



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:

Tuesday | June 17, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.

VIA REMOTE ACCESS: 1-646-741-5292

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PUBLIC MEETING - #556

1. Call to Order – Jordan Maynard, Chair

2. Meeting Minutes

- a. August 21, 2023
- b. December 7, 2023
- c. February 7, 2024
- d. May 5, 2025

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3. Legislative Update – Commissioner Brad Hill

4. Administrative Update – Dean Serpa, Executive Director

- a. Update on General Counsel Position



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5. Racing Division – Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing
 - a. Plainridge Park Casino Request for Promotional Fund Consideration (handicapping contests) – Chad Bourque, Financial Analyst; Steve O’Toole, Director of Racing, Plainridge Park Casino **VOTE**
6. Legal – Justin Stempeck, Interim General Counsel
 - a. 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing – Discussion and Review of Regulations and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for approval to send to the Clerk of Senate, and Final Review and Adoption – Melanie Foxx, Associate General Counsel, Justin Stempeck, Deputy General Counsel, Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing **VOTE**
7. Finance – Derek Lennon, Chief Financial and Accounting Officer
 - a. FY26 Budget Review – John Scully, Finance and Budget Office Manager; Doug O’Donnell, Revenue Manager
8. Investigations and Enforcement Bureau – Caitlin Monahan, Director of Investigations and Enforcement Bureau
 - a. Briefing on noncompliance matter related to Temporary Category 3 Sports Wagering Licensee BetMGM, LLC and discussion regarding next steps. Alleged noncompliance relates to offering wagering on a prohibited athlete in violation of 205 CMR 247.04(8), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog. – Diandra Franks, Enforcement Counsel
 - b. Briefing on noncompliance matter related to Category 1 Sports Wagering Operator Blue Tarp redevelopment, LLC d/b/a MGM Springfield and discussion regarding next steps. Alleged noncompliance relates to offering wagering on a non-tournament college game in violation of G.L. c. 23N, § 3, 205 CMR 247.01(2)(a)(2), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog.” – Diandra Franks, Enforcement Counsel
9. Research and Responsible Gaming – Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming
 - a. FY26 Research Agenda **VOTE**
10. Community Affairs Division – Joe Delaney, Division Chief of Community Affairs
 - a. FY 2026 Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application Review
 - I. Regional Agency Grant Applications
 - Regional Public Safety Grant Applications
 - A. Attorney General’s Office **VOTE**
 - B. Hampden County District Attorney **VOTE**
 - C. Hampden County Sheriff’s Department **VOTE**



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- D. Suffolk County District Attorney **VOTE**
- II. Municipal Block Grant Applications
 - Region B Communities
 - A. Holyoke **VOTE**
 - B. Longmeadow **VOTE**
 - C. Springfield **VOTE**
 - Region A Communities
 - A. Cambridge **VOTE**
 - B. Chelsea **VOTE**
 - C. Everett **VOTE**
 - D. Lynn **VOTE**
 - E. Malden **VOTE**
 - F. Medford **VOTE**
 - G. Melrose **VOTE**
 - H. Revere **VOTE**
 - I. Somerville **VOTE**
- b. Modifications to FY 2025 CMF Grants
 - I. Revere **VOTE**
 - II. Springfield Technical Community College **VOTE**

11. Sports Wagering Division – Carrie Torrisi, Division Chief, Sports Wagering
- a. House Rules Update – FanDuel **VOTE**
 - b. Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson Overview and Considerations for Combat Sport Policy **VOTE**
 - c. Penn Sports Interactive request to use an alternate method of KYC identity authentication at the time of sports wagering account establishment pursuant to 205 CMR 248.04(4) – Carrie Torrisi, Chief of Sports Wagering Division; Nathan Saylor, Technical Compliance Coordinator; Cristian Taveras, Gaming Technical Compliance Manager; Kevin Gauvreau, Acting Director of IT Services **VOTE**
 - I. Executive Session **VOTE**

The Commission anticipates that it will convene in an Executive Session in conjunction with its review of Penn Sport Interactive’s methods of KYC in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(n) to review certain materials in connection with the sports wagering operator’s processes and parameters during account creation related to customer verification and authentication, as these matters relate to cyber security within the Commonwealth, and the public discussion or disclosure of which is likely to jeopardize public safety or cyber security.



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12. The Commission anticipates that it will meet in an executive session to review minutes from previous executive sessions as their discussion at an open meeting may frustrate the intended purpose for which the executive session was convened, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3): **February 24, 2025 at 11:52 A.M. and March 11, 2025 at 10:21 A.M.**; and G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and c. 4, § 7(26)(n): **March 11, 2025 at 11:41 A.M. and 11:56 A.M..**

a. February 24, 2025

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b. March 11, 2025 10:21AM

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c. March 11, 2025 at 11:41AM

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d. March 11 2025 at 11:56AM

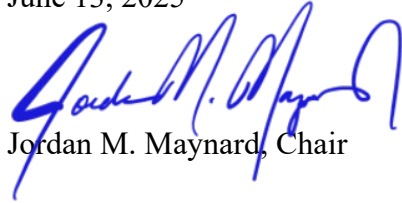
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13. Commissioner Updates

14. Other Business - Reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

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June 13, 2025



Jordan M. Maynard, Chair

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 817 2384

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 Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Jordan Maynard

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

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 473rd Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Legal Framework relative to the award of a sports wagering license](#) (00:59)

Todd Grossman, Interim Executive Director & General Counsel, explained that at the prior meeting regarding this matter, the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau ("IEB") had submitted supplemental materials regarding the category two sports wagering application submitted by Massasoit Greyhound Association, Inc. d/b/a Raynham Park ("MGA"). He stated that MGA had requested time to review the supplemental materials.

Loretta Lillios, Director of the IEB, explained that due to information included in MGA's Business Entity Disclosure form ("BED"), the IEB removed a document that was publicly filed

with the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office. She stated that the 2020 filing listed Christopher Carney as a Vice President of MGA.

a. [General Update from Massasoit Greyhound Association, Inc.](#) (06:38)

Attorney Jed Nosal, Outside Counsel representing MGA, stated that the 2020 statement of change represented a proposed management structure that was never implemented. He stated that the statement of change filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth was superseded by MGA's 2020 annual report. He noted that while Christopher Carney was listed as an officer of MGA on the 2020 filing, Mr. Carney did not get paid in that position or carry out duties in that position. Attorney Nosal stated that MGA would update its BED. He explained that MGA only gathered annual reports and inadvertently overlooked the 2020 statement of change.

Commissioner O'Brien sought clarification regarding handwritten notes on the document outlining former officers. Attorney Nosal stated that the handwritten notes outlined how the documents would be updated, and that MGA would provide the Commission with the updated forms.

Attorney Nosal explained that Christopher Carney was identified as a qualifier by the IEB's scoping survey. He stated that MGA updated a proposed organizational chart on March 7, 2023 to list Christopher Carney as a proposed Chief Operating Officer ("COO") because he had already been designated as a qualifier.

Attorney Nosal stated that other incidents cited in the IEB's supplemental materials regarding Patriot Recycling and Earthsource, Inc. were outside of MGA's control as MGA did not own those companies. He noted that Earthsource was owned by former MGA staff member Robert Kelly and that Patriot Recycling was owned by Christopher Carney. He stated that actions against these companies were not related to MGA's application.

Attorney Nosal explained that MGA made the decision to request to remove Christopher Carney and the Christopher J. Carney Subchapter S Trust ("the trust") as qualifiers. He explained that MGA had removed Christopher Carney from any proposed management role, divested the trust, and eliminated all loans between MGA and Mr. Carney. He stated that Christopher Carney had no control of MGA going forward.

Attorney Nosal stated that Christopher Carney was not listed on George Carney's Multi-Jurisdictional Personal History Disclosure form ("MJPHD") because he was not an officer at the time the application was submitted. Attorney Nosal stated that MGA did not interpret Christopher Carney's vendor work and beneficial interest in the trust to be responsive on that form. He stated that Robert Kelly and Maura Carney should also be listed as they work for the Taunton Dog Track.

Attorney Nosal reiterated that Christopher Carney's proposed position was eliminated, that there were no longer any loans between Mr. Carney and MGA, and that MGA would not enter agreements to make Christopher Carney an affiliate without first receiving the Commission's approval. He stated that MGA had a new governance committee with an independent member and an independent audit committee.

Attorney Nosal stated MGA would meet the Commission's requirements for preliminary suitability should Christopher Carney and the trust be removed as qualifiers. Commissioner O'Brien asked who the new COO would be. Attorney Nosal stated that the COO position was eliminated, which was reflected in an updated organizational chart provided to the IEB.

Commissioner Skinner inquired about the relationship between MGA and the Taunton Dog Track. Attorney Michael Morizio, counsel representing Christopher Carney and the trust, explained that MGA shared its simulcast business with the Taunton Dog Track. He noted that both entities were under the control of George Carney as CEO and president.

Commissioner Skinner noted that George Carney was listed as the president, secretary, and treasurer for MGA, and asked if MGA had plans to change the board. Attorney Nosal stated that the Commission would be notified of any changes.

Commissioner Skinner inquired about the reporting structure for the governance committee and audit committee. Attorney Nosal stated that the reporting structure was included as part of MGA's internal controls. Commissioner Skinner asked whether there were assurances that Christopher Carney would not be involved with these committees. Attorney Nosal stated that the Commission's regulations were prescriptive regarding the how the committees functioned, and that MGA did not have a lot of discretion. He stated that MGA was developing processes to provide the Commission with documents regarding internal controls and the audit process.

Commissioner Hill expressed concerns about the financial stability of MGA now that its operating partner had withdrawn. Attorney Nosal stated that the financial information would be appropriate to discuss in executive session. He noted that MGA was only requesting a conditional finding that MGA be found preliminarily suitable. He stated that an operating agreement with a third party was a necessity. Commissioner Hill stated that he wanted to ensure that MGA was financially stable following the withdrawal of Christopher Carney and the trust as qualifiers. Attorney Nosal stated that the withdrawal of the qualifiers did not affect MGA's business plan.

Commissioner Maynard stated that under the Commission's authority, Christopher Carney would not be permitted to be involved with gaming related business. Commissioner Maynard asked how broadly MGA would define "gaming related business." Attorney Nosal stated that Christopher Carney would not be involved in any activity that MGA would have to seek Commission approval to engage in.

Commissioner Skinner asked if the new disclosure on George Carney's MJPHD regarding Bob Kelly and Maura Carney would affect suitability. Director Lillios stated that the omission of two family members may be helpful in evaluating the fulsomeness of MGA's disclosures and was relevant to the evaluation of MGA's overall business practices.

General Counsel Grossman stated that the financial projections relevant to the operator's financial status and the status of the loans between Christopher Carney and MGA were both appropriate for executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 23N, § 6(i) and G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c).

Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission anticipated that it would meet in executive session in conjunction with its review of the application in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 23N, § 6(i) to consider information submitted by the applicant in the course of its application for an operator license that is a trade secret, competitively-sensitive or proprietary and which if disclosed publicly would place the applicant at a competitive disadvantage and/or G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c) (the privacy exemption) to consider information submitted in the application materials related to named individuals, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission go into executive session on the matter and for the reasons just specified by the Chair. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission expected to return to the public meeting session once the executive session concluded.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission entered executive session at [1:21:30](#) and returned to the public meeting at [2:27:05](#).

5. [Discussion and Decision regarding requests to withdraw and preliminary suitability](#) (2:30:06)

a. [Request for Withdrawal of Individual Qualifier and Entity Qualifier](#) (2:30:06)

Commissioner O'Brien expressed that it was her opinion that the decisions regarding the two motions to withdraw were separate from the decision on the preliminary suitability of MGA.

General Counsel Grossman explained that withdrawal of qualifiers was governed by 205 CMR 213. He stated that for a qualifier to withdraw, they would have to show good cause. Deputy General Counsel Caitlin Monahan explained that G.L. c. 23N, § 5(b) and 205 CMR 215.02(1)(a)(4) outlined the factors that determine mandatory qualifiers.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that she did not see anything in the IEB's report that would raise concerns regarding Mr. Carney's ability to influence MGA. Commissioner O'Brien stated that she disagreed.

Attorney Morizio stated that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court had issued decisions that the only persons in control of a corporation are its directors, officers, and shareholders. He stated that Christopher Carney had been removed from all positions of control with MGA.

Commissioner O'Brien noted that Christopher Carney represented himself as being integrally involved with MGA, represented MGA at hearings, and was knowledgeable about activity at the MGA facility. She stated that these representations were made on multiple occasions, including in a March 17, 2022 public hearing; on a November 2, 2022 podcast appearance; and in statements made to the IEB on May 23, 2023. She stated that Mr. Carney was removed in the four corners of the paperwork, but that the Commission had to consider the reality of the available information. She stated that there was no good cause for Mr. Carney to withdraw as a qualifier for MGA.

Attorney Morizio stated that while he appreciated Commissioner O'Brien's concerns, Christopher Carney was only involved with construction work at MGA's site. He stated that as a matter of law, Christopher Carney was not an owner or controller of MGA. Commissioner O'Brien noted that 205 CMR 215.02(1)(a)(4) was not about control, but the ability to exercise influence on significant decisions. She noted that Christopher Carney made representations that he negotiated with Bet365 for an operating agreement on MGA's behalf. Attorney Morizio stated that MGA took subsequent measures to remove Christopher Carney as a qualifier since then.

Commissioner Skinner expressed that she shared Commissioner O'Brien's opinion. She stated that while Christopher Carney might not have legal authority at MGA, he had apparent authority. She stated that the Commission needed more details about MGA's structure moving forward, including who has been appointed to handle negotiations now that Mr. Carney was removed. She stated that she believed that Mr. Carney was a mandatory qualifier, and that she would rely on the IEB's determination.

Commissioner Maynard stated that the IEB was correct in its determination, but that he had to consider the willingness between MGA and Christopher Carney to sever the relationship. He stated that he no longer believed Mr. Carney was a mandatory qualifier. Commissioner Hill agreed and recommended that conditions be placed on the withdrawal of these qualifiers.

The Commission had a robust discussion regarding whether Christopher Carney had the power to exercise significant influence over decisions concerning the applicant's operations, as outlined in 205 CMR 215.02(1)(a)(4). Chair Judd-Stein, Commissioner Maynard, and Commissioner Hill formed a consensus that Christopher Carney was not a mandatory qualifier. Commissioner O'Brien and Commissioner Skinner expressed their opinion that Christopher Carney should be a mandatory qualifier.

