive or negative
- Projects may be extended to 24 months by request



Waivers, Reporting & Administration

Topic	FY27	FY28
Waivers	Submitted with application; limited funds, mostly from non-applicants	Discouraged and emergency requests only Historically has been used for gap funding issues
Reporting & Procurement	Quarterly reports	Quarterly reports and procurement requests will be submitted through new electronic process (<i>stay tuned!</i>)
Grant Manager	Point of contact for quarterly reporting	Exactly ONE required per entity; oversees all projects and expenses

LCMAC Immediate Reactions to Changes

"...process improvement.."

"...more flexibility..."

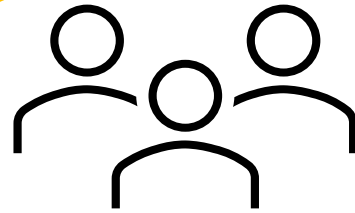
"...would benefit smaller communities..."

"...going from cumbersome & painful to being more responsive to communities..."

"...more creative..."

"...more streamlined..."

"...round of applause for MGC..."



"...process improvement.."



Overall LCMAC A & B both reacted **positively** to the proposed changes!

Any concerns were about the new positive impact perspective, making sure unspent funding would be re-allocated, and assuring quality control in supporting meaningful projects. Other comments were also about advising the Commission to peel back from prioritizing regional support and re-allocating more funds to communities.

A Glance into FY28

Nearly double the funding

\$5m → \$10m

New "Intent-to-Request" Model

Easier application process

New procurement structure

Easier communication

New Application Tools

Supporting documents

Changes are intended to **lessen confusion, develop higher quality projects, foster connections, and allocate more time to what actually matters -> projects and securing more funding**

NEXT STEPS:

- ☐ New Comments (LCMAC & Posting)
- ☐ Vote by Commission to approve new guidelines
- ☐ Develop training for new structure



MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

Community Mitigation Fund — Intent to Request

FY28 Block Grant Allocation Response Form

BD-27-1068-1068C-1068L-134043

PROPOSED ALLOCATION \$ _____	GRANT PERIOD ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____	RESPONSE DATE _____
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☐ YES We intend to apply for and receive this allocation. We understand a complete workplan application is still required by the full application deadline.	☐ NO We do not intend to apply for this allocation this cycle. We understand these funds may be made available to other municipalities.
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STEP 1 Who Should We Contact?

Municipality / Entity Name	
Department Receiving Funds	
Responsible Official — Name & Title	
Responsible Official — Address	
Responsible Official — Phone & Email	

STEP 2 Who is Authorized to Sign on Behalf of Your Community?

Authorized Signer — Name & Title	
Authorized Signer — Address	
Authorized Signer — Phone & Email	

STEP 3 Your Project Proposal/Idea

A short preview only (can be bullet points) your full application will ask for complete project details.

Project Name(s)	
Region (Region A / Region B / Category 2)	
Description of Project(s) / Proposed Activities	

STEP 4 Certify & Sign

On behalf of the municipality/governmental entity named above, I certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this application, and that the information on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that a “Yes” response above means we intend to submit a complete FY28 Community Mitigation Fund application by the application deadline.

Signature of Responsible Municipal Official

Date

FOR MGC USE ONLY

Received: _____ | Entered in Database: ☐ Yes ☐ No | Reviewed By: _____



Community Mitigation Fund FY 2027 Program Guidelines

Approved by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission on November 6, 2025

FY 2027 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines

Welcome to the FY 2027 Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) Guidelines.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission created a grant structure that provides municipalities with certainty regarding the availability of mitigation funds and assists them in funding actionable, mitigation-based projects tailored to their community.

FISCAL YEAR 2027

For FY 2027 there are no significant changes to FY 2026 Guidelines.

For a second year, the State Legislature diverted the expected Community Mitigation Funds for other uses. There are currently sufficient funds available to operate this program at a significantly reduced level from last year. The total amount of funding available is \$5.0 million compared to \$19.5 million in FY 2026. Considering this significant reduction in funding, the Commission reserves the right to prioritize applications and determine which requests to fund based on its assessment of a broad range of factors including the extent of the public benefit each grant is likely to produce. The Commission also reserves the ability to fund only portions of requested projects or to fund only a percentage of amounts requested.

The following are the grant applications that will be accepted in FY 2027:

- Municipal Block Grant Program – All eligible communities will file applications under this program. Municipalities are required to submit a single application that includes all the proposed projects for that community.
- Regional Agency Grant Program – This application is for the workforce grants, regional planning agency grants, regional public safety grants and other grants that may be filed by eligible regional entities.

Applications are due to the Commission by **January 31, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. The application must describe how the municipality will spend the proposed grant amount in accordance with the program guidelines. **Submissions must be sent via e-mail to MGCCMF@massgaming.gov. If a municipality does not apply by January 31, that municipality will forfeit the funds for that year.**

CMF Applicants are encouraged to contact the Commission's staff with any questions or concerns.

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1.0 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM

The Expanded Gaming Act created the Community Mitigation Fund to help communities and other entities offset costs related to the construction and operation of a gaming establishment.

Applications for the Fiscal Year 2027 grant round are due **January 31, 2026**. The Massachusetts Gaming Commission anticipates making funding decisions on any requests for grant assistance before July 2026.

For FY 2027, there are two types of grants programs within the CMF:

- The Municipal Block Grant Program
- The Regional Agency Grant Program

The Municipal Block Grant Program will provide funds for eligible municipalities to mitigate casino-related impacts, and the Regional Agency Grant Program will fund projects to be carried out by regional agencies in workforce development, public safety, and regional planning.

1.1 Program Eligibility

The Commission's regulations identify a range of eligible entities including, but not limited to:

- The host communities and surrounding communities; communities that entered into a nearby community agreement; any communities that petitioned to be a surrounding community; and any communities that are geographically adjacent to a host community;
- Water and sewer districts in the vicinity of a gaming establishment;
- Local and regional agencies involved in education, transportation, infrastructure, housing and environmental issues; governmental entities within communities such as redevelopment authorities or non-regional school districts must submit applications through a municipal administrator in its service area; and
- The county district attorney, police, fire, and emergency services.

Any governmental entity seeking funding for mitigation is required to ensure that any planned use of funding complies with all applicable laws and regulations, as well as provisions of the Massachusetts Constitution. This includes but is not limited to, the Anti-Aid Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution.

The Anti-Aid Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution prohibits the use of public money, which includes state-appropriated funds such as those that comprise the Community Mitigation Funds, for the purpose of solely benefiting or aiding a private party. Private non-governmental parties may not apply for Community Mitigation Funds. Governmental entities may apply to the Commission for funds to mitigate casino-related impacts, provided that the funding is used for a "public purpose" and not for the direct benefit or maintenance of a private party. In some instances, the intended use of funds may result in both a public and a private benefit. In such cases, the use may be permitted in accordance with the Anti-Aid Amendment if the private benefit is not the primary benefit and is only incidental to the public purpose.

If you are unsure of your agency's eligibility, please contact program staff in advance of submitting your application.

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1.2 Ineligible Expenses for all Grants

The CMF will not fund the mitigation of impacts already being addressed by a Host or Surrounding Community Agreement. All applications must demonstrate that CMF funds will supplement and not supplant historical operations funding.

FY 2027 grant funds may not be used for the mitigation of:

- Impacts that are projected or predicted but that are not occurring or have not occurred by January 31, 2026;
- Impacts that are the responsibility (e.g. contractual, statutory, regulatory) of parties involved in the construction and operation of gaming establishments; and
- Other impacts determined annually by the Commission.

1.3 Application Requirements

The following requirements are applicable for all grants. Please see the individual grant guidelines for specific instructions regarding each type of grant.

- Applicants are required to fully complete the grant application appropriate to their type of grant.
- All applications must identify an impact associated with the casino and describe how the project will address the impact.
- All applications must submit a detailed scope of work and timeline for implementation of the project identified in the application.
- All applications must contain appropriate backup materials that support the application.
- **All applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM January 31, 2026. Submissions must be sent via e-mail to MGCCMF@massgaming.gov. Any application received after the deadline will not be considered for funding in FY 2027.**

1.4 Funding Allocation

The total available funding to the CMF for FY 2027 is \$5.0 million. This amounts to 25.64% of the funds programmed for FY 2026. The Commission decided to maintain the eligibility of all communities that were eligible in FY 2026. For FY 2027, each community's proposed grant allocation will be 25.64% of last year's proposed grant amounts.

For FY 2027, the following allocations are proposed for the municipal grants and the Regional Agency Grants:

- Region A \$2,949,100
- Category 2 \$ 128,300
- Region B \$1,102,800
- Regional Agencies \$ 819,800

Considering this significant reduction in funding, the Commission reserves the right to prioritize applications and determine which requests to fund based on its assessment of a broad range of factors including the extent of the public benefit each grant is likely to produce. The Commission also reserves the ability to fund only portions of requested projects or to fund only a percentage of amounts requested.