Deputy General Counsel Monahan explained that discretionary qualifiers were governed by 205 CMR 215.02(2). Commissioner O'Brien stated that to the extent that Christopher Carney was not a mandatory qualifier, he should be considered a discretionary qualifier under 205 CMR 215.02(2). Director Lillios stated that a factor of consideration for discretionary qualifiers was whether financial entanglements rose to a business interest. She noted that Mr. Carney had construction contracts with MGA and other residual interests through estate planning.

Commissioner Maynard expressed concern that having an officer of MGA as a trustee for the trust could create potential financial entanglements. Attorney Morizio stated that a single trustee could not take action without the approval of the independent trustee. Commissioner Maynard stated that he would want trustees with no relationship to MGA. Commissioner O'Brien expressed that she shared Commissioner Maynard's concerns.

Attorney Nosal and Attorney Morizio stated that MGA would agree to a condition that its officers not serve in a trustee capacity, and that a new trustee could be appointed.

Commissioner Hill stated that there was currently a business relationship between MGA and the trust. Attorney Nosal stated that the trustee could resign now, or that it could be a condition on the withdrawal of the trust as a qualifier.

Commissioner Skinner reiterated her belief that Christopher Carney was a mandatory qualifier of MGA. She stated that she would not backdoor him in as a discretionary qualifier. Chair Judd-Stein noted that there was not a consensus to deem Mr. Carney a business associate of MGA.

Commissioner Maynard requested that the Commission enter executive session to discuss Christopher Carney's business associations relative to MGA. Director Lillios stated that the IEB's financial investigators would be available to discuss the Taunton Dog Track and holdings that would lead to a significant land sale.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission anticipated that it would meet in executive session in conjunction with its review of the application in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 23N, § 6(i) to consider information submitted by the applicant in the course of its application for an operator license that is a trade secret, competitively-sensitive or proprietary and which if disclosed publicly would place the applicant at a competitive disadvantage and/or G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c) (the privacy exemption) to consider information submitted in the

application materials related to named individuals, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission go into executive session for the reasons delineated by the Chair, and for the matters clarified by Director Lillios. Commissioner Maynard seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission expected to return to the public meeting session once the executive session concluded.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission entered executive session at [4:31:39](#) and returned to the public meeting at [5:16:36](#).

Deputy General Counsel Monahan explained the withdrawal process pursuant to 205 CMR 213. Commissioner Hill stated that he could support the withdrawal of Christopher Carney as a qualifier, but he wanted to impose three conditions on the withdrawal. He explained that the first condition was that Mr. Carney could not influence operations and must limit communications with MGA staff and family members involved in MGA. He stated that the second condition would be that Mr. Carney could not be an officer or director of MGA in the future. He stated that the third condition was that Mr. Carney could not hold financial ties with MGA, such as loans or a trust interest. Commissioner Maynard proposed an additional condition that Mr. Carney does not represent himself to be a decisionmaker or controller of MGA.

Chair Judd-Stein noted that the Commission could not impose conditions on an individual who is no longer a qualifier. Commissioner Skinner questioned why conditions could not be placed on Mr. Carney when granting his request for withdrawal. Commissioner O'Brien asked if Mr. Carney's status as a qualifier could be reinstated should the conditions on withdrawal not be met. General Counsel Grossman noted that once withdrawn, Mr. Carney was not under the purview of the Commission. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he would fall under the Commission's authority should his status as a qualifier be reinstated.

Commissioner Skinner stated that she wanted Christopher Carney to be bound by the proposed conditions, not just the applicant. General Counsel Grossman stated that if any of the conditions were broken, MGA's license would be placed in jeopardy. Commissioner O'Brien stated her interpretation that any order granting withdrawal was conditional, and if the terms are violated,

the order would revert, making Mr. Carney a qualifier again. Commissioner Skinner stated that she shared Commissioner O'Brien's interpretation.

Attorney Nosal stated that the responsibility to adhere to conditions lies with MGA's license, and that MGA was open to how the Commission wanted to proceed. Attorney Morizio stated that Christopher Carney would agree to whatever it takes to assure the Commission that he is not involved with MGA. Director Lillios stated that the IEB would want to be clear on how these conditions are monitored. Commissioner O'Brien stated that the decisionmakers at MGA would be obligated to report communications with Christopher Carney to the Commission.

Attorney Morizio asked if Christopher Carney's company would be permitted to snow plow the MGA property. Chair Judd-Stein noted that Mr. Carney was a vendor, and that she wanted to discern contractual obligations from informal arrangements. Commissioner Hill stated that he envisioned that there would be no contact between the companies. General Counsel Grossman stated that this arrangement would bring Mr. Carney closer to being a business associate with MGA. Commissioner Skinner agreed that there should be no contact. Commissioner O'Brien stated that there should be language included in the conditions to ensure that Christopher Carney was not a vendor for MGA through another company.

Commissioner Maynard moved pursuant to 205 CMR 213 that Christopher J. Carney's Motion to Withdraw Application as Qualifier be granted subject to the conditions discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Nay.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed, 4-1.

The Commission reached a consensus that the trust was not a mandatory qualifier for MGA based upon the factors set forth in G.L. c. 23N, § 5(b). Commissioner O'Brien noted that she still had questions regarding inconsistencies in MGA's presentation and stated that she did not believe there was good cause to remove the trust as a qualifier.

Chair Judd-Stein asked what the standard for good cause was. Deputy General Counsel Monahan stated that in lieu of an explicit standard, the substantial evidence standard would be used. Commissioner O'Brien stated that she had questions regarding financial interplay regarding the discharge of loans and questions regarding the financing of MGA. She reiterated that she did not believe there was good cause for the withdrawal.

Attorney Morizio stated that the trust would agree to the condition that no trustee is an employee of MGA. Commissioner Skinner asked if Christopher Carney's family members should also be

included in the condition. Attorney Morizio expressed concern that the additional condition would be too broad. Attorney Morizio proposed that MGA could identify all family members who had been MGA employees within the past ten years. Commissioner Skinner stated that the list of identified individuals should include all family members with a financial interest in MGA.

Commissioner Maynard moved pursuant to 205 CMR 213 that the Christopher J. Carney Subchapter S Trust's Motion to Withdraw Application as Qualifier be granted subject to the conditions discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Nay.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed, 4-1.

b. [Discussion of Preliminary Suitability](#) (6:11:02)

Commissioner Skinner stated that she would not grant preliminary suitability at this meeting without MGA identifying an operating partner. Commissioner O'Brien expressed similar concerns regarding the procedural posture of addressing preliminary suitability with no operator in place. She stated that the withdrawal of MGA's operating partner created a material change in the application and requested that MGA return to the Commission when an operating partner is identified. Commissioner Hill agreed that the Commission could not move forward on MGA's application without an operator. Commissioner Maynard stated that absent an operating partner, it was difficult to determine suitability.

Chair Judd-Stein suggested hearing more from MGA before making a determination. Attorney Nosal stated that it was a huge challenge to find a partner without a finding of suitability. He stated that MGA had a potential partner who would not move forward without MGA first having a determination of preliminary suitability.

Commissioner Skinner inquired about how the suitability determinations in 205 CMR 215 and 205 CMR 218 could be bifurcated. Deputy General Counsel Monahan explained that the Commission makes a determination regarding preliminary suitability under 205 CMR 215 which is then included as a factor under 205 CMR 218 in the Commission's decision on whether to approve the application and award a license. She stated that suitability required a holistic review of all qualifiers, and that once the new operator was identified, a second round of suitability determinations would have to occur.

Attorney Nosal stated that the Commission could attach a condition to a finding of preliminary suitability that MGA find an operator and return to the Commission. Deputy General Counsel Monahan reiterated that preliminary suitability took qualifiers into account, and that an operator

could be relevant to multiple suitability factors. Commissioner O'Brien stated that the application had to be complete to go forward, and that it was not complete absent an operating partner. Commissioner Hill agreed.

The Commission reached a consensus that preliminary suitability could not be determined without first identifying MGA's operating partner. Chair Judd-Stein expressed disappointment that the Commission would not further discuss the possibility of a preliminary suitability finding. General Counsel Grossman stated that the Commission's staff would communicate with the applicant and report back. Attorney Nosal stated that MGA was happy to work with Commission staff to resolve this issue.

7. [Other Business](#) (6:48:20)

Hearing no other business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skinner.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Nay.

The motion passed, 4-1.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated August 17, 2023](#)



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

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Commissioners Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Jordan Maynard

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

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 491st Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Sports Wagering Division](#) (00:36)

Sports Wagering Business Manager Crystal Beauchemin explained that four sports wagering operators would present their quarterly reports.

a. [Sports Wagering Q3 Reports](#) (01:01)

i. [BetMGM](#) (01:11)

BetMGM's Director of Licensing, Josh Wyseman; BetMGM's Senior Director of Compliance, Sarah Brennan; BetMGM's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ("DEI"), Anna Eleazar; and BetMGM's Director of Responsible Gaming, Richard Taylor, presented BetMGM's Q3 report with topics including revenue, workforce diversity, vendor diversity, compliance, responsible gaming, collaboration with the Massachusetts Lottery, and community outreach. *BetMGM's Q3 presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 3 through 23.*

Commissioner Hill expressed concerns that underage use of the sports wagering platform could be higher than what was reported. He asked if BetMGM was able to confirm who was using an account based upon IP address or other means. Mr. Taylor expressed reluctance to detail how underage use was monitored in a public setting. Commissioner Hill requested that an executive session regarding this issue be scheduled in a future meeting. Commissioner O'Brien requested that the sports wagering operators describe the data as "identified underage use" instead of "underage use", as it was not an absolute that there were zero underage access.

Commissioner Hill stated that the Commission recently learned about technology that could block gaming and betting advertisements on a device. He asked if BetMGM considered using such technologies. Mr. Taylor asked what company provided this service. Commissioner O'Brien noted that Ohio had recently launched the use of Gamban. Commissioner Maynard stated that the Commission needed to have a larger conversation regarding Gamban, but that he appreciated the idea of operators offering it.

Chair Judd-Stein requested photos from BetMGM's collaboration promoting GameSense at nine NFL stadiums. Mr. Taylor stated that photos would be provided.

Chair Judd-Stein commended BetMGM's trajectory with regards to women and minority hires. Ms. Eleazar stated that BetMGM is a people first organization with long-term growth goals. Commissioner Maynard commended BetMGM's internship and pride programs.

ii. [Betr](#) (37:50)

Betr's Compliance Lead, Robert Warren; Betr's Head of Legal, Ashwin Krishnan; and Betr's Head of People, Lisa Lacascia, presented Betr's Q3 report with topics including revenue, employee diversity, vendor diversity, compliance, responsible gaming, collaboration with the Massachusetts Lottery, and community impact. *Betr's Q3 presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 24 through 43.*

Chair Judd-Stein asked what services and products did Betr source from Massachusetts. Mr. Warren stated that he would follow up with the Commission regarding Betr's Massachusetts vendors.

Chair Judd-Stein noted that Betr had certain responsible gaming features activated by default and asked if that default could be removed. Mr. Warren stated that limits could be removed after they

were in place for 30 days. Commissioner O'Brien noted that the sports wagering regulations only required a 24-hour window before limits could be removed, and that she was interested in seeing how a longer period between a request to remove limits and removing limits could impact responsible gaming. Ms. Beauchemin stated that Commission staff were pulling data from all operators to create cumulative reports.

iii. [Fanatics](#) (54:19)

Fanatics' Senior Regulatory Counsel, Michael Levine; Fanatics' Director of Human Resources, Stephanie Althouse; and Fanatics' Head of Responsible Gaming, Anthony D'Angelo, presented Fanatics' Q3 report with topics including revenue, employee diversity, vendor diversity, compliance, responsible gaming, collaboration with the Massachusetts Lottery, and community outreach. *Fanatics' Q3 presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 44 through 56.*

Commissioner Maynard expressed appreciation that Fanatics used the term "underage users found" rather than "underage users". He stated that the Commission would appreciate a broader conversation about potential underage access to sports wagering platforms. Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission could have a roundtable to discuss underage access. Mr. D'Angelo stated that Fanatics would be happy to participate in a roundtable discussion.

iv. [FanDuel](#) (1:16:30)

FanDuel's Vice President of Regulatory, Richard Cooper; FanDuel's Senior DEI Director, Keita Young; and FanDuel's Senior Director of Responsible Gaming Strategy, Jill Watkins, presented FanDuel's Q3 report with topics including revenue, employee diversity, vendor diversity, compliance, responsible gaming, collaboration with the Massachusetts Lottery, and community outreach. *FanDuel's Q3 presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 57 through 69.*

Commissioner Hill stated that he looked forward to the executive session discussion regarding the prevention of underage players from using sports wagering platforms. Chair Judd-Stein stated that she was interested in FanDuel's financial literacy program with Operation Hope.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that the quarterly reports were insightful regarding the use of responsible gaming features. She asked if there was an efficient way for that information to be provided to the Research and Responsible Gaming Division. Ms. Beauchemin stated that the Research and Responsible Gaming Division received monthly reports.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that there was an opportunity for the Commission to host a roundtable discussion on responsible gaming features and to generate ideas to destigmatize the use of responsible gaming tools. Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden stated that it would be beneficial to see what is and is not working regarding responsible gaming.

Commissioner Hill inquired as to whether the Commission could receive quarterly reports each quarter but have the reports presented in a public meeting every six months. General Counsel Todd Grossman stated that the operators were required to provide quarterly reports but that there was no requirement that quarterly reports be presented publicly.

Commissioner Maynard stated that the presentations were an opportunity to engage with licensees and took less than sixteen hours a year. Commissioner Skinner agreed with Commissioner Maynard to continue the cadence of quarterly reports as is. Commissioner O'Brien stated that casinos presented to the Commission quarterly, and that she would want sports wagering operator reporting and casino reporting to be consistent.

3. [Interim IEB Director Position Update](#) (1:55:42)

Chief People & Diversity Officer David Muldrew explained that Interim Director of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau ("IEB") Heather Hall would be leaving the Commission on December 7, 2023. He stated that the IEB Director Screening Committee had begun to identify candidates for preliminary interviews but did not anticipate having a final candidate for Commission review before Attorney Hall left the Commission. He noted that Attorney Hall was also the Commission's Chief Enforcement Counsel. He inquired about how the Interim Director of the IEB position should be filled until the permanent IEB Director was hired.

Outside Counsel for the Commission from Anderson & Kreiger, Mina Makarious, explained that one option to fill the Interim IEB Director position was to have the Human Resources ("HR") Division enter discussions with the IEB to determine if there was any interest in the position at which time HR could return to the Commission with viable candidates. He stated that if there was only one viable candidate, an appointment could be made by the HR director. He noted that the Chair had statutory oversight over the IEB Director position, and that Chair Judd-Stein could work with Chief Muldrew on the appointment.

Commissioner O'Brien asked how long it would take to hire the IEB Director. Attorney Makarious stated that candidates had been identified for interviews, but applications were still being accepted. Commissioner O'Brien asked when the job listing would close. Commissioner Skinner stated that the posting would close on December 20, 2023, and that interviews would begin in the first week of January 2024.

Commissioner O'Brien asked if Interim Director Hall had a succession plan that would identify who she recommended for the role. Chair Judd-Stein stated that Chief Muldrew could use his experience to investigate potential selections within the IEB and return to the Commission with a recommendation. Commissioner O'Brien suggested that once Chief Muldrew returned with a selection, the Commission could then ratify his choice. The Commission reached consensus that Chief Muldrew would select an individual to recommend for the Interim IEB Director position and return to the Commission for ratification.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that the salary expectation for the Interim IEB Director role would be the same salary Attorney Hall was receiving as Interim IEB Director. Chair Judd-Stein stated that to the extent she had authority under the statute as Chair, she did not plan to exercise it unilaterally without the input of her fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission authorize Chief Muldrew to make a decision and recommendation to the full Commission regarding the selection of the Acting Director of the IEB and to report back to the Commission for ratification of that selection on or before December 14, 2023 with the understanding that the acting position would be held up through and until the placement of the permanent Director of the IEB is hired and starts. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chief Muldrew asked if he could have until December 15, 2023 to make a selection. Chair Judd-Stein stated that there was a public meeting on December 14, 2023, and that the discussion would have to be included on the agenda.

Regarding the Chief Enforcement Counsel position, Attorney Makarious stated that when the Chief Enforcement Counsel was unavailable, the Senior Enforcement Counsel steps into that role. He stated that Senior Enforcement Counsel Kathleen Kramer was willing to step into the Interim Chief Enforcement Counsel role. Chief Muldrew stated that he would write a letter to that effect and determine the salary for the Interim Chief Enforcement Counsel position.

Commissioner Skinner asked if the Interim Chief Enforcement Counsel would serve in that position until the IEB Director was hired. Chief Muldrew stated that was correct. Commissioner O'Brien noted that the Chief Enforcement Counsel position was also vacant, and that Attorney Kramer would be the Acting Chief Enforcement Counsel until that position was filled. Commissioner Skinner inquired about the difference between acting and interim titles. Attorney Makarious stated that an individual in an interim role fills in and takes on all of the duties of a position whereas an individual in an acting role performs the duties of that role when it is not determined whether another person will take that position. He stated that this situation was a mix of the two titles. Chief Muldrew asked if there was a difference in compensation between acting and interim positions. Attorney Makarious stated that it was not a legal question he could answer.

4. [Other Business](#) (2:39:38)

Hearing no other business, Chair Judd-Stein requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Revised Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated December 5, 2023](#)
2. [Commissioner's Packet from December 7, 2023 meeting \(posted on massgaming.com\)](#)



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 7, 2024, 11:30 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 626 3366

The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. The 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 Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Jordan Maynard

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:09)

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 499th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Sports Wagering Division](#) (00:48)

a. [General Market Request for Clarification regarding Super Bowl Prop Wagers](#) (01:23)

Operations Manager Andrew Steffen brought forward a request for clarification regarding Super Bowl Prop Wagers which was previously discussed during the meeting on February 1, 2024. Deputy General Counsel Carrie Torrisi stated that a request for clarification was received from FanDuel as to whether the bet types outlined in the Commission's memo, *found on page 3 of the Commissioners' Packet*, were authorized under the Commission's existing event catalog. She noted that bets are related to the NFL event, which is authorized, but are not direct wagers on the game itself. She stated that the question for the Commission was whether these wagers are prop bets and therefore, are already authorized pursuant to the event catalog, or whether they are not

prop bets and require separate authorization by the Commission through the petition process outlined by regulation.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that she did not think the bets outlined in the Commission's memo are already authorized as they go far afield of the game itself. Considering the possibility of a coin toss wager, she stated that it was not connected closely enough to the sporting event that it would be automatically approved.

Commissioner Hill stated that he was leaning towards permitting just a coin toss wager and limiting it to the Super Bowl. Rather than limiting the wager to a specific event, Deputy General Counsel Torrisi clarified that there were two avenues available to the Commission with regard to allowing a coin toss wager. One avenue would be to clarify that it was already authorized under the existing catalog as the wager is already considered part of the event which is authorized. The second avenue would be to indicate that such a wager is not already authorized and that it would need to come before the Commission for review of a petition to add the wager to the catalog which would allow for review based on the criteria outlined in the regulation.

Commissioner Maynard noted that Commissioner Hill was raising the possible addition of these wagers sua sponte. Commissioner Skinner stated that she was leaning towards not authorizing these wagers as there is no petition for review before the Commission. She stated that she is satisfied that the Commission has the authority to approve this kind of event as a new or other event but that she is not willing to support Commissioner Hill's sua sponte request.

Commissioner Maynard stated that he does believe that any commissioner can sua sponte add an event to the catalog and, with that in mind, would approve the coin toss related wagers listed in the Commission's memo in connection with the Super Bowl. Commissioner O'Brien commented that if we accept the premise that a commissioner can propose new events for the catalog, there should still be a process for such a proposal so that the criteria necessary for a decision can be reviewed which ensures the integrity of these events.

Chair Judd-Stein asked whether it was possible to continue this discussion during the next day's scheduled meeting to allow the operator requesting this clarification to bring a petition forward. General Counsel Grossman stated that if brought forward tomorrow, it would need to be on an emergency basis and that the Commission would need to determine whether it would fit the definition of an emergency meeting.

Chair Judd-Stein agreed with Commissioners O'Brien and Skinner that there is a process in place for operator petitions but stated that it did not mean that the Commissioners were not able to bring forward new events for the catalog.

Operations Manager Steffen informed the Commission that the operator requesting the clarification did state that they would not be submitting a petition and would revisit the possibility prior to next year's Super Bowl.

Commissioner Skinner requested clarification on the notion of a commissioner sua sponte requesting that an event be added to the catalog. She recalled that the Commission did previously

discuss allowing any person to submit a petition but ultimately limited the ability to any operator and would like to understand that in the context of allowing a single commissioner to request that events be added to the catalog. Chair Judd-Stein confirmed Commissioner Skinner's recollection. Commissioner Hill specifically recalled that the Commission had previously discussed commissioners adding events to the catalog in connection with requests that he had made and noted that the Commission decided at that time that only operators would be able to do so. It was noted that there should be further discussion on the topic of commissioners adding events to the catalog.

Deputy General Counsel Torrisi clarified that the question before the Commission was a policy, not a legal, question as to where they want to draw the line on what is or is not considered part of the event or game.

Operations Manager Steffen provided additional information to the Commission regarding the jurisdictions where coin toss wagers are allowed. He indicated that about 22 states allow the wager while about 9 or 10 other states do not. Commissioner Hill noted that New Hampshire does allow coin toss wagers and that he has concerns that Massachusetts residents will go there to make these bets. Commissioner O'Brien acknowledged Commissioner Hill's financial concern but felt that to ignore the Commission's process or broadly define this wager as part of the NFL event would constitute bad law and be contrary to the interpretation that the wager is actually a new event.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission not confirm that the following prop bets are authorized for wagering under the Commission's existing event catalog: the coin toss result of the Super Bowl, the coin toss winner of the Super Bowl, team to receive opening kickoff of the Super Bowl, the coin toss winner wins game of the Super Bowl, the coin toss to be retaken at the Super Bowl, the coin toss call result at the Super Bowl, the Gatorade color over the coach at the end of the Super Bowl, and how long the National Anthem will be at the Super Bowl. Commissioner O'Brien offered a friendly amendment to substitute "not confirm" with "the following are not included," which was accepted by Commissioner Hill. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission amend the official catalog of events and wagers to include the following Super Bowl prop wagers as included in the Commissioners' packet and discussed here today: the coin toss result, the coin toss winner, and the coin toss winner wins game. Commissioner Maynard seconded the motion, noting that the risk to the public is relatively low by adding these wagers at this time to the catalog and further, that many patrons would appreciate this option and would be kept wagering within the jurisdiction. Chair Judd-

Stein and Commissioners O'Brien and Skinner expressed their desire that the Commission should uphold the process currently in place and follow the rules outlined in the Commission's regulation to add events to the catalog.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: *Nay.*

Commissioner Hill: *Aye.*

Commissioner Skinner: *Nay.*

Commissioner Maynard: *Aye.*

Chair Judd-Stein: *Nay.*

The motion failed to pass, 2-3.

Chair Judd-Stein noted that this topic should be revisited in the future.

b. [Sports Wagering Online Operators' Reports regarding Strategies and Tactics Utilized to Further Guard Against KYC Breaches and Proxy Wagering](#) (56:07)

Chair Judd-Stein introduced the next topic for discussion regarding strategies and tactics utilized by the operators to guard against KYC breaches at account creation and proxy wagering or account takeover. She thanked the operators for providing information on their successful strategies to handle suspicious behavior and for offering to discuss their tactics in an executive session.

Business Manager Crystal Beauchemin added that the operators will discuss their prevention and mitigation procedures, relevant themes like degrees of confidence and certainty, establishing risk categories, and leveraging tools like GeoComply and their own proprietary models.

A. Executive Session

Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission anticipated that it would meet in Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(n) to review certain materials in connection with the sports wagering operators' processes and parameters to prevent account creation by underage individuals and to detect account takeovers or proxy wagering as these matters relate to cyber security in the Commonwealth, and the public disclosure of which is likely to jeopardize public safety or cyber security.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to 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 Maynard: *Aye.*

Chair Judd-Stein: *Aye.*

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Judd-Stein noted that the Commission would not be returning to the public meeting.

Transcriber's note: The Commission entered Executive Session and did not reconvene the public meeting of the Commission.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Amended Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) dated February 5, 2024
2. [Commissioner's Packet](#) from the February 7, 2024 meeting (posted on massgaming.com)



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 496 5419

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
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:01)

Chair Maynard called to order the 553rd Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Meeting Minutes](#) (00:55)

- a. January 13, 2023
- b. September 18, 2024
- c. April 3, 2025
- d. April 10, 2025

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2023 public meeting that are included in the Commissioners' packet, subject to any necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Abstain.
Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed, 4-0, with 1 abstention.

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024 public meeting that are included in the Commissioners' packet, subject to any necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Abstain.
Chair Maynard: Abstain.
The motion passed, 3-0, with 2 abstentions.

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2025 and April 10, 2025 public meetings that are included in the Commissioners' packet, subject to any necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. 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, 5-0.

3. [Legislative Update](#) (03:11)

Commissioner Hill stated there were no legislative updates for today's meeting.

4. [Administrative Update](#) (3:23)

a. GEU-MGM Springfield Superintendent's Unit Citation

Executive Director Dean Serpa introduced the update that the Gaming Enforcement Unit (GEU) received a citation for the unit's exceptional contribution to the Massachusetts State Police (MSP). The citation highlights that members of the MSP assigned to the GEU support the unique public safety needs in and around the MGM Springfield casino and work in conjunction with the Springfield Police Department and the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) within the

Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Executive Director Serpa offered thanks on behalf of all Commission staff and congratulations to the entire GEU team for their commendation.

Chair Maynard stated this was a fantastic update and welcomed his fellow commissioners to weigh in. He expressed appreciation of the GEU and the work they do to keep everyone safe.

Commissioner Skinner congratulated the GEU, including not just the Springfield force but the entire unit. She stated that she is not surprised by the recognition and that she is appreciative of all the work they do, noting that they are putting themselves in harm's way right on the front lines every single day.

Commissioner O'Brien highlighted that the award is special because it represents peer recognition from the leadership of the state police, acknowledging the value of the GEU, particularly in Springfield. She mentioned the challenges involved, such as the urban environment, the casino, and the garage, as well as jurisdictional challenges regarding the criminal cases that arise. Having been a prosecutor, she believes the commendation likely resulted from consistent advocacy for the Springfield unit's work across the board. She offered her congratulations and thanks.

Commissioner Hill echoed the congratulations of the other commissioners and mentioned that every time he visits Springfield, the crew there is "topnotch" and that their recognition makes everyone very proud.

Lieutenant Mackey said that he appreciated the kind words from the Commission and the recognition. He stated that the troops work very hard in a challenging environment. He expressed appreciation for the "amazing support" received from the Commission and anticipates it continuing.

5. [Sports Wagering](#) (10:45)

- a. Updates to the Official Catalog of Events and Wagers to Clarify Russia/Belarusian Prohibition Language – Andrew Steffen, Compliance and Operations Manager; David Harrison, Compliance Officer

Carrie Torrisi, Chief of the Sports Wagering Division, introduced Andrew Steffen to present updates to the sports wagering event catalog related to Russia/Belarusian prohibition language. Andrew Steffen, Compliance & Operations Manager, began by stating that at the December 11, 2024 public meeting, the Sports Wagering Division was asked to look into strengthening the Russian and Belarusian prohibition language in section 11 of the event catalogue, specifically as it pertains to the mention, representation or promotion of those two prohibited countries. The original rule, in place since the launch of sports wagering in 2023, prohibits wagering on any event or league overseen by a Russian or Belarusian governing body or one headquartered in those countries. He said it also prohibits wagers on individuals or teams known to represent Russia or Belarus in authorized events. He explained the existing catalog had two examples of understanding. However, it was noted that these could be further clarified to provide more explanation and guidance for the operators.

Manager Steffan introduced Compliance Officer Dave Harrison to explain those two expanded examples of understanding and added that, unless otherwise specified, references to voiding wagers apply only to wagers that have not yet been settled (i.e., pre-event or pre-result). The expanded examples covered various scenarios, including individual fighters and club soccer teams, and detailed actions that would constitute promoting or representing the countries, such as actively displaying or wearing the Russian or Belarusian flag on gear while entering the ring or during post-fight interviews. He noted that the Sports Wagering Division continuously researches participants and communicates with operators on this topic.

Manager Steffen stated this is not a rule change but an effort to provide clarification and additional guidance to operators to ensure full compliance. He presented three options for the Commission to consider: maintain the current catalog, revise it with the proposed examples and clarifications, or draft additional examples based on feedback.

Chair Maynard thanked Manager Steffen and Compliance Officer Harrison for the presentation and welcomed commissioner feedback. He stated that he supported moving forward with clarifying the language, stating a preference for option number two.