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2.0 MUNICIPAL BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The Municipal Block Grant Program is designed to give municipalities in the vicinity of the gaming establishments some certainty regarding the availability of mitigation funds to their communities. FY 2027 proposed grant amounts do not constitute a guarantee of funding. While the proposed grant amounts are calculated in advance, actual grant awards will be based on the documented nexus to casino related impacts and the ability of the projects to address those impacts.

2.1 Program Eligibility

The Municipal Block Grant Program will include all eligible municipalities. Eligible municipalities are:

- **Region A** - Everett, Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Revere, Somerville, and Saugus
- **Category 2** – Attleboro, Foxborough, Mansfield, North Attleborough, Plainville, and Wrentham
- **Region B** - Springfield, Agawam, Chicopee, Holyoke, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Northampton, West Springfield, and Wilbraham

2.2 Key Programmatic Aspects

The Municipal Block Grant will fund projects in several categories – Community Planning, Transportation, Public Safety, Gambling Harm Reduction, and Specific Impact. These categories are further described in Section 2.6 of the Guidelines. The following are some of the key aspects of the program:

- The proposed grant amount for each eligible municipality is based on a distribution formula.
- For each category of grant, the Commission has identified impacts that are likely to be caused by, or associated with, the gaming establishments. For these identified impacts, applicants may reference them in their applications.
- For each category of grant, the Commission has identified the types of projects that are generally acceptable to address casino related impacts.
- For each category of grant, the Commission has identified ineligible projects or items.

2.3 Proposed Municipal Grant Amounts

The proposed grant amounts for FY 2027 can be found on **ATTACHMENT-A**. These amounts are approximately 26% of the allocation amount from last year. Proposed grant amounts were voted by the Commission on November 6, 2025.

2.4 Application Requirements

Grant applications are due to the Commission by 11:59 PM on January 31, 2026, via e-mail at MGCCMF@massgaming.gov or as a response to COMMBUYS BID Number: BD26-1068-1068C-1068L-121911. **Applications received after this time will not be considered for funding. Each municipality must submit only one application for the entire municipality. Applications should include the following elements.**

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Please click here: www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/ for the application forms and an example application.

- a. Applicants are required to fully complete the CMF Municipal Block Grant Application and select the appropriate categories for their proposed projects.
- b. Applicants must identify an impact associated with the casino, describe how the project will address it, and provide justification for any funds requested.
- c. The municipality must submit a separate section for each project within a grant category detailing the scope, schedule, and budget in accordance with the Guidelines. Applicants must submit additional supporting materials. These combined forms and attachments will make up each municipality's complete application.
- d. If a municipality cannot identify sufficient projects that will expend the entire proposed grant amount, a municipality may apply for a lower amount of funding. Any unused funding for that fiscal year will be forfeited by the municipality.

2.5 Waivers

The Commission may, in its discretion, waive or grant a variance from any provision or requirement contained in these Guidelines. Any requests for waivers shall be submitted with the Grant Application. Please click here for the waiver form: www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/.

Funding Waiver - If any applicant determines that the proposed grant amount is insufficient to mitigate identified casino-related impacts, it may request a waiver for those specific projects that cause the municipality to exceed the proposed grant amount. The intent of this waiver is not to fund routine expenses but rather to fund significant projects that would not otherwise be able to be funded under an applicant's annual CMF allocation. **The availability of funds for a waiver in FY 2027 are expected to be minimal. All available funds are being programmed for municipalities or regional agencies. The only funds that could be available for a waiver would be if a community or regional agency does not apply for funds, or the Commission determines that any projects are ineligible for funding. Applicants should not rely on waivers for funding projects.**

Please see Section 5.5 of these Guidelines for additional information about waivers.

2.6 Grant Categories

The Commission has identified five categories under which a municipality may apply for funding. All applicants should make sure they are aware of each category's distinct requirements and that they apply under the relevant category. Projects that the Commission determines are incorrectly filed may be recategorized by staff.

Community Planning

The Community Planning grant category is designed to help municipalities either address the negative impacts of the gaming establishment on the local community or take advantage of opportunities that the gaming establishment presents. Community Planning projects must have a

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defined area or issue that will be investigated, as well as a clear plan for implementation of the results.

Community Planning projects must address an identified casino-related impact. Grant funds may be used for both project planning and project implementation. Past projects have included the development of marketing and tourism plans, design and implementation of websites highlighting local businesses, wayfinding projects, re-zoning studies, and projects to improve the local economic capacity.

Applicants should consult with the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) or nearby communities to determine the potential for cooperative regional efforts regarding planning activities. Details of these consultations should be provided in the application.

A project may identify the addition of staff to implement the project. The Commission will fund the portion of the staff member's salary that is directly related to the implementation of the mitigation efforts. The municipality would need to provide the remaining amount of any employee cost and certify that all such expenses are casino related. The Commission will not cover fringe benefits under this category.

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. Please see the application form for additional information.

Identified Impacts: The Commission has identified impacts associated with the gaming establishment, which municipalities may cite in their application. There may be other impacts that have not been identified by the Commission that could be eligible for grant funds. If a municipality has identified an additional impact to be addressed, the application must identify the impact and provide sufficient evidence that the impact is caused by, or is associated with, a gaming establishment.

Positive Impacts

- Gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees to their establishments that would not otherwise be present in the area. This provides opportunities for local communities and businesses to attract these patrons and employees to their communities and business establishments.
- Gaming establishments typically purchase millions of dollars of goods and services each year, much of which is purchased locally. This provides the opportunity for local businesses to provide these goods and services.
- Gaming establishments require a significant number of workers, which provide employment opportunities for local residents.

Negative Impacts

- Competition from the gaming establishment may have negative impacts on other businesses competing in the hospitality and entertainment industries.
- The presence of a gaming establishment may result in reallocated spending. Reallocated spending is spending on goods and services which would have occurred had the casinos never opened, but which did not occur because an individual chose to spend their money at the casino instead. The main areas where monies are reallocated are transportation, retail

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items, hotels and travel, restaurants and bars, recreation, non-live entertainment, and live entertainment.

- The marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.

Eligible Community Planning and Implementation Projects – The following types of projects may be considered to address casino related impacts:

- Marketing and tourism plans to attract casino patrons and employees to the municipality, highlight local businesses, promote recreational and entertainment opportunities, and help communities compete with the gaming establishments for business.
- Projects to provide economic development opportunities for local businesses. Projects of this nature should be community-run efforts that have the potential to improve the competitiveness of local businesses as a whole. These projects must provide a public benefit and not provide a direct benefit to private entities.
- Programs to increase business opportunities to provide goods and services to the gaming establishments.
- Other programs that encourage casino employees to live/work/play in the community.

Ineligible Projects – The following types of projects have been deemed ineligible for grant funding:

- Projects that do not address a casino-related impact.
- Projects that primarily provide a direct benefit to or maintenance of a private party.

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Transportation

The Transportation grant category is designed to help municipalities deal with the transportation-related impacts that a gaming establishment may have on all modes of transportation including vehicular travel, public transit, and pedestrian/bicycle travel. This category includes both the planning for transportation improvements and the construction of identified transportation improvement projects.

Transportation Planning and Construction projects for road and intersection improvements will only be funded on routes that have been identified in the Environmental Impact Report for the gaming establishment as carrying at least 1 percent of the casino-related traffic. The Commission may consider other roadway sections if the applicant can affirmatively demonstrate that the road section is significantly impacted by casino-related traffic. Acceptable documentation could include traffic studies done by Regional Planning Agencies or private developers that could reasonably conclude that approximately 1% of the casino-related traffic is using the identified road/intersection. Please see **ATTACHMENT B** for the trip distribution maps for the gaming establishments.

Projects on state-owned roadways are not generally eligible for Community Mitigation Funds. If a community is looking for funds to perform planning on a state-owned roadway, please contact CMF Staff to discuss possible eligibility in advance of submitting the application.

For projects proposing the planning or construction of multi-use paths, the applicant must demonstrate that the proposed project is part of a larger network of paths that provide direct access to a gaming establishment.

Transportation Planning Projects: Transportation planning projects must address an identified casino impact. Transportation planning projects must have a defined area or issue that will be investigated as well as a clear plan for implementation of the results. Transportation planning grants are intended to assist communities with gathering data and analysis, hiring planning consultants, performing engineering review/surveys, conducting public meetings, preparing final reports, and preparing analysis or design.

For any proposed transit improvement studies, the municipality must consult with the Regional Transit Authority where the gaming establishment is located and must have support from that agency before proceeding with the project.

Applicants may, but are not required to, include a description of how the project meets the evaluation standards for the Fiscal Year 2026 TIP criteria for the Boston MPO Region or the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's transportation evaluation criteria, or other regional transportation project evaluation standard, whichever may be most applicable.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to include a letter of support from MassDOT with any application.

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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. Please see the application form for additional information.

Transportation Construction Projects: Transportation construction projects must address an identified casino impact. Grant funds will provide 100% of the combined total costs of all construction projects up to \$250,000 and will fund up to 30% of the costs associated with an individual project in excess of \$250,000 up to a maximum grant of \$1.5 million.