Commissioner O'Brien questioned whether, due to the subjective nature of this type of review, there should be a default rule that individual Russian or Belarusian athletes are prohibited. She asked if there is a presumption that you cannot wager on these athletes unless it has been determined they do not represent or promote their respective countries. Manager Steffan stated that the current guidance is that wagers are allowed on athletes from either country prior to them representing or promoting those countries and that if it becomes known that they did represent or promote either country, wagers would be disallowed.

Chair Maynard noted that in a situation where an operator takes bets on someone and it is not known until they walk out in the event with one of the country's flags or makes a statement expressing support for one of the countries, it is difficult to have such a presumption.

Commissioner Skinner questioned the practicality of asking operators to prove a negative and inquired what information the Sports Wagering Division would want to see to prove that the athlete does not represent either Russia or Belarus. She stated all the examples presented, however, made sense in terms of providing additional clarification. Chief Torrisi responded that for teams, it is clear what country is represented and highlighted that the "sticky area" is typically with individual athletes in events like fighting where they may not be competing on behalf of the country and there is no evidence that they are known to represent that country, so wagering has been allowed unless there is evidence of promotion of a prohibited country.

Commissioner O'Brien asked why wagers aren't simply voided if promotion (like walking in with a flag) occurs *during* the event. Commissioner Skinner agreed with Commissioner O'Brien on the point about voiding wagers. Commissioner O'Brien questioned example number one in the Division's memo which seemed to state that wagers would remain valid if the promotion happened while walking into the ring. Commissioner Skinner expressed her agreement that if the promotion happens before settlement occurs, the wagers should be voided.

Commissioner Hill stated he was okay with the discussion and would go with option number two to revise the catalog with the clarification brought up by Commissioner O'Brien and Commissioner Skinner.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that it is “very challenging” to play in the “foreign policy space,” and that he appreciated the Division's work. He emphasized that it is about clarity and predictability, and he thinks the proposed changes help achieve that. He stated he was fine with option number two with the clarification.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission amend the Official Catalog of Events and Wagers to include the proposed examples and clarifications on Russian and Belarusian prohibitions as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and specifically discussed here today relative to the amendments requested in the examples. 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.

6. [Community Affairs](#) (29:48)

a. FY26 Community Mitigation Fund Discussion

Chief Joe Delaney of the Community Affairs Division acknowledged employee Lily Wallace who is leaving the Commission after three years of service on the Community Affairs team and thanked her for her work. Chair Maynard, Commissioner O’Brien, Commissioner Skinner, Commissioner Hill, and Commissioner Brodeur expressed their thanks, wished her the best and highlighted the things they enjoyed about working with her. Lily thanked the commissioners.

Chief Delaney then presented an update regarding the Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) and FY27. The discussion was based on the assumption that no additional funds would be allocated to the CMF in the state budget. He stated that after accounting for administrative costs, there would be \$27,820,000 available for CMF grants. He explained that the total requests received for FY26 grants amount to \$24,772,000 and that staff had initially estimated awarding approximately \$19,200,000 for FY26, which means there are \$5,562,000 in waiver requests for this year.

He identified three basic options for the Commission to consider as follows:

Option 1 was to spend down as much of the budget as possible by awarding the full \$24,772,000 requested, including waivers. Option 2 was to keep to the recommended amount of funding by awarding approximately \$19,200,000, essentially without granting waivers or only if other projects were eliminated. Option 3 was to reduce funding for FY26 by awarding less than the anticipated \$19,200,000, such as \$14,000,000. This would leave a larger amount, approximately

\$13,820,000, for FY27. Chief Delaney also noted that granting waivers in Region B would likely require transferring significant funds from Region A, although \$4.3 million has already been moved for FY26.

Chair Maynard noted that the Governor and Legislature face difficult decisions regarding these funds and appreciated the weight of those decisions. He stated that his preference is to treat every application with the same consideration as they have previously been given and noted he has consistently advocated for getting as much money out the door as possible because he believes it does good. He stated in regard to the Region A/B distinction, he believes applications should be looked at on their merits, and transferring funds is permissible, and he would also include the waivers.

Commissioner Hill stated that if Chief Delaney was looking for guidance, he would look to option number one, to spend down as much as possible, and believes they should include the approximately \$5.5 million in waivers. He stated he does not think there would be a reason not to look at transferring monies from Region A to B again this year, as they had to do it last year. He believes the writing is on the wall regarding how the Legislature and administration view the program, and absent changes, its "day may have come."

Commissioner Brodeur complimented the staff on their "incredible diligence" in vetting each proposal, assuring the public and communities that every request is taken very seriously. He stated the fund is about "community quality of life" and supporting communities dealing with the introduction of casinos. He stated that he believes the projects he has seen are "tremendous" and have "a lot of merit," and he acknowledged there is more need than capacity. He stated he is very much in favor of option one.

Commissioner Skinner stated that just because there is a potential future lack of funding doesn't mean there isn't a current need. She stated that it should be "business as usual," and that she is in favor of moving forward with option number one so communities receive necessary financial assistance. She stated that she hopes for the best in future budget cycles as she feels the Commission is a good fiscal steward and wants the funding to get to the communities as designed. She also agreed with transferring funds from Region A to Region B if necessary, as it was done last year.

Commissioner O'Brien stated she believes the staff has always engaged in due diligence in reviewing applications and will continue to do so and expressed hope that the program continues beyond the next couple of years. She stated her position was essentially option one and that all funding should be granted on the merits of the applications.

Chief Delaney thanked the commissioners for guidance and noted the unanimity. He confirmed that staff would evaluate applications for eligibility and provide context to the Commission for waiver requests, leaving the decision on waivers to them. He confirmed transferring funds from Region A to Region B would be necessary if waivers are granted in the Western region. Chair Maynard noted that all Commissioners reached consensus for option one, to review applications on the merits and transfer funds from Region A to B if necessary.

7. [Commissioner Updates](#) (51:43)

After inquiry by Chair Maynard, no commissioner updates were noted.

9. [Other Business](#) (51:54)

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

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) dated May 1, 2025
2. [Commissioners' Packet](#) from the May 5, 2025 meeting (posted on massgaming.com)



Division of Racing

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Massachusetts Gaming Commission
FROM:	Chad Bourque, Financial Analyst
SUBJECT:	Request for Consideration Harness Horse Promotional Trust Fund
DATE:	May 15, 2025

In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128A, Section 5g.

The trustees may expend without appropriation all or any part of the promotional trust funds to the appropriate track licensee in proportion to the amount deposited in each fund for use in promotional marketing. The following promotional fund requests have been reviewed.

HHPTF Request for Consideration:

- Summer Handicapping Contest Series \$45,000.00

All financial statements required under section 6 shall be accompanied by a statement signed under the pains and penalties of perjury by the chief financial officer of the licensee setting forth the promotions completed with funds obtained under this section.

After review and confirmation of the requests, with your authorization, promotional activity may commence.

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission



**Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Harness Horse Capital Improvement Trust Fund
Harness Horse Promotional Trust Fund**

1. Date: 5/13/2025
2. Association: Plainville Gaming & Redevelopment, LLC d/b/a/ Plainridge Park Casino
3. Project #: Plainridge HHPTF 2025-1
4. Project Description: 2025 Handicapping Contest Series
5. Type of Request: RFC – HHPTF

• Request for Consideration / RFC	Sat. 6/28/25	Summer Solstice	\$ 5,000
• Request for Reimbursement / RFR	Sat. 7/12/25	Mid-Summer Classic	7,500
• Harness Horse Capital Improvement Fund / HHCIF	Fri. 8/9/25	Travers Preview	7,500
• Harness Horse Promotional Trust Fund / HHPTF	Sat. 9/6/25	End Of Summer	10,000
	Sat. 8/24/24	Battle Royale	15,000
		Total	\$45,000

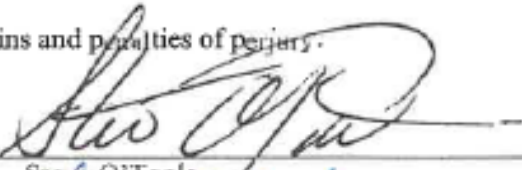
Total Project Amount: \$45,000

- Estimate / RFC - \$45,000
- Actual / RFR -

6. RFC – Provide a detailed description of the promotional or capital improvement project including the project objectives, how it will enhance the operations of the association and / or improve attendance and handles at your racetrack:
In an effort to engage the racing patrons at Plainridge, a series of Handicapping Contests will be offered. Five (5) handicapping contests totaling \$45,000 in prize money.

RFR – Requests for reimbursement must contain a listing of all project expenditures by date, paid to and check number. A copy of the invoice and cancelled check must support each expenditure:

7. For Capital Improvement Projects only, RFC's and RFR's must be submitted to the Commission's architect engineer consultant for review. The consultant makes recommendations to the Trustees relative to the cost and nature of the capital improvement project.
8. All funds being requested for capital projects will be treated as capital expenditures for accounting and tax purposes.
9. Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

10. By Track Official:  Title: Director of Racing Date: 5/13/2025
Steve O'Toole

By CFO:  Date: 5/13/2025
Heidi Yates-Akbaba

GK22-005

11. Trustee Approval and Date:



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

FROM: Melanie Foxx, Associate General Counsel

CC: Justin Stempeck, Deputy General Counsel
Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Division of Racing

DATE: June 10, 2025

RE: 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing

Overview:

Enclosed for the Commission's review are the proposed final drafts of 205 CMR 3.13(13); 205 CMR 3.15(3); 205 CMR 3.21(8); 205 CMR 3.23(12)(13); 205 CMR 3.32(3)(k); and 205 CMR 3.33(6). The regulations were first presented for initial discussion and review on April 10, 2025, and the Commission voted to enact the above-mentioned drafts of 205 CMR 3.00 by emergency as authorized by G.L. c. 128A, §§ 9 and 9B. For the Commission's convenience, the outline of the regulations from the April 10, 2025, meeting where the regulations were last discussed are included below.

205 CMR 3.00 was filed by emergency on April 11, 2025, and has been making its way through the promulgation process. A public hearing was held on May 27, 2025, and additional comments were provided to the Commission. In accordance with G.L. c. 128A, § 9B, 205 CMR 3.00 will be filed with the Senate Clerk for the requisite 60-day period on or about June 17, 2025.¹ The regulations are now back before the Commission with an Amended Small Business Impact Statement, a request for approval to send to the Legislature, and a request for a vote of finalization.

The outline of the regulations from the April 10, 2025, meeting are set out below:

205 CMR 3.13: Licensee: duties and obligations

Section 3.13 outlines the licensees' responsibilities. Section 3.13(13) proposed language would require a warning light system of green, yellow, and red beacon style lights and sirens in the event of an accident and also assigns the duties of the judges to monitor, control and trigger the accident warning lights to indicate to the drivers to proceed with caution if yellow, cease racing if red, and an "all clear" green light to signal for warm ups and live racing to continue.

¹ To accommodate the promulgation process and the 60-day filing period, the regulation will be re-filed with the Secretary of State to prevent a lapse, on or before July 11, 2025.



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205 CMR 3.15: Owners

Section 3.15 sets out the duties, responsibilities as well as prohibitions of owners. The proposed modification to Section 3.15(3) would place a limit for an owner to have or employ no more than two trainers on the grounds of the Association without approval of the Board of Judges.

205 CMR 3.21: Trainers

Section 3.21 sets out the duties, responsibilities and prohibitions of a trainer. The proposed language in Section 3.21(8) would require that the trainer ensures that specific equipment is secured properly, namely the buckles on front hobble hangers and driving line buckles attached to the bit as well as side straps on number pads are required to be taped, for all races.

205 CMR 3.23: Claiming Races

Section 3.23 defines who may claim and the procedures, prohibitions, pricing and conditions of claims. The proposed language in Section 3.23(12) instructs when a claim should be voided if a horse dies on the track or suffers an injury which requires euthanasia of the horse while the horse is on the racetrack.

Section 3.23(13) instructs when a claim is voidable for a period of up to thirty (30) minutes after the race is made official at the discretion of the new owner for any horse vanned off track, sent to the detention barn and observed to be lame, or on the veterinarian's list for Epistaxis.

205 CMR 3.32: Testing

Section 3.32 sets out the procedures for testing horses, testing claimed horses, split samples, frozen samples and for testing suspicious substances. Section 3.32(3) governs split samples procedures. Proposed language in Section 3.32(3)(k) sets out the different scenarios that can occur when a sample is tested and when there is a request for a split sample. It further clarifies the standard presumption if the referee laboratory is unable to reach a valid testing conclusion or if the split sample was not of sufficient quantity for the referee laboratory to reach a valid testing conclusion.

205 CMR 3.33: Postmortem Examinations

Section 3.33 sets out when a postmortem examination is to be conducted and what types of samples may be collected and submitted for analysis. The proposed changes to section 205 CMR 3.33(6) would require a mortality review after the death of a horse, to be conducted by the Director of Racing. The Director of Racing's primary role would be to gather information surrounding the death of each racehorse and to ultimately arrive, if possible, at conclusions and recommendations to the appropriate entity or person.



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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 promulgation of **205 CMR 3.13(13): Licensee: duties and obligations, 205 CMR 3.15(3): Owners, 205 CMR 3.21(8): Trainers, 205 CMR 3.23(12)(13): Claiming Races, 205 CMR 3.32(3)(k): Testing and 205 CMR 3.33(6): Postmortem Examinations.** A public hearing was held on May 27, 2025, discussing these proposed regulations.

These amendments apply directly to harness horse licensees conducting or participating in racing in the Commonwealth. Accordingly, these proposed regulations are not likely to have a negative impact on small businesses. These regulations are authorized by G.L. c. 128A, §§ 9 and 9B.

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:

To the extent that horsemen and barns are small businesses, there is a possibility that this regulation could impact 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 regulations do not impose any reporting requirements for small businesses.

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

These regulations 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:

Some of the proposed regulations are design standards and some are performance standards. The design standards are important as they encourage uniformity (everyone tapes equipment before all races), while the performance standards provide further clarification regarding the responsibilities and prohibitions (when a claim



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should be voided if a horse dies on the track or to require that the trainer ensures that specific equipment is secured properly on the horse) of anyone licensed by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to conduct or participate in harness horse racing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

These regulations are unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth at this time.

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

These regulations are not likely to adversely impact small businesses.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
By:

/s/ *Melanie D. Foxx*
Melanie D. Foxx

Associate General Counsel
Legal Division

Dated: June 17, 2025



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3.13: Licensee: Duties, Obligations, etc.

- (1) No person younger than 16 years of age shall be employed in or about the track of any association, except as may be permitted by M.G.L. c. 149, § 60.
- (2) It shall be the duty of each and every licensee of the Commission and the officers, officials and employees of said licensee to observe and enforce 205 CMR 3.00. Every license to hold a harness horse racing meeting is granted upon the condition that licensee therein named shall accept, observe and enforce 205 CMR 3.00.
- (3) Each Association licensed by the Commission shall submit to the Commission a complete list of employees ten days after the first racing day. This must contain in addition to the names and addresses of employees, the position each one is to fill or the duties he or she is to perform. All additions named to or changes in the list of employees must be promptly reported to the Commission.
- (4) The Commission shall require each Association to obtain from every person employed by them a sworn statement, on a form prescribed by the Commission, setting forth information regarding citizenship, place or places of residence during the past two years and answer to any other questions the Commission may prescribe.
- (5) Each Association shall provide and equip a first aid room within its enclosure.
- (6) Each Association running a racing meeting shall keep a separate bank account to be known as the "Horsemen's Account" with at all times sufficient funds in such account to cover all monies due horsemen in regard to purses, stakes, rewards and deposits. Withdrawals from this account shall be only for such purposes and said account shall at all times be subject to audit by the Commission.
- (7) Members of the Commission and its representatives shall have the right to full and complete entry to any and all points of the grounds of the Associations licensed to conduct harness horse racing in Massachusetts.
- (8) Each Association conducting racing shall before publishing submit to the Commission, the conditions for all races it proposes to hold, together with the stake, purse or reward, all of which shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.
- (9) Each Association shall install at the finish line at their track, and shall adequately maintain, two photo finish cameras, to be approved by the Commission, to automatically photograph the finish of races. The official photographer shall furnish promptly to the Commission a print of every photo-finish.
- (10) Each Association shall install and maintain an adequate photo patrol system approved by the Commission.
- (11) Each Association shall provide that no person shall be admitted to the stable area unless he or she is wearing an identification badge issued to him or her by the Commission. Each person whose duties or occupation requires his or her presence in the stable area shall wear his or her identification badge in view at all times.
 - (a) Each Association shall provide that each person whose presence in the Paddock Area or Testing Area is permitted by 205 CMR 3.00 shall be required to wear his or her identification badge in plain view at all times while in the Paddock and Test Area.
 - (b) The Commission will hold the Association in strict accountability for full compliance with the provisions of 205 CMR 3.13(11).
- (12) No Association shall permit bets to be made on the grounds on any race run outside said grounds except for simulcasts authorized and approved by the Gaming Commission.

(13) Warning Light System: Every licensee authorized by the Commission to conduct harness horse racing within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be equipped with a three-light system of green, yellow and red beacon style lights and sirens for use in the event of an accident. It shall be the duty of the judges to monitor, control and trigger the accident-warning lights. From the time medical assistance is available, the judges will activate the green "all clear" light to signal no known problems on the racetrack.

(1) If at any point during the card the judges determine there is a condition on the

racetrack requiring the drivers to proceed with caution, the judges will activate the yellow "caution" warning light.

(2) The judges shall activate the red light and siren to declare a race a "no contest" due to safety issues. Upon the activation of the red light and siren, all drivers in a race will immediately cease racing and follow any instructions of the judges, starter, track announcer, or racing officials to get off the track as quickly and safely as they can. Drivers refusing to stop racing may be subject to a monetary penalty or suspension.

(3) When the red "no contest" light is turned off, the judges will activate the green "all clear" light as a signal for warm-ups and live racing to resume.

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~~(13)~~(14) No gambling device, other than permitted by law, shall be permitted on the grounds. Petty games of chance are prohibited.

~~(14)~~(15) During the term of disqualification of any participant of racing, it shall be the duty of the Association to see to it that the privileges of his or her admission badge are revoked, and that he or she is kept out of the grounds unless otherwise permitted to enter under certain conditions and at certain times as may be provided for elsewhere in 205 CMR 3.00.

~~(15)~~(16) Each Association shall furnish to the Commission the names and addresses of all persons ejected by the Association from its grounds, together with the offense or offenses alleged against them, and any other material information relating thereto.

~~(16)~~(17) Any person ejected from the grounds of an Association shall be denied admission to said grounds until written permission for his or her re-entering has been obtained from the licensee Association and written notification of such permission shall forthwith be filed with the Commission.

~~(17)~~(18) A person ejected from the grounds of an Association licensed by the Commission shall be refused admission to the grounds of all other licensed Associations in Massachusetts until he or she has been permitted to re-enter the track where he was originally ejected in accordance with the procedure provided for in 205 CMR 3.13(17).

~~(18)~~(19) Purse Money shall not be paid to the winners thereof earlier than 48 hours following their winning.

~~(19)~~(20) No percentage of winnings shall be deducted by an Association for another person, club, or body, unless at the request of the person to whom such winnings are payable and except that an Association may withhold from winnings any money due it.

~~(20)~~(21) Each Association shall provide within its grounds an office for the use and to be at the disposal of the Commission and all its officials.

~~(21)~~(22) The acceptance by an Association of so called "come back money" or other wager placed outside the enclosure of said Association is strictly prohibited. No Association shall aid or abet the acceptance of such wagers or make any special provision within or without the enclosure for the acceptance of such wagers or for the encouragement of such method of wagering. An Association shall not set up or permit the establishment of any agency within the enclosure for the receipt of wagers made outside the enclosure.

~~(22)~~(23) If the Pari-mutuel Manager is to be absent from the track for a complete racing program, the Association shall inform the Commission Accountant at the track at least ½ hour before post time of the first race of the name of the person who will perform the duties of the Pari-mutuel Manager during his or her absence.

~~(23)~~(24) Every employee of the Mutuel Department, who by nature of his or her employment comes in contact with patrons, shall be designated by name or number, that easy identification may be made by the public.

~~(24)~~(25) No minor shall be allowed to place or collect a wager and every employee of the Mutuel Department shall be so instructed by the Association.

3.14: Licenses, Registrations and Fees for Participants in Racing

(1) The following persons shall be required to take out a license from the Commission, and pay the current applicable annual fee: Driver, Trainer, Owner, Authorized Agent, Stable Employees, Veterinarian, Blacksmith, Vendors and Racing Officials.

(2) The fee shall accompany each application for license or registration. They expire December 31st of the year of issue, except stable employees whose license expire on March 31st.

3.15 : Owners

- (1) Each owner holding a beneficial interest of 20% or more in a horse must obtain a license from the Commission. If the owners are husband and wife and their total beneficial interest is 20% or more in a horse, then they must each obtain a license from the Commission.
- (2) An owner shall not enter or start a horse that:
 - (a) is not in serviceably sound racing condition;
 - (b) has been trachea tubed;
 - (c) has been nerved at or above the ankle;
 - (d) has been nerved or had cryosurgery performed on a nerve, except that horses that have had a neurectomy or cryosurgery performed on the posterior digital nerve below, and not at, the fetlock of one or more feet may be permitted to race;
 - (e) is blind or whose vision is seriously impaired in both eyes. A horse blind in one eye may start only if the other eye has normal vision.
 - (f) does not comply with M.G.L. c. 129, § 44 and 330 CMR 16.05: *Prevention and Suppression of Equine Infectious Anemia*.
- (3) If an owner changes trainers, he or she must notify the Racing Secretary and the Judges and in no instance shall an owner have or employ more than ~~one~~two trainers on the grounds of the Association without the approval of the Board of Judges.
- (4) No owner shall accept, directly or indirectly, any bribe, gift or gratuity in any form that might influence the result of any race, or tend to do so.
- (5) No owner shall move or permit to be moved any of his or her horses from the grounds of an Association without written permission of the Association.
- (6) The owner and/or trainer shall see to it that a report is made promptly to the Judges and/or the Official Veterinarian of any and all sickness of his or her horses that have been declared to race.
- (7) No stable may have in its employment in any capacity any employee under 16 years of age, except as may be permitted by the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (8) The owner thereof shall register the personnel of every stable and changes with the Association on whose track their horses are racing or stabled, and shall be available at all times to representatives of the Commission.

3.16 : Paddock Judge

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Paddock Judge to check all contestants for each and every race and to have all horses properly identified.
- (2) The Paddock Judge shall keep a record of all equipment carried by all horses in all races under the jurisdiction, permitting no change in equipment not authorized by the Judges.
- (3) The Paddock Judge shall bar all unauthorized persons from the Paddock Area.
- (4) The Paddock Judge shall report any irregularities to the Judges.

3.17 : Patrol Judges

The Patrol Judges shall for each race take their stations at a place designated by the Judges. They shall be subject to the orders of the Judges, and shall duly report to them all of their pertinent observations in each and every race and shall file reports on it in writing if so requested by the Judges.

3.18 : Racing Officials

- (1) Officials of a race meeting are as follows: Three Judges; Judge at the Start; Starter; Patrol Judges; Timer; Paddock Judge; Clerk of Course; Racing Secretary; Assistant Racing Secretary; Veterinarian; Mutuel Manager; Program Director; Placing Judges; Identifier; Marshall; and such other persons as the Commission may designate from time to time because of their importance in the actual conduct of racing.

3.21: Trainers

- (1) Each trainer must obtain a license from the Commission.
- (2) No trainer shall practice his or her profession, except under his or her own name.
- (3) The Judges may permit a trainer to act pending action on his or her applications.
- (4) A licensed trainer may represent the owner in the matter of entries and declarations.
- (5) A trainer shall have his or her horse in the paddock at the time appointed.
- (6) A trainer shall attend his or her horse in the paddock, unless he or she has obtained the permission of the Judges.
- (7) The trainer shall be responsible for and be the absolute insurer of the condition of the horses he or she enters, regardless of the acts of third parties.

(8) A trainer shall ensure that all buckles on front hobble hangers and driving line buckles attached to the bit as well as side straps on number pads shall be taped for all races.

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- (8) Each trainer shall register with the Racing Secretary every person in his or her employ.
- (9) A trainer shall not have in charge or under his or her supervision any horse owned, in whole or part by a disqualified person.
- (10) No trainer shall accept, directly or indirectly, any bribe, gift or gratuity in any form that might influence the result of any race or which would tend to do so.
- (11) No trainer shall move or permit to be moved any horse or horses in his or her care from the grounds of an Association without permission from the Association.
- (12) A trainer shall not enter or start a horse that:
 - (a) is not in serviceably sound racing condition;
 - (b) has been trachea tubed;
 - (c) has been nerved at or above the ankle;
 - (d) has been nerved or had cryosurgery performed on a nerve, except that horses that have had a neurectomy or cryosurgery performed on the posterior digital nerve below, and not at, the fetlock of one or more feet may be permitted to race;
 - (e) is blind or whose vision is seriously impaired in both eyes. A horse blind in one eye may start only if the other eye has normal vision.
 - (f) does not comply with M.G.L. c. 129, § 44 and 330 CMR 16.05: *Prevention and Suppression of Equine Infectious Anemia*.
- (13) The trainer and/or owner shall see to it that a report is made promptly to the Judges and/or the Official Veterinarian of any and all sickness of his or her horses that have been declared to race.
- (14) Trainers of said horses entered in the first and second races shall inspect the condition of their horse 1½ hours before post time of the first race of the day on which entered to race. If any horse is found, through accident or otherwise, to be unfit to race, the trainer shall report the fact to the Judges one hour before post time of the first race of the day.

(3.22: Veterinarians: Repealed)

3.23: Claiming Races

- (1) Who May Claim. An owner and/or lessee of a horse that has been declared and programmed to start in a purse race at that meeting. An authorized agent may claim for a qualified owner. Any member seeking to effect a false claim by inducing another to claim a horse for him or her will be subject to the penalties provided by the Judges.
- (2) Prohibitions.
 - (a) No person shall claim his or her own horse, nor shall he or she claim a horse trained or driven by him or her.
 - (b) No person shall claim more than one horse in a race.
 - (c) No qualified owner or his or her agent shall claim a horse for another person.
 - (d) No owner shall cause his or her horse to be claimed directly or indirectly for his or her own account.
 - (e) No person shall offer, or enter into an agreement, to claim or not to claim, or attempt to prevent another person from claiming any horse in a claiming race.
 - (f) No person shall enter a horse against which there is a mortgage, bill of sale, or lien of any kind, unless the written consent of the holder thereof shall be filed with the Clerk of the Course of the Association conducting such a claiming race.
 - (g) Where a horse drawn to start in a claiming race has been declared to start in a subsequent claiming race, a successful claimant, if any, of the horse in the first race shall have the option of scratching the horse from the subsequent race.
 - (h) Any mare which has been bred shall not be declared into a claiming race for at least 45 days following the last breeding of the mare, and thereafter such a mare may only be declared into a claiming race after a veterinarian has pronounced the mare not to be in foal. Any mare pronounced in foal shall not be declared into a claiming race.

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(3) Claiming Procedure.

- (a) Owner's Credit. The owner must have to his or her credit with the track giving the race an amount equivalent to the specified claiming price plus the requisite fees for transfer of registration.
- (b) Owner's Consent. No declaration may be accepted without written permission of the owner if filed with the Racing Secretary at the time of declaration.
- (c) On Program. The basic claiming price for which each horse is entered shall be printed on the program, but all claims shall be for the adjusted price after the prescribed allowances made for sex and/or age have been added to the basic price.
- (d) Claim Box. All claims shall be in writing, sealed and deposited at least 15 minutes before the time originally scheduled for the race to begin, in a locked box provided for this purpose by the Clerk of Course. Once a claim has been filed it is irrevocable and at the risk of the claimant, unless otherwise provided for in 205 CMR 3.00.
- (e) Opening of Claim Box. No official shall open said box or give any information on claims filed until after the race. Immediately after the race, the claim box shall be opened and the claim, if any, examined by the Judges.
- (f) Multiple Claims on Same Horse. Should more than one claim be filed for the same horse, the owner shall be determined by lot by the Judges.
- (g) Delivery of Claimed Horse. A horse claimed shall be delivered immediately by the original owner or his or her trainer to the successful claimant upon authorization of the Presiding Judge. The horse's halter must accompany the horse. Altering or removing the horse's shoes will be considered a violation of 205 CMR 3.00.
- (h) Refusal to Deliver Claimed Horse. Any person who refuses to deliver a horse legally claimed out of a claiming race shall be suspended together with the horse until delivery is made.
- (i) Vesting of Title to Claimed Horse. Every horse claimed shall race in all heats or dashes of the event in the interest and for the account of the owner who declared it in the event, but title to the claimed horse shall be vested in the successful claimant from the time the word "go" is given in the first heat or dash, and said successful claimant shall become the owner of the horse, whether it be alive or dead or sound or unsound, or injured during the race or after it, provided however that the final vesting of title to a claimed horse is subject to the conditions and provisions of the applicable USTA rules.
- (j) Affidavit by Claimant. The Judges shall require any person making a claim for a horse to make affidavit that he is claiming said horse for his or her own account or as an authorized agent and not for any other person. Any person making such affidavit willfully and falsely shall be subject to punishment as hereinafter provided.
- (k) Penalty for 30 Day. If a horse is claimed, no right, title or interest therein shall be sold or transferred except in a claiming race for a period of 30 days.