Example 1 – A community has a transportation construction project that is estimated to cost \$3 million. The subsidy for this project would be the first \$250,000 of the project at 100% and 30% of the remaining cost, or $\$2,750,000 \times 0.30 = \$825,000$. The total subsidy for the project would then be $\$250,000 + \$825,000 = \$1,075,000$.

Example 2 – A community has two construction projects: the construction of a bike share network that costs \$125,000 and an intersection improvement project that costs \$800,000. The combined costs of these projects are \$925,000. The breakdown would be as follows: \$250,000 would be spent across the two projects, the first \$125,000 on the bike share and the remaining \$125,000 towards the intersection improvements. This would leave a remainder of \$675,000 on the intersection project. Of that \$675,000, CMF would cover 30% or $\$675,000 \times 0.30 = \$202,500$. Therefore, the total award for the two projects would be $\$250,000 + \$202,500 = \$452,500$.

Applicants must demonstrate that the project will begin construction no later than June 30, 2027.

Identified Impacts: The Commission has identified transportation-related impacts associated with the gaming establishments, which municipalities may cite in their applications. There may be other impacts that have not been identified by the Commission that may be eligible for grant funds. If a municipality has identified additional impacts to be addressed, the applications must identify the impact and provide sufficient evidence that the impact is caused or is associated with a gaming establishment.

- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion on the major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment.
- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular accidents on major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment.
- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts.
- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause localized increases in air pollution due to congestion.
- Increased visitation to the gaming establishment area may place a strain on public transit services.

Eligible Transportation Planning Projects – Eligible transportation planning projects could include:

- Road safety audits
- Complete Streets evaluations and designs
- Studies to improve public transit
- Multi-use path planning and design
- Road/traffic signal improvement designs to improve vehicular safety and/or reduce traffic congestion

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- Planning for bike share networks
- Studies to identify air pollution reduction strategies
- Studies to identify ways to reduce single occupancy vehicles

Eligible Transportation Construction Projects

- Construction of multi-use paths
- Construction of identified road safety improvements
- Construction of identified roadway capacity enhancements
- Purchase and installation of bike share networks
- Construction of transit improvements
- Construction of traffic signal improvements to enhance roadway capacity and/or improve vehicle and pedestrian safety
- Other transportation-related construction projects that can be demonstrated to address an impact of a gaming establishment.

Ineligible Projects

- Routine road paving projects that do not include capacity enhancements or safety improvements.
- Projects only associated with aesthetic improvements.
- Operational costs associated with traffic safety (e.g., police costs for traffic enforcement, costs of traffic control equipment such as speed boards, etc.). Applicants should apply for these funds under public safety.
- Projects that do not address a casino-related impact.

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Public Safety

Public safety grants are intended to assist municipalities in addressing the increased public safety operational costs associated with the introduction of a gaming establishment in the region. Eligible entities include Police, Fire, EMS, and other public safety agencies. Any proposed project under this section must be done in response to a casino-related impact. All applications for public safety personnel or other public safety operational costs, including relevant training, must demonstrate that CMF funds will supplement and not supplant historical operations funding.

Applicants that are applying for radio or other communication equipment that engages with the statewide interoperability system must submit the ICIP (Interoperable Communications Investment Proposal) form and Special Conditions Form directly to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). The applicant shall submit a copy of their forms with their public safety application. The applicant shall send the approved ICIP and Special Conditions Forms to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov when they receive an approved copy back from EOPSS.

Applicants must include detailed hourly estimates for the costs of any public safety personnel. Applicants should include the most relevant information describing historical service or staffing levels (“baseline information”) to demonstrate that all funds will be used to supplement existing efforts. For example, if a community requests funding for additional staffing for a specific time period, the application should include information about the staffing levels that have been used for that same time period during the license term of the gaming facility. Applicants are requested to provide as much detailed baseline information as practicable to help the Commission in its review.

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 syllabi, etc. Please see the application form for additional information.

For applications requesting vehicle purchases, communities must demonstrate the following:

- That the vehicle is needed for a new effort being conducted by the community in response to a casino-related impact;
- Percent of time the vehicle will be used to address the casino impact;
- For traffic enforcement vehicles, that the community is significantly impacted by casino-related traffic;
- How the proximity of the community to the gaming establishment necessitates the purchase; and
- That the request is not for the replacement of existing vehicles in the fleet.

Identified Impacts: The Commission has identified public safety-related impacts associated with the gaming establishments, which municipalities may cite in their applications. There may be other impacts that have not been identified by the Commission that could be eligible for grant funds. If a municipality has identified additional impacts to be addressed, the applications must identify the impact and provide sufficient evidence that the impact is caused or is associated with a gaming establishment.

- Increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees.

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- It is recognized by law enforcement and the casino industry that casinos and other hospitality-related businesses may attract certain types of crime including but not limited to human trafficking, money laundering, and drug trafficking. Other crimes that may be attributable to casinos include increased assaults, fraud, and property crimes.
- The presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase in cases of operating under the influence.
- Increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle /pedestrian conflicts.
- The influx of visitors to a casino can result in an increase in calls for service and put pressure on local emergency services, including emergency responders like fire departments and EMS. This could lead to increased needs for mutual aid.

Possible Mitigation Measures

- Police training, including de-escalation training, implicit bias training, use-of-force training, or other training to help improve police/patron/employee interactions.
- Efforts to improve traffic safety that could include enhanced traffic enforcement, use of speed/message boards, public education programs, or other efforts that are demonstrated to improve traffic safety.
- Efforts to reduce impaired driving, potentially including sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, education programs, or other demonstrated measures to reduce impaired driving.
- Efforts to identify, monitor and address issues related to human trafficking, drug trafficking and money laundering.
- Efforts to better track casino-related crimes.
- Training for Fire Departments and EMS to address issues that arise specifically associated with the gaming establishment.

Ineligible Projects – MGC has identified the following projects/items as ineligible for grant funding:

- Equipment that is normally supplied by a public safety agency to their staff (e.g., uniforms, safety equipment, weapons, body armor, etc.).
- Routine replacement of vehicles – these are vehicles that would otherwise be replaced by the community if CMF funds were not available.
- Routine replacement of radio equipment.
- Equipment that does not specifically address a casino-related impact.
- Funding that supplants existing historical funding.
- Funding for Gaming Enforcement Unit personnel or operations costs specified or anticipated in the memoranda of understanding between the Massachusetts State Police and host communities' police departments.
- Any project does not address a casino-related impact.

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Gambling Harm Reduction

Funding for gambling harm reduction is designed to assist municipalities in identifying populations at risk for problem gambling, studying the impact of gambling on those populations, identifying solutions to help mitigate identified harms, and implementing solutions that help reduce the risk of gambling harms.

The Commission has received several applications to study youth gambling. If a community is proposing a study of youth gambling, please contact Commission staff prior to submitting the application to discuss methodology to ensure that the proposed study will not duplicate previous work.

Identified Impacts

- Certain groups of people are disproportionately at risk of gambling-related harm by the presence of a casino. These groups can be linked by race, ethnicity, gender, age, people who have recently immigrated, veteran status, and/or socioeconomic status.

MGC recently worked with Gambling Research Exchange Ontario (GREO) to compile research on different groups that may be relevant to your community's needs. Please click here to access the studies on different populations that may be at increased risk for gambling harm <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/application-guidelines/>

Possible Mitigation Measures

- A municipality may use these funds for the development and planning of a study or project. Projects are primarily for community engagement, vision, and planning. Applicants may develop a plan to engage the community to identify a casino or gambling-related topic or issue which warrants further investigation. The product of this process should be a research strategy which may be considered for detailed research funding in subsequent funding cycles. We expect these types of grants to be for a one-year term.
- A community may also use these funds for conducting detailed research on the topic identified. Applicants that have a specific research topic and/or question and that are prepared to propose a research strategy. For this type of proposal, applicants must organize their proposal in the following order.

Specific Aims: State concisely the goals of the proposed research. Summarize the gambling-related harms and potential impacts that the results of the proposed project will exert on Massachusetts and the research field(s) involved.

Research Strategy: Provide a detailed research strategy, including the following:

Approach: Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project.

Significance: Explain the importance of the topic or question that the proposed project addresses.

Innovation: Describe any new or novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies to be used.

Protection of Human Subjects: Please summarize your plan to obtain Internal Review Board (IRB) approval. If you believe IRB approval is not required for this project, please provide justification.

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Collaboration and Knowledge of the Community: Describe the organization's relationship and understanding of the community with whom the study will take place.

Knowledge Translation and Exchange: Describe how an answer to the question or insight on the topic may mitigate gambling-related harms in the community. Identify specific activities and/or measures which may be supported by the Community Mitigation Fund in subsequent funding cycles. Describe a plan to share information with the community and/or use it to inform policy or practice.