(4) Claiming Price. Subject to the conditions of the current applicable USTA rules the track shall pay the claiming price to the owner at the time the registration certificate is delivered for presentation to the successful owner.

(5) Claiming Conditions. Except for the lowest claiming price offered at each meeting, conditions and allowances in claiming races may be based only on age and sex. Whenever possible claiming races shall be written to separate horses five years old and up from young horses and to separate males from females. If sexes are mixed, mares shall be given a price allowance, provided, however, that there shall be no price allowance given to a spayed mare racing in a claiming race.

(6) Minimum Price. No claiming race shall be offered permitting claims for less than the minimum purse offered at the time during the same racing week.

(7) Determination of Claiming Price. Except as provided by the United States Trotting Association, no horse owner shall be prohibited from determining the price for which his or her horse shall be entered.

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(8) Fraudulent Claims.

(a) If the Judges determine that the declaration of any horse to a claiming race is fraudulent on the part of the declarer, they may void the claim and, at the option of the claimant, order the horse returned to the person declaring it.

(b) If the Judges determine that any claim of a horse is fraudulent on the part of the person making the claim they may void the claim and may, at the option of the person declaring it in, return the horse to the person declaring it.

(9) The current Registration Certificate of all horses entered in claiming races must be on file with the Racing Secretary together with a separate claiming authorization form signed by the registered owner or owners and indicating the minimum amount for which the horse may be entered to be claimed. To facilitate transfer of claimed horses the Presiding Judge may sign the transfer provided that he or she then sends the Registration Certificate and claiming authorization to the Registrar for transfer.

(10) Any person violating any of the provisions of 205 CMR 3.23, shall be fined, suspended, or expelled.

(11) Claiming. A person or two or more persons in a partnership or other acceptable form of joint ownership shall be eligible to claim a horse, without racing a horse at the race meeting in progress, by complying with the provisions of the following claiming rules:

(a) Such persons must first register as an Owner with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and pass all security and financial precautions required by the Commission. Further, any such person must consent to a thorough background check by the State Police Unit attached to the Gaming Commission.

(b) Such persons must be representing their own interest only and may not have any undisclosed persons with any interests in the authorized claim.

(c) Such persons must, prior to any such claim, secure the services of a licensed Massachusetts standardbred horse trainer and such trainer must consent to being so engaged in writing to the Judges at the race meeting for which such claim is authorized. Such consent must be given by that trainer both at the time of authorization and on the authorization card submitted at the time of the claim. Any change in the consent of the trainer to be employed by the prospective owner must be reported to the Judges Promptly on the next racing day and a new trainer authorized before a claim can be made.

(d) No such person may claim a horse until all forms and security investigations are completed and approved.

(e) After all forms are approved, the Judges, at the race meetings of commercial race tracks only, will be allowed to issue a claiming authorization card to be submitted in the same envelope as the claim slip in order that the claim be a valid one.

(f) The Judges will keep on file the names of all such persons authorized to claim, the date in which such privilege is exercised in the making of a claim.

(g) Such persons will be granted the balance of the calendar year to exercise the claiming privileges. At the end of such time, if unexercised, a new authorization card must be issued by the Judges to allow the privilege to be exercised in the next calendar year.

(h) A claim must be made and owned in exactly the same name or names authorized by the Judges and cannot be separated if a partnership has been transferred or modified in any way, or such claim will be held invalid.

(i) Any horse claimed under the provisions of 205 CMR 3.23 must race exclusively in Massachusetts at the track where claimed for 60 days following the date of claim. If racing concludes at the track where the horse is claimed for a period in excess of 30 days and no other Massachusetts track offers comparable claiming or other races suitable for that horse, a release statement may be obtained from the Judges or in their absence the Gaming Commission, to allow said horse to race elsewhere prior to the end of the 60 day period.

(j) Only one horse may be claimed under the provisions of 205 CMR 3.23 except as provided in 205 CMR 3.23(11)(j). After a horse is claimed, all future eligibility shall mean a horse must be raced to make any additional claims. However, if for reasons of physical impairment, the claimed horse cannot be raced for a six month period and the owner is willing to indicate this in writing to the Judges along with supporting evidence from a veterinarian licensed to practice at that track, the Judges may at their discretion issue a second authorization to claim. No person shall be granted permission under any circumstances to claim more than a second horse without racing a horse and complying with eligibility at the race meet.

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- (k) Persons who exercise the privilege of claiming under 205 CMR 3.23 as a member of a partnership or other form of multiple ownership thereby become horse owners and ineligible to exercise the privilege of 205 CMR 3.23 as individuals after that time.
- (l) Any owner(s) who have not raced in the existing meet because they no longer own racing stock due to losing a horse in a claiming race, may be eligible to claim under 205 CMR 3.23.
- (m) The Massachusetts Gaming Commission, or the Judges at the track for which such authorization is granted, may at their discretion, for the protection or general good of racing, revoke the claiming authorization granted under 205 CMR 3.23 at any time during the eligibility period.

(12) Voided Claim: A claim shall be voided if a horse is a starter and the horse:

- (a) Dies on the racetrack; or
- (b) Suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse, as determined by an Association Veterinarian, while the horse is on the racetrack.

(13) A claim is voidable at the sole discretion of the new owner, for a period of up to thirty (30) minutes after the race is made official, for any horse that:

- (a) Is vanned off the track after the race at the discretion of the Association Veterinarian; or
- (b) Is sent to the detention barn and observed to be lame by the State and/or Association Veterinarian; or
- (c) Is placed on the Veterinarian's List for Epistaxis.

3.24 : Practicing Veterinarians

- (1) Eligibility. An applicant for a license as practicing veterinarian shall be qualified and licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and be otherwise qualified to be issued a license to participate in racing. An application for a practicing veterinarian license from the Commission must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's current license to practice veterinary medicine.
- (2) Responsibility.
 - (a) All practicing veterinarians administering drugs, medications or other substances shall be responsible for ensuring that the drugs, medications or other substances and the veterinary treatment of horses are administered in accordance with 205 CMR 3.00.
 - (b) All practicing veterinarians shall promptly notify the official veterinarian of any reportable disease and any unusual incidence of a communicable illness in any horse in his or her charge.
 - (c) All veterinarians shall file individual remittance certificates with individual blood samples when testing for equine infectious anemia. Upon receipt from an approved testing laboratory, the certificates shall be returned to the trainer whose responsibility it shall be to safeguard said certificate and surrender same to a new owner and/or trainer in cases of claims, sales or transfers. All veterinarians shall notify the State Veterinarian immediately upon receipt of a positive report.
- (3) Restrictions.
 - (a) A practicing veterinarian shall not wager on the outcome of any race if the practicing veterinarian has treated a horse participating in that race within the past 30 days.
 - (b) Veterinarians licensed by the Commission to practice their profession shall not be eligible to hold an owner, trainer, or driver license at tracks under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

3.25 : Official Veterinarian

General Authority. The official veterinarian shall:

- (a) be employed by the Commission;
- (b) be a graduate veterinarian and be licensed to practice in this jurisdiction;
- (c) recommend to the judges any horse deemed unsafe to be raced, or a horse that it would be inhumane to allow to race;
- (d) place horses on the Veterinarian's List, when necessary, and remove horses from the Veterinarian's List;
- (e) place horses on the Furosemide List and remove horses from the Furosemide List;

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- (f) maintain a continuing health and racing soundness record of each horse given a racing soundness inspection;
- (g) have the authority to supervise and control the Test Barn;
- (h) supervise the taking of all specimens for testing according to procedures approved by the Commission;
- (i) provide proper safeguards in the handling of all laboratory specimens to prevent tampering, confusion or contamination;
- (j) have authority and jurisdiction over the racing veterinarian and the practicing licensed veterinarians on the association grounds for the purpose of 205 CMR 3.00;
- (k) report to the Commission the names of all horses humanely destroyed or which otherwise expire at the race meeting and the reasons therefore;

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- (f) If, prior to starting, a horse is determined to be unfit for competition, the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian will recommend to the judges the horse be scratched.
 - (g) Horses scratched upon the recommendation of the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian are to be placed on the Veterinarians' List.
- (2) Veterinarian's List.
- (a) The official veterinarian shall maintain the Veterinarian's List of all horses which are determined to be unfit to compete in a race due to illness, physical distress, unsoundness, infirmity or any other medical condition. Horses so listed are ineligible to enter to race in any jurisdiction until released by an official veterinarian or racing veterinarian.
 - (b) A horse may be removed from the Veterinarian's List when, in the opinion of the official veterinarian, the condition which caused the horse to be placed on the Veterinarian's List is resolved and the horse's status is returned to that of racing soundness.
 - (c) Horses working to be released from the Veterinarian's List are to be in compliance with 205 CMR 3.00 and are to be subjected to post-work biologic sample collection for laboratory confirmation or compliance. Violations may result in penalties consistent with 205 CMR 3.29(1).
 - (d) Horses may be released from the Veterinarian's List only by authorization of the official veterinarian.
 - (e) Horses having generated a "positive" post race test for an RCI Class I or II substance shall be required to generate a negative test at the expense of the current owner prior to being entered for the first start following the positive test.

3.32: Testing

- (1) Reporting to the Test Barn.
- (a) The official winning horse and any other horse ordered by the Commission and/or the judges shall be taken to the test barn to have blood and urine samples taken at the direction of the official veterinarian.
 - (b) Random or extra testing may be required by the judges or the Commission at any time on any horse on association grounds.
 - (c) Unless otherwise directed by the judges or the official veterinarian, a horse that is selected for testing must be taken directly to the test barn.
 - (d) A security guard shall monitor access to the test barn area during and immediately following each racing performance. All persons who wish to enter the test barn area must be a minimum of 16 years of age, be currently licensed by the Commission, display their Commission identification badge and have a legitimate reason for being in the test barn area.
 - (e) The owner, trainer or his or her groom or other authorized representative shall be present in the testing enclosure when a saliva, urine or other specimen is taken from his or her horse and shall remain until the sample tag is attached to the specimen container. Said tag shall be signed by the owner, trainer or their representative as witnesses to the taking of the specimen.
 - (f) Willful failure to be present at, or a refusal to allow, the taking of any such specimen or refusal to sign the specimen tag to the taking of a specimen, or any act or threat to impede or prevent or otherwise interfere therewith, shall subject the person or person guilty thereof to immediate suspension by the judges of the meeting and the matter shall be referred to the Commission for such further penalty as in its discretion it may determine.
- (2) Testing of Claimed Horses.
- (a) In the event a horse is claimed, and has been designated for a post race test, said claimed horse shall be brought to the State Testing Area by the previous owner, trainer, or agent, and said owner, trainer or agent shall remain with this horse in the testing area until a urine specimen or other sample or test is received from the horse, and said previous owner, trainer or agent shall sign all necessary documents.
 - (b) Should the analysis of a post race blood, urine or saliva specimen taken from a claimed horse result in a post race positive test, the claimant's trainer shall be promptly notified by the judges and the claimant shall have the option to void said claim. An election to void a claim shall be submitted in writing to the judges by the claimant or his or her trainer.

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(3) Split Samples.

(a) Split samples shall be secured and made available for further testing in accordance with the following procedures:

1. A split sample shall be secured in the test barn under the same manner as the portion of the specimen acquired for shipment to a primary laboratory until such time as specimens are packed and secured for shipment to the primary laboratory. Split samples shall then be transferred to a freezer at a secure location approved by the Commission.
2. A freezer for storage of split samples shall be opened only for depositing or removing split samples, for inventory, or for checking the condition of samples. A log shall be maintained that shall be used each time a split sample freezer is opened to specify each person in attendance, the purpose for opening the freezer, identification of split samples deposited or removed, the date and time the freezer was opened, and the time the freezer was closed.
3. Any evidence of a malfunction of a split sample freezer or samples that are not in a frozen condition during storage shall be documented in the log and immediately reported to the official veterinarian or a designated Commission representative.

(b) A trainer or owner of a horse, having been notified that a written report from a primary laboratory states that a prohibited substance has been found in a specimen obtained pursuant to 205 CMR 3.00, may request that a split sample corresponding to the portion of the specimen tested by the primary laboratory be sent to another [referee] laboratory approved by the Commission. The request must be made in writing and delivered to the judges not later than three business days after the trainer of the horse receives written notice of the findings of the primary laboratory. Any split sample so requested must be shipped within an additional 48 hours.

(c) The owner or trainer requesting testing of a split sample shall be responsible for the cost of shipping and testing. Failure of the owner, trainer or designee to appear at the time and place designated by the official veterinarian shall constitute a waiver of all rights to split sample testing. Prior to shipment, the Commission shall confirm the referee laboratory's willingness to simultaneously provide the testing requested, the laboratory's willingness to send results to both the person requesting the testing and the Commission, and arrangements for payment satisfactory to the referee laboratory.

(d) Prior to opening the split sample freezer, the Commission shall provide a split sample chain of custody verification form that shall provide a place for recording the following information and such other information as the official veterinarian may require. The form shall be fully completed during the retrieval, packaging, and shipment of the split sample. The split sample chain of custody form requirements are:

1. The date and time the sample is removed from the split sample freezer;
2. The sample number;
3. The address where the split sample is to be sent;
4. The name of the carrier and the address where the sample is to be taken for shipment;
5. Verification of retrieval of the split sample from the freezer;
6. Verification of each specific step of the split sample packaging in accordance with the recommended procedure;
7. Verification of the address of the referee laboratory on the split sample package;
8. Verification of the condition of the split sample package immediately prior to transfer of custody to the carrier; and
9. The date and time custody of the sample is transferred to the carrier.

(e) A split sample shall be removed from the split sample freezer by a Commission representative in the presence of a representative of the horsemen's association.

(f) The owner, trainer or designee shall pack the split sample for shipment in the presence of the representative of the Commission, in accordance with the packaging procedures recommended by the Commission. A form shall be signed by both the horsemen's representative and the Commission representative to confirm the packaging of the split sample. The exterior of the package shall be secured and identified with initialed tape, evidence tape or other means to prevent tampering with the package.