Some examples of the MGC General Research Agenda and Community Engaged Research can be found: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda/> or <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=community-engaged-research>

- A community may also apply to fund a project that will help to mitigate a gambling harm identified via their own detailed research or the application of MGC research. Applicants can utilize research identified in the community-specific interventions slide deck found <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/application-guidelines/> or impacts outlined in the MGC reports found <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda/> or <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=community-engaged-research>

Ineligible Projects – MGC has identified the following projects/items as ineligible for grant funding:

- Project does not address a casino-related impact.
- Detailed research projects that are not grounded in available evidence.
- A project that will mitigate a gaming-related harm that is not grounded in their own detailed research or recommendations arising from MGC research (as outlined in the community specific interventions slide deck or MGC research reports referenced above).

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Specific Impact

Specific Impact Grants are only for projects that do not fit within the other categories of CMF Grants. The municipality must provide a thorough description of an identified impact of the gaming establishment and proposed mitigation measures to address the impact. The community should contact Commission staff to discuss any specific impact grants before submitting its application.

A community may also use this Specific Impact Grant to break out administrative and/or staffing costs associated with the grant as a whole.

Identified Impacts: The Specific Impact category recognizes that there may be other impacts associated with a gaming establishment that have not been identified by the Commission. If a municipality has identified an additional impact to be addressed, the application must identify the impact and provide sufficient evidence that the impact is caused by, or is associated with, a gaming establishment.

The Commission's regulation 205 CMR 125.01 2(b)4 defines operational impacts as:

"The community will be significantly and adversely affected by the operation of the gaming establishment after its opening taking into account such factors as potential public safety impacts on the community; increased demand on community and regional water and sewer systems; impacts on the community from storm water runoff, associated pollutants, and changes in drainage patterns; stresses on the community's housing stock including any projected negative impacts on the appraised value of housing stock due to a gaming establishment; any negative impact on local, retail, entertainment, and service establishments in the community; increased social service needs including, but not limited to, those related to problem gambling; and demonstrated impact on public education in the community."

Although these definitions include the types of operational impacts that may be funded, they are not limited to those. The decision will be made by the Commission after its review.

Eligible Expenses

The Commission will make funding available to mitigate gaming facility operational impacts that are being experienced or were experienced by the January 31, 2026, application deadline.

Ineligible Expenses

Any expense considered to be a municipal cost, such as any cost which may be included in its annual budget

- Any cost for which it receives payments through its Host Community Agreement or Surrounding Community Agreement.
- Any project that does not address a casino-related impact.
- Applications from non-governmental entities.

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REGIONAL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM

3.0 REGIONAL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM

The Commission will accept applications by regional agencies to address impacts on communities that go beyond one municipality and can be more effectively addressed in a regional manner.

3.1 Eligibility

M.G.L. c. 23K, Section 61 identifies eligible entities as “local and regional education, transportation, infrastructure, housing, environmental issues, and public safety, including the office of the county district attorney, police, fire, and emergency services. The Commission may, at its discretion, distribute funds to a governmental entity or district other than a single municipality in order to implement a mitigation measure that affects more than one municipality.”

This definition provides the Commission with broad authority regarding the distribution of mitigation funds to regional governmental entities. However, the Commission has identified two priority areas for project funding – regional workforce education programs and regional public safety.

While other regional governmental entities may be eligible for funding, any such entity proposing to apply for funding should contact the Community Affairs Division well in advance of the submission deadline to discuss project eligibility and casino-related impacts.

3.2 Key Programmatic Aspects

The reduction in funding for FY 2027 will result in reduced funding for the Regional Agency Grants. The Commission intends to award \$819,800 to Regional Agencies. All previously eligible entities continue to be eligible for grants; however, it is unlikely that all applicants will receive funding. The Commission has determined that workforce education and public safety are the highest priorities.

Considering this significant reduction in funding, the Commission reserves the right to prioritize applications and determine which requests to fund based on its assessment of a broad range of factors, including the extent of the public benefit each grant is likely to produce. The Commission also reserves the ability to fund only portions of requested projects or to fund only a percentage of the amounts requested. The following are some of the key aspects of the program:

- For each category of grant, the Commission has identified impacts that are likely to be caused by, or associated with, the gaming establishments. For these identified impacts, applicants may reference them in their applications.
- For each category of grant, the Commission has identified the types of projects that are generally acceptable to address casino-related impacts.
- For each category of grant, the Commission has identified ineligible projects or items.

3.3 Application Requirements

Grant applications are due to the Commission by 11:59 PM on January 31, 2026, via e-mail at MGCCMF@massgaming.gov or as a response to COMMBUYS BID Number: BD265-1068-1068C-1068L-121911. **Applications received after this time will not be considered for funding. Each**

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regional agency must submit only one application. Applications should include the following elements.

Please click here: www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/ for the application forms and an example application.

- a. Applicants are required to fully complete the CMF Regional Agency Grant Application and fill out the appropriate section for the selected grant category.
- b. Applicants must identify an impact associated with the casino, describe how the project will address it, and provide justification for any funds requested.
- c. Applicants must submit an application detailing the scope, schedule, and budget, which provides details on how the agency will spend the money in accordance with the program guidelines. Agencies may submit additional materials to support their applications.

3.4 Waivers

The Commission may, in its discretion, waive or grant a variance from any provision or requirement contained in these Guidelines. Any requests for waivers shall be submitted with the Grant Application. Please click here for the waiver form: www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/

3.5 Grant Categories

The Commission has identified three categories under which a regional agency may apply for funding. All applicants should make sure they are aware of each category's distinct requirements and that they apply under the relevant category. Projects that the Commission determines are incorrectly filed may be recategorized by staff.

Regional Planning Grants

Certain casino-related impacts may present challenges across multiple communities or create opportunities to leverage the presence of a casino to provide regional benefits. Projects to address these types of impacts are often better served using a regional agency to develop and implement solutions.

For FY 2027, the Commission is authorizing grants of up to \$75,000 for Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) to identify and implement projects that address regional impacts associated with the gaming establishments.

The eligible RPAs for these grants are those that serve the casino's host community – the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for Region A, the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District for the Category 2 facility, and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for Region B. Other governmental agencies may be eligible for this grant if their project meets all other program requirements. If interested, please contact Commission Staff in advance of application to confirm eligibility.

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Similar to the Community Planning and Transportation categories under the Municipal Block Grant Program, these grants are designed to help either address the negative impacts of the gaming establishment on the region or to take advantage of opportunities that the gaming establishment presents.

Regional planning projects must address an identified casino-related impact. Grant funds may be used for both project planning and project implementation. Planning projects must have a defined area or issue that will be investigated, as well as a clear plan for implementation of the results. Applicants should work in collaboration with or on behalf of impacted municipalities.

Planning grants are intended to assist agencies with gathering data and analysis, hiring planning consultants, performing engineering review/surveys, conducting public meetings, preparing final reports, and preparing analysis or design.

Identified Impacts: The Commission has identified impacts associated with the gaming establishment, which RPAs may cite in their application. There may be other impacts that have not been identified by the Commission that could be eligible for grant funds. If an agency has identified additional impacts to be addressed, the application must identify the impact and provide sufficient evidence that the impact is caused or is associated with a gaming establishment.

Positive Impacts

- Gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees to their establishments that would not otherwise be present in the area. This provides opportunities for local communities and businesses to attract these patrons and employees to their communities and business establishments.
- Gaming establishments typically purchase millions of dollars of goods and services each year, much of which is purchased locally. This provides the opportunity for local businesses to provide these goods and services.
- Gaming establishments require a significant number of workers, which provide employment opportunities for local residents.

Negative Impacts

- Competition from the gaming establishment may have negative impacts on other businesses competing in the hospitality or entertainment industries.
- The presence of a gaming establishment may result in reallocated spending. Reallocated spending is spending on goods and services which would have occurred had the casinos never opened, but which did not occur because an individual chose to spend their money at the casino instead. The main areas where monies are reallocated are transportation, retail items, hotels and travel, restaurants and bars, recreation, non-live entertainment, and live entertainment.
- The marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.
- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion on the major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment.

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- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular accidents on major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment.
- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts.
- Increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause localized increases in air pollution due to congestion.
- Increased visitation to the gaming establishment area may place a strain on public transit services.

Eligible Projects – The following types of projects may be considered to address casino related impacts:

- Marketing and tourism plans to attract casino patrons and employees to the municipality, highlight local businesses, promote recreational and entertainment opportunities, and help communities compete with the gaming establishments for business.
- Projects to provide economic development opportunities for local businesses.
- Programs to increase business opportunities to provide goods and services to the gaming establishments.
- Other programs to encourage casino employees to live/work/play in the region.
- Road safety audits.
- Complete Streets evaluations and designs.
- Studies to improve public transit.
- Multi-use path planning and design.
- Road/traffic signal improvement designs to improve vehicular safety and/or reduce traffic congestion.
- Planning for bike share networks.
- Studies to identify air pollution reduction strategies.
- Studies to identify ways to reduce single occupancy vehicles.

Ineligible Projects – The following types of projects have been deemed ineligible for grant funding:

- Projects that do not address a casino-related impact.
- Applications from non-governmental entities.

Regional Public Safety Grants

M.G.L. c. 23K, Section 61 identifies regional public safety agencies as being eligible for mitigation funds and specifically identifies the county District Attorney's Offices. The Commission seeks to support the Attorney General and District Attorney's Offices in jurisdictions where the establishment and operation of a casino have resulted in an increase in criminal cases. The objective of this category is to ensure that these offices have the necessary resources to effectively manage and prosecute cases associated with the operation of a casino.

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The regional agencies eligible for funding under this category include:

- The Office of the County District Attorneys
- Attorney General's Office
- Other relevant public safety agencies

For FY 2027, the Commission has established a maximum grant of \$75,000 for the District Attorney's Offices. Grant amounts for the Attorney General will be based on available funding and demonstrated need. Any other relevant public safety agencies will be limited to a maximum grant of \$75,000.

Identified Impacts: The Commission has identified regional public safety-related impacts associated with the gaming establishments, which agencies may cite in their applications. There may be other impacts that have not been identified by the Commission that could be eligible for grant funds. If an agency has identified additional impacts to be addressed, the application must identify the impact and provide sufficient evidence that the impact is caused or is associated with a gaming establishment.

- The introduction of casinos in the Commonwealth has led to increased criminal cases being handled by the District Attorney or Attorney General.
- It is recognized by law enforcement and the casino industry that casinos and other hospitality-related businesses may attract certain types of crime. This is including but not limited to human trafficking, money laundering, and drug trafficking. Other crimes that may be attributable to casinos include increased assaults, fraud, and property crimes.
- The presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase in cases of operating under the influence.

Eligible Costs

- Funding for personnel, including prosecutors, investigators, and administrative staff, and victim-witness advocates to assist these offices in handling the additional workload created by the casino's presence. The office must demonstrate an increase in criminal cases directly related to the presence of the casino. The office must have a clear plan for the utilization and record-keeping of the grant funds, specifying the roles and responsibilities of the additional personnel to be hired or assigned to the grant.

Ineligible Costs

- Staff whose jobs are not directly tied to the increased case load associated with a casino.
- A project that does not address a casino-related impact.

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Reporting and Accountability

Grant recipients will be required to provide quarterly progress reports on their progress as well as a final report with case numbers to ensure that the funds are being used as intended and to assess the program's impact on case management. The grantee will also provide the Commission staff a record of the following case types.

- Motor Vehicle/OUI
- Property Damage/Theft
- Assaults
- Sexual Assault
- Drug Offenses
- Money Laundering
- Disorderly Conduct
- Human Trafficking
- Firearms
- RICO
- Identity Theft

Additional details with respect to reporting will be included in the grant documents if awarded.

Regional Workforce Development Grants

Regional Workforce Development Grant applicants should focus on areas highly impacted by casino operations to mitigate strain in existing resources and a potential impact to the regional labor market. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the education and skills training programs proposed are in response to an identified need at the casinos or to provide a sufficient supply of workers to backfill jobs being lost to the casinos. The Commission encourages new and innovative program ideas that align with the grant program's intention.

A consortium application is required. Eligible workforce development proposals must include a regional consortium approach to improve the skills, knowledge, and credential attainment for residents. The proposal must also include regional labor market information and evidence of employer partnerships.

Grantees will be expected to track numbers related to student participation and job placement across several defined parameters, such as gender, minority status, and veteran status.

Regional Workforce Development Program Spending

The Commission anticipates awarding one grant per region with the following maximum value:

- Region A - \$300,000
- Region B - \$300,000

Identified Impacts: The Commission has identified the following impacts associated with the gaming establishment, which may be cited in the application. There may be other impacts that have not been identified by the Commission that could be eligible for grant funds. If an agency has identified additional impacts to be addressed, the application must identify the impact and provide sufficient evidence that the impact is caused or is associated with a gaming establishment.

- Increase in demand for employees with a high school diploma or equivalent credentials
- Increase in demand for employees with understanding of roles in the hospitality field
- Increase in demand for employees who speak English
- Increase in demand for applicants with basic digital literacy

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Eligible Expenses

- Gaming school scholarships
- Post-secondary vocational programs in culinary, hospitality skills, banking, or general customer service training or vocational programs focused on English language/adult basic education
- A program that structures intentional connections among adult basic education, occupational training, and post-secondary education programs designed to meet the needs of both adult learners and employers
- Registered apprenticeships in the hospitality and banking fields
- Courses leading to college credits or industry-recognized certificates
- Adult Basic Education (“ABE”) and vocationally based English for Speakers of Other Languages (“ESOL”) training programs, contextualized learning
- Integrated Education and Training and industry-recognized credentials
- Translation services to help with student success
- Transportation and childcare vouchers
- Technology related to participant access
- Administrative costs include activities related to management, oversight, reporting, and record keeping, and monitoring of the grant program. This amount may not exceed 7.5% of the grant.

Ineligible Expenses

- Programs that are not directly or indirectly tied to the presence of a casino.

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4.0 OTHER GRANTS

4.1 Emergency Mitigation Grants

The Commission may award up to \$100,000 to cover newly identified impacts of an emergency nature that would cause significant harm to a community if it were not remedied in an expeditious fashion. The intent of this grant is to allow the Commission to be more responsive in addressing significant casino-related issues that do not fall within the normal CMF timelines. This grant is not intended to circumvent the normal CMF processes.

4.2 Tribal Gaming Technical Assistance Grants

The Commission may award up to \$100,000 to assist in the determination of potential impacts that may be experienced by communities in geographic proximity to the potential Tribal Gaming facility in Taunton. Such funding will only be made available after approval of any application by SRPEDD or a comparable regional entity.

5.0 OTHER PROGRAM ELEMENTS

5.1 Administrative Costs

For FY 2027, administrative costs are eligible under the CMF. Grantees may use up to 7.5% of the grant for administrative purposes up to \$50,000. Administrative costs include activities related to management, oversight, reporting, record keeping, and monitoring of the grant program. The grant application must identify how much of the grant funding is being used for administrative purposes and must also outline what funds are being contributed by the entity, such as in-kind services. Workforce Development Grants are not subject to the \$50,000 cap. **Applicants should indicate administrative costs by project where necessary and under specific impact when the funds will be directed across multiple projects.**

5.2 Operational Costs

Operational costs are intended to supplement existing departmental budgets impacted by the operation of a gaming facility. Examples of eligible items could include the cost of staff to run a program, overtime of public safety personnel; public safety equipment upgrades and/or supplies, increased demand on community regional water and sewer systems; and stresses on the community's housing.

5.3 Collaborative Applications

Applicants are encouraged to work with other local municipalities in the development of joint applications. Applications should provide details regarding consultations with nearby communities for cooperative regional efforts for pooling CMF funds for joint projects. For a joint application, the application must specify which community will be the fiscal agent for the grant. Each community must state how much and from which distribution category the funds are being drawn from. The administering entity would be responsible for all activities related to the management of the grant, such as providing timely quarterly reports, preparing expenditure reports, and all documentation needed as part of the Close-out Process. Each Community would list the joint applicants, specify

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which category, and how much each community is contributing. The funding may be requested only for the costs of a joint project being proposed by more than one community, not similar projects.

5.4 Regional Agencies

There are several Regional Planning Agencies which entities can use to provide services and resources. These agencies have expertise in planning, planning studies, development of mitigation plans for impacts, and can provide other technical assistance in its region.

5.5 Waivers and Variances

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 these Guidelines where the Commission finds that:

- a. Granting the waiver or variance is consistent with the purposes of M.G.L. c. 23K;
- b. Granting the waiver or variance will not adversely affect the public interest; and
- c. Not granting the waiver or variance would cause a substantial hardship to the community, governmental entity, or person requesting the waiver or variance.

The Waiver shall set forth the specific provision of the Guidelines to which the waiver or variance is sought. The Waiver Form can be found at: www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/

Applicants may contact Mary Thurlow at mary.thurlow@massgaming.gov or Joseph Delaney at Joseph.Delaney@massgaming.gov with any questions.

The Commission may grant a waiver or variance, deny a waiver or variance, or grant a waiver or variance subject to such terms, conditions, and limitations as the Commission may determine. The terms, conditions, covenants, duties, and obligations contained in this Application may be waived only by written agreement executed by duly authorized representatives of the Commission and the Grantee. No waiver by either party of any term, condition, covenant, duty or obligation shall be construed as a waiver of any other term, condition, covenant, duty or obligation nor shall a waiver of any breach be deemed to constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach, whether of the same or a different section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or other provision of this Grant.

5.6 Requests for Changes to Components of Grant Awards

The Commission authorized MGC staff to approve requests for changes to components of grant awards, provided that staff provides notice of such changes to all Commission members and provided further that such changes shall not exceed 10% of the grant award or \$25,000, whichever is smaller. Requests over this amount must be approved by a vote of the Commission.