(g) The package containing the split sample shall be transported in a manner prescribed by the Commission to the location where custody is transferred to the delivery carrier charged with delivery of the package to the Commission-approved laboratory selected by the owner or trainer.

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(h) The owner, trainer or designee and the Commission representative shall inspect the package containing the split sample immediately prior to transfer to the delivery carrier to verify that the package is intact and has not been tampered with.

(i) The split sample chain of custody verification form shall be completed and signed by the representatives of the Commission and the owner or trainer. A Commission representative shall keep the original and provide a copy for the owner or trainer.

(j) If the split sample does not arrive at the referee laboratory because of an act of God or other condition beyond the control of the Commission, the findings in the original sample shall serve as *prima facie* evidence of any medication violation.

(k) The Commission shall make all reasonable efforts to obtain a sufficient sample to split, however, it makes no guarantee as to the amount of sample that will be available for the split sample:

1. If the referee laboratory confirms substantially the primary laboratory findings, the original findings of the primary laboratory shall be considered conclusive.

2. If the split sample was not of sufficient quantity for the referee laboratory to conduct valid testing the original findings of the primary laboratory shall be considered conclusive.

3. If the referee laboratory is provided with the split sample and is unable to reach a valid testing conclusion for any other reason, the findings of the primary laboratory shall be considered conclusive.

(4) Frozen Samples. The Commission has the authority to direct the official laboratory to retain and preserve by freezing samples for future analysis. The fact that purse money has been distributed prior to the issuance of a laboratory report from the future analysis of a frozen sample shall not be deemed a finding that no drug substance prohibited by 205 CMR 3.00 has been administered.

(5) Suspicious Substances. The representatives of the Commission may take for analysis samples of any medicine or other materials suspected of containing improper medication or drugs which could affect the racing conditions of a horse in a race, which may be found in the stable area or elsewhere on the track or in the possession of any person connected with racing on such tracks.

3.33 : Postmortem Examinations

(1) The Commission may require a *postmortem* examination of any horse that dies or is euthanized on association grounds.

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(5) All licensees shall be required to comply with *postmortem* examination requirements as a condition of licensure. In proceeding with a *postmortem* examination, the Commission or its designee shall coordinate with the owner or the owner's authorized agent to determine and address any insurance requirements.

3.34 : Environmental Contaminants and Substances of Human Use

ARCI Endogenous, Dietary, or Environmental Substances Schedule.

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- (1) Environmental contaminants are either endogenous to the horse or can arise from plants traditionally grazed or harvested as equine feed or are present in equine feed because of contamination during the cultivation, processing, treatment, storage or transportation phases.
- (2) Substances of human use and addiction may be found in the horse due to its close association with humans.
- (3) If the preponderance of evidence presented in the hearing shows that a positive test is the result of environmental contamination, including inadvertent exposure due to human drug use, or dietary intake, or is endogenous to the horse, those factors should be considered in mitigation of any disciplinary action taken against the affected trainer. Disciplinary action shall only be taken if test sample results exceed the regulatory thresholds in the most recent version of the

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(6) Mortality Review: The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Director of Racing shall conduct a review for the purpose of gathering information surrounding the death of each racehorse and to have an open communication between the following listed individuals regarding issues which may have led to the incident and to ultimately arrive, if possible, at conclusions and recommendations to the appropriate entity or person. The Director of Racing shall consult the following:

- 1. the racetrack's Director of Racing or a designee;
- 2. the Association Judge and a Massachusetts Gaming Commission Judge;
- 3. the Chief Commission Veterinarian or a designee;
- 4. the on-track Association Veterinarian;
- 5. the trainer of the deceased horse;
- 6. the driver of the deceased horse;
- 7. the attending veterinarian;
- 8. the track superintendent;
- 9. the horseperson's representative; and
- 10. any other person the Director of Racing determines is necessary to adequately examine the death.

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(4) The identification and adoption of these uniform thresholds for certain substances shall not preclude an individual jurisdiction from maintaining thresholds for substances not on this list which predate the adoption of 205 CMR 3.34 in such jurisdiction.

3.35 : Adoption of United States Trotting Association Rules and Regulations

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission adopts the United States Trotting Association (USTA) Rules and Regulations as amended; and supplements those rules and regulations with 205 CMR 3.00.

In any situation where a conflict exists between the United States Trotting Association Rules and 205 CMR 3.00, 205 CMR 3.00 will govern. In any instance where a situation is not covered by the USTA Rules, 205 CMR 3.00 will govern and vice versa. The assessment of fines and suspensions shall be in the discretion of the Judges and the Gaming Commission.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

205 CMR 3.00: M.G.L. c. 128A, § 9.

Public Comments – 205 CMR 3.00



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REGULATION COMMENTS

For your review, the Harness Horseman's Association of New England, Inc. (HHANE) offers the following comments regarding two changes to the regulations promulgated pursuant to G.L. c.128A Section 9.

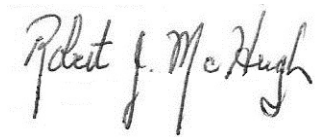
Specifically, the change to 205 CMR 321-Trainers states that the trainer ensures that specific equipment is secured properly, namely the buckles on front hobble hangers and driving line buckles attached to the bit, as well as side straps on number pads are required to be taped, for all races. PGR purchased new saddle pads at the start of the 2025 racing season, and trainers have been required to tape as detailed in the proposal. The problem is that several saddle pads have been damaged after less than three weeks due to the stretching of the tape and its removal after the horse races. Further, it was observed that the tape had fallen off the saddle pad during the race, which is a safety issue as horses may jump when something foreign is seen on the track.

If the MGC has concluded that steps should be taken to ensure the number pads do not fall off, HHANE has tested and is a better alternative using rubber bands. These rubber bands can be reused, do not fall off during a race, and would not tear the saddle pads straps. Attached to this email are pictures of a saddle pad strap that has been torn by the use of the tape.

205 CMR 3.32- Testing sets out the different scenarios that can occur when a sample is tested and when there is a request for a split sample. We understand that an incident occurred in 2024 where the laboratory could not complete the sample since there was not enough blood in the vial submitted. HHANE knows that the MGC and the trainers have limited time between races; however, we suggest that, as time allows, four (4) vials of blood be obtained from each horse tested. This would ensure that the laboratory would always be able to complete a split sample if requested by the trainer.

Sincerely,

HARNESS HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

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Robert J. McHugh, President

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To the Commissioners:

As always with Massachusetts Gaming Commission regulations related to horse racing, the current proposal is a perfect example of too little too late.

Regarding the new “emergency” regulation related to the requirement for a mortality review for every horse death:

Post Mortems

First, the regulations state that for every horse death or euthanization at the track or at a “recognized training facility”, the “Commission” may require a post mortem examination.

Apparently in this instance “Commission” is the current Director of Racing as some post mortems were conducted in 2024 with her knowledge and apparently without her informing the Commissioners (certainly not at the time in a public meeting). Rather than leaving the decision to an industry insider, the regulations should require a post mortem for every death or euthanization at a track, at a recognized training facility within the Commonwealth, as well as all deaths within two days of leaving a track, or at a later date if related to an injury at a Massachusetts track.

What is the Emergency?

Preposterous this these were first instituted as "Emergency" regulations when the only emergency was due to months and years of inattention and inaction by the racing division. There certainly was plenty of time to start this process in 2024.

If the Director of Racing had bothered to inform Commissioners of the record number of race deaths in 2024 as they were occurring, some alternate action might have been able to be taken to investigate possible causes and prevent some of the deaths. At this point it's too late as the only investigations were conducted by industry insiders.

And where are the "Emergency" regulations related to the ever-increasing number of drug and health and safety violations in the past few years at Plainridge? And where are the specifics and when are they going to be presented to the public? other than in limited industry reports. At a minimum, those specifics should be included in the Racing Division Annual Reports. The better practice would be to inform the Commissioners- at a public meeting- when they became problematic, or at least in the end of season reporting to the Commissioners.

Recent history:

The 2024 race season in Plainridge ended on November 29, 2024.

In late 2024, Alexandra Lightbown, the Director of Racing, gave an “update” on Plainridge racing with no mention of record deaths at the track nor of any meetings or reviews she conducted related to them.

Two months later, on January 23, 2025, she informed the Commissioners at their public meeting that there had been a record number of deaths - six - at Plainridge in 2024. Minutes: <https://massgaming.com/wp-content/uploads/Meeting-Minutes-01.23.25-OPEN.pdf>

Video of meeting (discussion starts at minute 27): <https://www.youtube.com/live/RwReyPCEcAI?feature=shared>

Not one word about why she waited so long to let the Commission know. The racing season concluded on November 29, 2024. From November 29 to January 23 the commission had a number of regular and agenda-setting meetings at which Dr. Lightbown was present and could have imparted this information.

Coincidentally, at some point in early 2025, the national organization Horseracing Wrongs requested information on the injuries and deaths at Plainridge. This is most likely the reason for Dr. Lightbown to finally inform the commissioners of the tragic deaths at the track that were about to become national news.

At the commission’s November, 2024 meeting, Dr. Lightbown merely reported on the numbers of fines for positive drug tests. Not only no details about racing deaths, but no details about other fines and suspensions for excessive whipping and other illegal or improper actions. Not coincidentally (?), that information, which used to be posted on the gaming commission’s website, has not been available on the website for years.

Suggested additions to the racing regulations:

A post mortem should be required for every death related to racing or training at a Massachusetts racetrack. And not only recognized training grounds, but also home or other stable if within two days of leaving the track, or pursuant to an injury on the track. Any horse vanned off should have a required review to determine the outcome.

An independent party should oversee all mortality reviews.

Outside experts should be brought in contemporaneously with any deaths to determine whether the track or track surface is responsible, or whether there is any indication that drug use (legal or illegal) is responsible, or whether there are contributory prior injuries.

Each death should result in a public report and report to the commissioners as soon as practicable.

All of the regulations regarding horse racing should be reviewed and updated. A review to the humane standards provided for dogs in the now prohibited dog racing. Horses should have at least those minimal requirements. In addition:

There should be a prohibition against horses that race in Massachusetts being sold to slaughter for human consumption.

There should be a prohibition on ALL race day drugs, including Lasix.

There should be a prohibition of crop/whip use other than for direction.

Especially where the parent organization of the Massachusetts Horsemen's group is fighting to overturn HISA, the Gaming Commission should itself adopt those federal regulations as minimal requirements so that horses have that minimal protection in the event the Federal statute is overturn.

In addition, the commission should request that the legislature accept HISA oversight for harness racing. Standardbreds should have the same protections as thoroughbreds in Massachusetts.

Finally, the Commission should institute an office of Ombudsman to advocate for and protect horses from abuse, neglect, and performance enhancing drugs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Kellogg
Massachusetts Horse Owner

Regulation Hearing for 205 CMR 3.00 (6 regs)

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SPEAKERS

Alice Tisbert, Managing Director HHANE, Steve O'Toole, PPC, Commissioner O'Brien, Counsel Foxx



Commissioner O'Brien 00:00

Good morning. Today is Tuesday, May 27, 2025. This is a public meeting before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. I am Commissioner Eileen O'Brien with the Gaming Commission, and we are convening today's hearing pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, section two. We are also using remote collaboration technology, so I am going to ask all attendees to please mute themselves until it is their turn to speak, to keep background noise to a minimum. I am also please be advised that we are recording this meeting. The purpose of this hearing is to offer any interested person, persons or group, an opportunity to comment on the Commission's proposed harness horse racing regulations. Once we begin, anyone who wishes to comment on the proposal must be recognized, may state their name and may then proceed to offer their comments. As is usual in these forums, we usually ask people to cap their comments at three minutes. The agenda today pertains to the following proposed racing regulations. 205, CMR, 3.13 licensing duties and obligations. The proposed language to Section 3.13(13) would require a warning light system of green, yellow and red beacon lights and sirens the events of an accident, and also assigns the duties of the judges to monitor, control, and trigger the accident warning accident warning lights to indicate to the drivers to proceed with caution, If yellow. Cease racing, if red; and if all clear, a green light signal for warm ups and light racing to continue. Next we have 205 CMR 3.15 which is Owners. The proposed modifications to Section 3.15(3) replace a limit for or employ no more than two trainers on the grounds of the grounds of the association without approval of the board of judges. Next is 205, CMR, 3.21 Trainers. The proposed language in Section 3.21 sub eight would require that the trainer ensures that specific equipment is securely, is secured properly, namely, the buckles on front hobble hangers and driving line buckles attached to the bit, as well as side straps on the number pads are required to be taped for all races. Next, 205 CMR 3.23 Claiming Races. Proposed language in Section 3.23 sub 12 instructions when a claim should be voided if a horse dies on the track or suffers an injury which requires euthanasia of the horse while the horse is on the race track. The proposed language in Section 3.23 sub 13 instructs when a claim is voidable for a period of up to 30 minutes after the race is made official, at the discretion of the new owner or any horse vanned off track, sent to the detention barn and observed to be lame or on the veterinarian's list, for Epistaxis. Next, we have 205 CMR, 3.32 Testing. The proposed language in Section 3.32 section (3)(k) sets out the different scenarios that can occur when a

sample is tested and when there is a request for a split sample. It further clarifies the standard presumption if the referee laboratory is unable to reach a valid testing conclusion, or if the split sample is not sufficient quantity for the referee laboratory to reach a valid testing conclusion. Next we have 205 CMR, 3.33 Postmortem Examinations. The proposed changes to Section 205, CMR, 3.33 sub six would require a mortality review after the death of a horse to be conducted by the director of racing. The Director of Racing's primary role would be gather information surrounding the death of each racehorse and to ultimately run, if possible, add conclusions and recommendations to the appropriate entity, or person.

C Commissioner O'Brien 02:46

So I don't know, Melanie, if you've got a list of who would like to speak, and we can start to the comments. I would just say, after we hear all comments, we will close the public hearing, and the Commission will review regulations and consider any comments received today while writing for final approval of the June 17, 2025, public meeting. Before we do begin the comments, I would ask that any speaker identify themselves before commencing and commenting and to help facilitate everyone's opportunity to comment and the use of the technology to conduct this meeting. If you're accessing this first virtually, please signal your interest in making a comment by sending a message in the chat feature or raising your hand. Those features are available at the bottom of the screen by moving your cursor again. If you were dialing into the meeting by phone, you'll be invited to comment and make sure that everyone has that opportunity. You would come off mute by hitting star six. Having said all of that, we can now open for any public comments that want to be made today, and my cat is in the background. Anyone who wants to speak publicly. I'm not seeing any alerts on my screen, but I'll see one hand raise, yep. I don

C Counsel Foxx 03:45

I'd ask you to just to state your name, to identify yourself, and then you may offer your comment.