5.7 Application Review Process

Commission Process:

The Commission may ask Applicants for supplementary materials, may request a meeting with Applicants, and reserves the ability to host a hearing or hearings on any Application. Depending on

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the content of the Application, Commission Staff may consult with outside agencies with expertise in various areas to assist the review process. Staff may provide a detailed memoranda of considerations for the Commissioner's to review in a public meeting.

The Commission reserves the ability to fund only portions of requested projects and to fund only a percentage of the amounts requested. The Commission also reserves the ability to place conditions on any award.

The Commission reserves the right to determine which requests to fund based on its assessment of a broad range of factors, including the extent of public benefit each grant is likely to produce.

Evaluation Factors:

- A demonstration that the impact is being caused by the gaming facility;
- The significance of the impact to be remedied;
- The potential for the proposed mitigation measure to address the impact;
- The feasibility and reasonableness of the proposed mitigation measure;
- A demonstration that any program to assist non-governmental entities is for a demonstrated public purpose and not for the benefit or maintenance of a private party;
- The significance of any matching funds including but not limited to the ability to compete for state or federal workforce, transportation or other funds;
- Any demonstration of regional benefits from a grant award;
- A demonstration that other funds from host or surrounding community agreements are not available to fund the proposed mitigation measure;
- A demonstration that such mitigation measure is not already required to be completed by the licensee pursuant to any regulatory requirements or pursuant to any agreements between such licensee and Applicant;
- The inclusion of a detailed scope, budget, and schedule for each mitigation request; and
- The inclusion of information detailing diversity in vendor/supplier spending practices relative to Minority Business Enterprises ("MBE"), Veteran's Business Enterprises ("VBE"), and Women's Business Enterprises ("WBE").

5.8 Grant Award Process for Municipal Block Grants

The following is the anticipated process for the CMF Municipal Block Grants:

- a. Eligible municipalities will receive notification from the Commission regarding the amount of proposed grant funding for their community. This notification will be sent via email to their respective Town Manager/City Administrator/Grant Manager and current CMF Grant Managers noted on previous applications. **Entities should notify the Community Affairs Division of any additional people or changes to ensure that notifications are correctly distributed.**
- b. Municipalities will have until January 31, 2026, to submit their application for the proposed grant amount previously issued by the Commission. This will constitute their application for funds as required by 23K Section 61. These applications must detail how the municipality plans to use the funding.
- c. If applications are not submitted by January 31, 2026, the municipality forfeits the funds for that year.

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- d. **After receipt of the Applications:** Members of the Review Team analyze and develop recommendations on the applications for the Commission. The Review Team will review each community's conformance with the Guidelines. Communities will be given the opportunity to modify their applications if the Review Team finds areas that do not comply with the Guidelines or require additional information.
- e. Once the applications are finalized, these will be brought to the Commission for final approval. Such decisions will be made prior to July 1, 2026.
- f. After the Commission's decision, grant instruments and contracts will be prepared and sent to the Applicants.

5.9 Rescission of Grants

If a Grantee does not expend the funds in a timely manner, the Commission may rescind the grant and make those funds available in the next grant round for the Region in which the grant originated. Before any grant is rescinded, Commission staff will notify the Grantee that the expenditures on the grant are not timely and establish a timeline for the Grantee to either expend the funds or have the grant rescinded.

5.10 Program Staff Directory

CMF Applicants are encouraged to contact the Commission's staff with any questions or concerns. The Commission's Chief of the Division of Community Affairs, Joseph Delaney, can be reached at (617) 721-9198 or via e-mail at joseph.delaney@massgaming.gov or MGCCMF. The Commission's address is 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

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For FY 2027, the Commission will use a direct ratio of the currently available funding to the proposed funding for FY 2026. The total proposed funding for FY 2027 is \$5,000,000, and the total proposed funding for FY 2026 was \$19,500,000. Therefore, the available funding for FY 2027 is 25.64% of the FY 2026 Funding. This results in the following amounts being available for each region and the regional agencies:

Region A	\$2,949,100
Region B	\$1,102,800
Category 2	\$ 128,300
Regional Agencies	\$ 819,800

FY 2027 PROPOSED GRANT AMOUNTS BY REGION

Region A – Encore Boston Harbor FY 2027 Proposed Grant Amounts

Funding Available - \$2,949,100

Community	Base Grant	HCA/SCA Status	Proximity to Casino	Traffic	Total FY 2026 Grant Amount	FY 2027 Grant 25.64% of FY 2026 Grant*
Everett	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$1,600,000	\$662,000	\$2,862,000	\$733,900
Boston	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$800,000	\$1,407,000	\$2,607,000	\$668,500
Cambridge	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$700,000	\$179,500
Somerville	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$310,000	\$1,110,000	\$284,700
Medford	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$248,400	\$1,048,400	\$268,900
Malden	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$82,800	\$882,800	\$226,400
Revere	\$200,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$62,100	\$662,100	\$169,800
Chelsea	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$227,700	\$1,027,700	\$263,500
Saugus	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$51,300
Lynn	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$51,300
Melrose	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$51,300
Total	\$2,200,000	\$1,600,000	\$4,700,000	\$3,000,000	\$11,500,000	\$2,949,100

***All grant amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100.**

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Region B – MGM Springfield FY 2027

Proposed Grant Amounts Funding Available - \$1,102,800

Community	Base Grant	HCA/SCA Status	Proximity to Casino	Traffic	Total FY 2026 Grant Amount	FY 2027 Grant 25.64% of FY 2026 Grant*
Springfield	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$666,000	\$512,700	\$1,403,700	\$360,000
W Springfield	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$281,000	\$87,300	\$518,300	\$132,900
Holyoke	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$84,000	\$60,000	\$294,000	\$75,400
Chicopee	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$142,000	\$49,100	\$341,100	\$87,500
Ludlow	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$84,000	\$10,900	\$244,900	\$62,800
Wilbraham	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$142,000	\$21,800	\$313,800	\$80,500
E Longmeadow	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$142,000	\$60,000	\$352,000	\$90,300
Longmeadow	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$142,000	\$32,800	\$324,800	\$83,300
Agawam	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$142,000	\$65,400	\$357,400	\$91,700
Hampden	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$19,200
Northampton	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$19,200
Total	\$825,000	\$750,000	\$1,825,000	\$900,000	\$4,300,000	\$1,102,800

***All grant amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100.**

Category 2 – Plainridge Park Casino FY 2027

Proposed Grant Amounts Funding Available - \$128,300

Community	Base Grant	HCA/SCA Status	Proximity to Casino	Traffic	Total FY 2026 Grant Amount	FY 2027 Grant 25.64% of FY 2026 Grant*
Plainville	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$28,300	\$153,300	\$39,300
Wrentham	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$6,800	\$76,800	\$19,700
Foxborough	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$4,500	\$64,500	\$16,500
Mansfield	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$63,000	\$16,200
N. Attleborough	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$21,700	\$81,700	\$21,000
Attleborough	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$10,700	\$60,700	\$15,600
Total	\$150,000	\$175,000	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$500,000	\$128,300

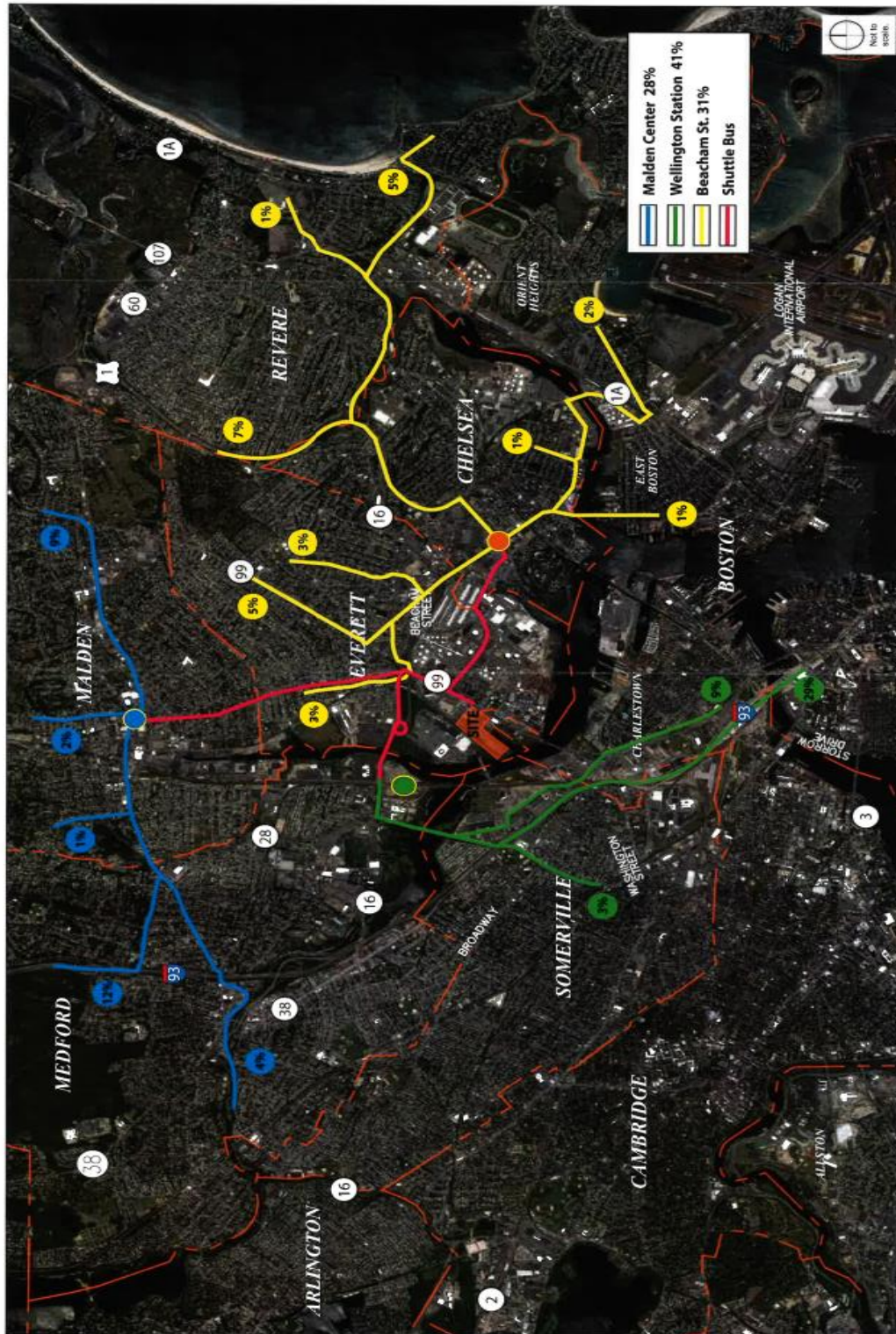
***All grant amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100.**

Encore Boston Harbor Patron Trip Distribution



Encore Boston Harbor Employee Trip Distribution

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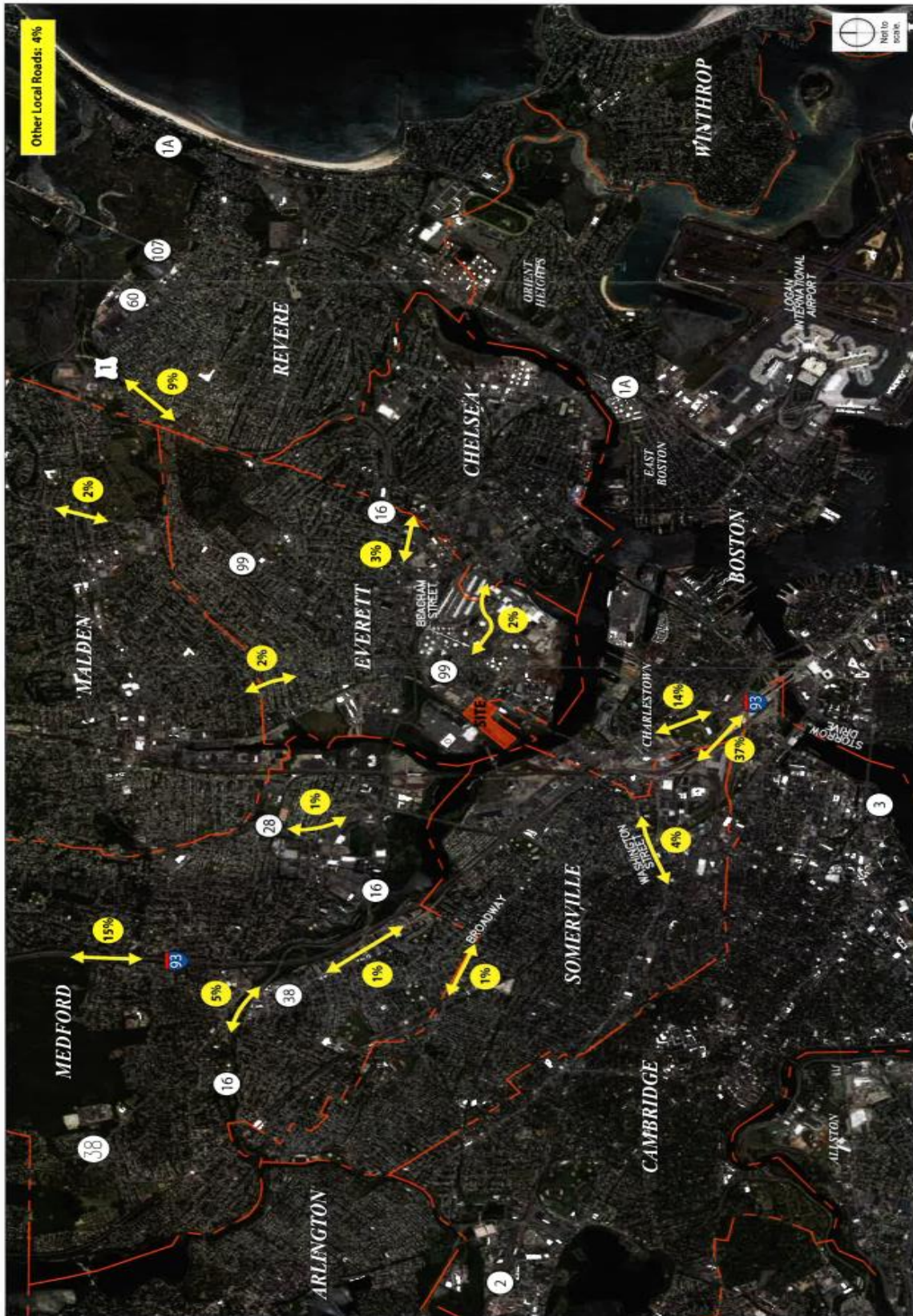
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Figure 4-50
Trip Distribution (Employees)
Source: Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates, Inc., 2013

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Encore Boston Harbor Trip Distribution by Travel Corridor

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Table 4-21, Vehicle Trip Distribution by Travel Corridor

Travel Corridor	Patron Percent	Employee Percent	Composite Percent
I-93 North	15%	12%	15%
Route 16 West	5%	3%	5%
Route 38 West	1%	1%	1%
Broadway West	1%	1%	1%
Washington Street West	4%	3%	4%
I-93 South	38%	29%	37%
Rutherford Avenue	15%	9%	14%
Beacham Street East	2%	4%	2%
Route 16 East	3%	6%	3%
Route 1 North	9%	7%	9%
Route 99 North	2%	5%	2%
Main St (Everett Malden)	2%	3%	2%
Route 28 North	1%	1%	1%
Other Local	2%	16%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%

The patron and employee trip distribution patterns were used to assign new Project vehicle trips to the area roadway network. Figure 4-51A and Figure 4-51B depict the Friday p.m. peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 1-26, located in Everett. Figure 4-52 shows Friday p.m. peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 27-32, located in Chelsea and Revere. Figure 4-53 shows the Friday p.m. peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 33-44, located in Medford. Figure 4-54 shows the Friday p.m. peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 45-57, located in Somerville, Boston, and Cambridge. Figure 4-55A and Figure 4-55B depict the Saturday afternoon peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 1-26, located in Everett. Figure 4-56 shows the Saturday afternoon peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 27-32, located in Chelsea and Revere. Figure 4-57 shows the Saturday afternoon peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 33-44, located in Medford. Figure 4-58 shows the Saturday afternoon peak hour Project trip assignments at intersections 45-57, located in Somerville, Boston, and Cambridge.

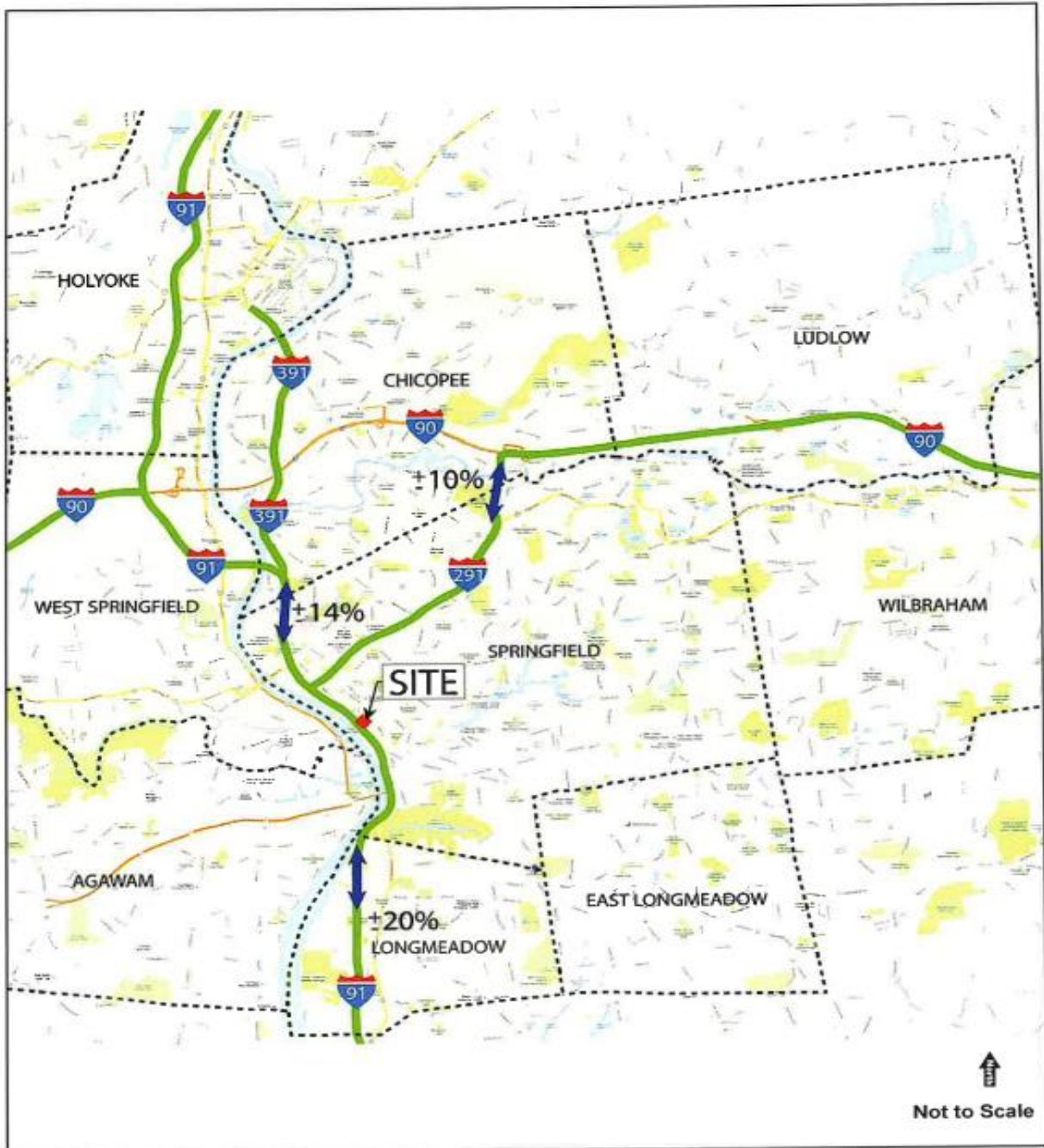
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Plainridge Park Casino Trip Distribution



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MGM Springfield Trip Distribution Freeway



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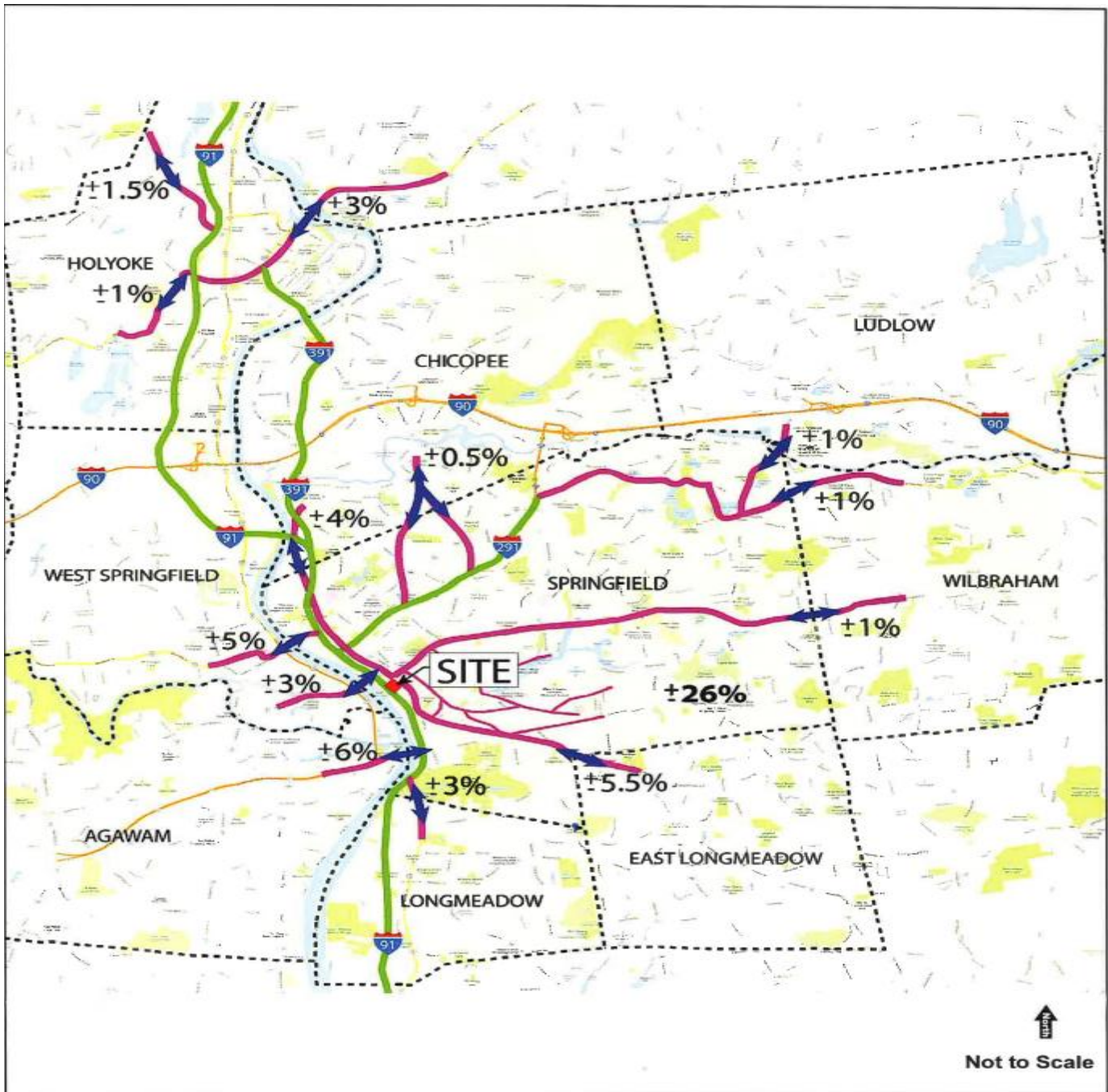
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Figure 6.2-9

Total Site-Generated Trip Distribution - Freeway Corridors

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MGM Springfield Trip Distribution -Surface Roads



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Figure 6.2-8
Total Site-Generated Trip Distribution - Surface Roads

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MGM Springfield Trip Distribution -Surface Roads

Trip Distribution Summary

The resulting trip distribution by land use for the proposed development is summarized in Table 6.2-9. The site-generated traffic volume networks for each land use are presented in Appendix B-12. The regional scale distribution of trips is shown in Figures 6.2-8 and 6.2-9 for the local roadways and freeway corridors, respectively. The regional scale site-generated trip increases is shown in Figures 6.2-10 and 6.2-11 for local roadways and freeway corridors, respectively. The resulting site-generated traffic-volume networks for Friday evening and Saturday midday peak hours are shown in Figures 6.2-12 through 6.2-15.

Table 6.2-9 Trip Distribution Summary

Routes	Percentage from Route / Community				
	Casino / Hotel Patron	Casino / Hotel Employee & Armory Square Office	Armory Retail	Apartment	Total
Route 5 - Longmeadow	1.0%	3.9%	5.0%	0.6%	2.8%
Route 83 - East Longmeadow	3.9%	5.7%	7.2%	5.6%	5.4%
South End Bridge - Agawam	5.0%	5.0%	8.0%	3.2%	6.1%
Memorial Bridge - West Springfield	2.5%	4.0%	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%
North End Bridge - West Springfield	3.5%	5.0%	6.0%	6.3%	4.7%
Main Street - Chicopee	3.7%	5.5%	3.8%	5.5%	4.0%
Liberty St / St. James Ave - Chicopee	0.4%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
Boston Road (Route 20) - Wilbraham	0.8%	4.0%	0.7%	1.5%	1.1%
Wilbraham St - Wilbraham	0.9%	0.9%	1.5%	0.2%	1.1%
Route 21 - Ludlow	0.6%	2.0%	1.2%	0.9%	1.0%
Route 141 - Holyoke	1.5%	1.9%	1.3%	0.5%	1.4%
Route 202 West - Holyoke	1.6%	0.8%	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Route 202/16 - Holyoke	3.5%	3.6%	1.6%	3.6%	2.8%
I-91 North*	22.0%	12.0%	6.0%	6.1%	14.3%
I-91 South	30.0%	2.0%	13.0%	0.0%	19.6%
I-291 Northeast	15.3%	7.3%	5.3%	1.1%	10.1%
City of Springfield	10.5%	41.9%	37.7%	64.7%	26.0%
Total*	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

*Note that all routes through Holyoke will also use I-91 North. Therefore, the percentages shown for I-91 North also include traffic from Holyoke.