A Alice Tisbert, Managing Director HHANE 03:53

Thank you. Yes, good morning. My name is Alice Beulah Tisbert. I'm commenting on just one particular proposal, please. It is on the 205 CMR, 3.21 Trainers. It's asking in the last sentence attached a little bit as well as side straps on the number pads are required to be taped for all races. This is not working. It's been in place since the track has started, and what's happening is the tape doesn't stick to wet material, which the pads when they're washed, the straps get wet. If we have bad weather, the straps get wet. So tape does not stick to wet straps, therefore, the tape tends to fall off or as a safeguard, because of being asked to tape, it's being overtaped, and therefore it's causing an acceleration of wear on the straps. Now, we hadn't had new saddle pads at the racetrack for several years, so they had deteriorated and gone well beyond their useful life. So new pads were purchased, but these new pads aren't going to sustain any taping, and are going to put us back in the same position we were with pads not being able to stay on because they're being the straps deteriorated. I did make an offer to a couple of the management people that a brand new pad with snaps should hold well, but if you're looking for a safety backup, there is the ability to put a rubber band, a very small rubber

band. You can think of it similar to on like a rubber band, kind of lobster claw, a smaller particular band. And you could pull that over the strap, so when the strap is being secured, you could lift that rubber band, still make your snap, but that rubber band would have a tendency to give and take with the movement of the strap. Also would have less tendency there. You can never say definitive wouldn't happen, but the tendency for that band to come off would be very minimal, and also being rubber, it can take the wear and tear of water and weather. So I am a trainer, for over 45 years, I've worked with saddle pads at different race tracks throughout the country under different authorities, and when we get down to this point of strap safety, all for it, looking for anything we can do to keep them on, I just think that tape would not be the correct answer to the problem. Thank you.

C Commissioner O'Brien 05:45

Thank you. So anyone else who wishes to make a public comment at this time.

S Steve O'Toole, PPC 05:55

Good Morning. Steve O'Toole, Director racing at plainridge, with all due respect to Alice, and she has talked to me about these rubber bands. I don't understand the resistance for using tape. The horsemen have traditionally used tape on all sorts of equipment, including boots that are that tend to get wet at anything that they need to tape on their equipment gets taped. It's USTA regulation that fits in fun holidays are taped. So tape is an industry standard, it seems, except for on the saddle pad strap. So what we're trying to do here is to eliminate the pads from coming unfastened, as Alice said, we have two pads this year, and we have had a couple that have come unfastened. Just the other night the horse of the year came under the winner, under the finish line with a strap, with a saddle pad, un-strapped, winning a high stakes profile, profile race at different racetrack. So this is a problem that does come up because of where the straps are located. And we felt that this was a concern, and just trying to keep keep us the tabs on the horses. So with that, I just wanted to comment on what Alice had put forward. Thank you.

C Commissioner O'Brien 07:05

Thank you, sir. Anyone else who would like to make a public comment this time, I'm not seeing anything Attorney Foxx?

C Counsel Foxx 07:15

I do not see anyone coming off of mute or raising your hand, but I will ask again if anybody would like to make a comment to please take yourself off mute or raise your hand at this time.

C Commissioner O'Brien 07:32

I don't see anything in the chat indicating that anyone is having difficulty.



Counsel Foxx 07:37

Double checking that as well. I do not see anything at all on my end. Okay, one last time. Just want to invite anyone who would like to make a comment to take yourself off of mute and or raise your hand at this time.



Commissioner O'Brien 07:52

If you're on the phone. It's star six. That would unmute you.



Counsel Foxx 07:55

Correct. Okay, Commissioner O'Brien. I did not see anyone else who is indicated at this time. Then I will turn the speaking back over to you.



Commissioner O'Brien 08:05

Okay, I would say, for anyone on here, you can always submit comments in writing as well. And so for some reason, you had some technical difficulties and weren't able to speak at this public hearing, you can absolutely forward the comments in writing to us so we can before June 17. But, seeing no indication that there's further comments being offered at this time, I would now formally close the hearing. I want to thank everyone for attending today. Thank you for providing your expertise and information. As a reminder, these regulations will be voted on for finalization by the full Commission, currently anticipated to happen at the scheduled June 17, 2025 meeting. And with that, I would conclude the hearing and thank everyone for the time. Thank you. Thank you.



PLAINRIDGE PARK
CASINO

June 6, 2025

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal St.
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Public Comment - Racing Regulations

Dear Commissioners,

Please find this letter fully endorsing the proposed racing rule regulation changes, particularly 205 CMR 3.13(13), 3.15(3) and 3.21(8).

205 CMR 3.13(13)

The warning light system outlined in this section is in place at Plainridge Park and is in use for the second season. This system was presented in March 2024 at the United States Trotting Association Annual Meeting and quickly adopted by Plainridge. This system has been used in a couple of instances and proves to be a useful tool for a safer racing atmosphere. The addition of this section provides for the continued use of the system in the future.

205 CMR 3.21(8)

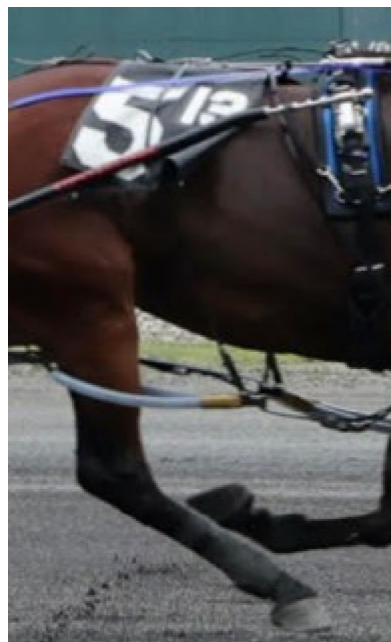
United States Trotting Association rule currently calls for tape to be used on front hobble hangers and buckles on driving lines. Taping equipment is an industry standard as horsemen for years have taped their equipment. Some other examples are bandages, boots, excess hobble strap material, tail ties and mane & foretop braids. This rule simply calls for the addition of tape to be adhered in two places on the side straps of the number pads.

On May 25, the 2024 Standardbred Horse of the Year "Twin B Joe Fresh" finished first in the \$100,000 Betsy Ross Invitational in Philadelphia with a side strap unbuckled and flopped back. On Tuesday May 27th a catastrophe was narrowly avoided at Northfield Park when a number came completely off a horse at the head of the stretch interfering with three trailing horses. And this past Sunday June 1, a horse lost its number during a race at Saratoga and finished under the wire in a photo without a number on its back. That is three instances at other tracks in the past week. At Plainridge we have not had an issue since the practice of taping has been in place. To take the extra step of applying a secondary safeguard to hobbles, driving line buckles and number pads is warranted and we recommend the adoption of this rule in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve O'Toole
Director of Racing

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To: Jordan Maynard, Chair
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From: Dean Serpa, Executive Director
Douglas O'Donnell, Revenue Manager
John Scully, Finance and Budget Manager
Derek Lennon, CFAO

Date: June 17, 2025

Re: Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget Recommendations

Summary

Staff are recommending a FY26 operational budget of \$63.96M for consideration by the Commission. The operational budget recommendations comprise spending and revenue estimates in the Gaming Control Fund, the Racing Oversight and Development Fund, administrative costs for the Community Mitigation Fund, the Commission's allocation from the Public Health Trust Fund, and the Sports Wagering Control Fund.

- **Gaming Control Fund**
 - \$40.8M for Regulatory and Statutorily Required Costs
 - Funds 85.52 FTEs and 3 Contract Employees
 - Requires an Assessment of \$36.97M
- **Racing**
 - \$2.09M for Regulating Racing
 - Funds 5.39 FTEs
- **Community Mitigation Fund**
 - \$533.55K for Grant Review and Sub-Recipient Monitoring
 - Funds 2.75 FTEs
- **Sports Wagering Control Fund**
 - \$13.91M for Regulatory and Statutorily Required Costs
 - Funds 46.04 FTEs and 4 Contract Positions
 - An assessment of \$12.87M
- **Public Health Trust Fund**
 - \$6.62M for the MGC's Office of Research and Responsible Gaming



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- Funds 4 FTEs

Fiscal Year 2026 Massachusetts Gaming Commission Budget Development Overview

The MGC's annual budget building process begins in February and concludes once the Commission approves a budget in June. The MGC Office of Finance met with each division/bureau head within the MGC and developed spending and revenue projections. These projections are best estimate representations of what will be needed in FY26 to operate the Commission, as well as what can be expected for revenue based on the Commission's current fee structures. All requests were then reviewed by the CFAO, the Executive Director, and the Treasurer of the Commission. A third review was conducted by representatives of both the gaming licensees and sports wagering operators in a virtual meeting on May 20, 2025. The meeting included a comprehensive review of the Commission's budget and staffing levels.

The Commission's Office of Finance developed a cost allocation method for charging the costs of staff that work across programs in racing, gaming, and/or sports wagering at the beginning of FY25. The method used took the positions that work directly on racing, sports wagering, and gaming as a subset, and then determined each fund's share of that subset. Those percentages were then applied to staff that are not directly assigned to a given fund. The distribution arrived at 65% to the gaming control fund, 28.5% to the sports wagering control fund, and 6.5% to the racing oversight and development fund. However, due to declining revenue streams in racing we had to decrease the allocation to racing to 3%, revise the allocation to gaming to 67% and 30% to sports wagering.

In FY26, the MGC will continue allocating funds to each division/bureau and tracking contractual commitments, expenditures, and salaries, against each division/bureau budget. The Commission will be using the expense budget feature in the Massachusetts Management and Accounting Reporting System (MMARS) to establish these budgets and automate the process of tracking each budget to actual expenditures and commitments.

FY26 Total Budget

The total budget presented today, excluding racing capital and promotional trust funds that benefit licensees and grants from the Community Mitigation Fund, is \$63.96M and funds 143.7 FTEs and 8 contract employees. The Commission approved an initial FY25 budget funding 140.62 FTEs and 8 contractors. As of the writing of this memorandum, the Commission has increased the approved FY25 FTEs to 143.62 with three (3) additional positions added during the FY25 midyear review. In FY26, we are keeping staffing levels flat at 143.7 FTEs and eight (8) contractors. The table below demonstrates how the Commission has allocated its positions to each fund under its control.

Appropriation	FY25 Initial FTEs	FY25 Initial Contractors	FY25 Current FTEs	FY25 Current Contractors	FY26 FY26 FTEs	FY26 Contractors
Gaming Control Fund 10500001	86.19	3.00	87.19	3.00	85.52	3.00
Racing Development and Oversight Fund 10500003	5.48	-	5.48	-	5.39	-
Community Mitigation Fund 10500004	2.63	-	2.63	-	2.75	-
Sports Wagering Control Fund 10501384	43.32	5.00	45.32	5.00	46.04	5.00
Public Health Trust Fund 40001101	3.00	-	3.00	-	4.00	-
Grand Total	140.62	8.00	143.62	8.00	143.70	8.00



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The table below compares the Commission's FY26 budget proposal to FY25's currently approved budget and explains any variances of over 15% or over \$100K by spending category. This year's proposal is growing salaries by \$511.5K, which includes 3% COLA and budgeted turnover savings of 7.5%. Pension and benefits are going down by \$964K because of the Commonwealth projecting an ~8% decrease in the federally negotiated fringe benefit rate. Indirect cost recoupment (a statutorily required cost) is increasing by \$621.5K, as it is calculated at 10% of AA, CC, HH, JJ, and UU object class expenditures. The lease category is increasing by \$465K; FY25 was a renewal year of our lease, therefore, we received 3 free months of rent. FY26 has 12 months of lease costs built in. Consultant costs are increasing by \$678K due to a rebranding initiative for our Game Sense program, as well as rolling out an annual audit program for our sports wagering licensees. Our GEU costs are increasing by \$684.8K, because of approved salary increases included in collective bargaining agreements for our law enforcement personnel of between 4% and 5%. The OO object class is where we track our agreements with the Attorney General's Office. This item is increasing because the AGO's budget has been held flat since the law was enacted in 2011 at \$3M. This level of funding is no longer sufficient. Our grants item is increasing by \$202K for community driven research and the MODE data project. Finally, our IT expenses are decreasing by \$365.3K due to the one-time costs of migrating our data centers in FY25.

Regulatory vs. Statutory Costs

It is important to distinguish between the different components of the proposed budget for FY26 and understand the difference between regulatory and statutory costs. The composition of the Commission's budget can be divided into two areas. The first area comprises the regulatory costs of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. These regulatory costs are directly within control of the Gaming Commission. The second area comprises statutory costs that are assessments and Research and Player Health initiatives contained in the Commission's enabling legislation but are not within the budgetary discretion of the Gaming Commission. The statutory costs are the responsibility of our licensees to pay. Most of this memorandum focuses on the regulatory costs of the MGC. The \$63.96M is divided into \$47.24M for regulatory costs and \$16.72M in statutorily required costs. Below is a breakout by appropriation of our regulatory and statutorily required costs:

Grouping Name	FY25	FY26	Variance	% Variance
MGC Regulatory Costs	\$46,358,860.38	\$47,241,773.40	\$882,913.02	1.90%
Statutorily Required Costs				
Indirect	\$3,312,401.89	\$3,933,950.56	\$621,548.67	18.76%
Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF	\$6,107,866.84	\$6,622,522.21	\$514,655.37	8.43%
Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP	\$4,498,094.24	\$6,085,056.11	\$1,586,961.87	35.28%
Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Statutorily Required Costs Total	\$13,993,362.97	\$16,716,528.88	\$2,723,165.91	19.46%
Total Budget	\$60,352,223.35	\$63,958,302.28	\$3,606,078.93	5.98%

The table above demonstrates that the FY26 budget prepared by staff includes a 1.9% regulatory cost increase (funding 13 divisions) from FY25 to FY26, while statutorily required costs are increasing by 19.46%.

The remainder of this memorandum will discuss the Commission's regulatory costs, and the Commission's share of the Public Health Trust Fund.

Gaming Control Fund 1050-0001



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The MGC's currently approved FY25 budget for the Gaming Control Fund is \$40.02M. The MGC is recommending an FY26 budget of \$40.81M, which is a 1.98% increase over the currently approved FY25 budget. The MGC's regulatory costs funded by the Gaming Control Fund decreased by 2.73% from \$33.27M in FY25 to \$32.36M in FY26, the statutorily required costs increased by 25.28% from \$6.74M in FY25 to \$8.44M in FY26. The table below summarizes significant changes in our regulatory costs by spending category between fiscal years:

Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Grouping Name	Object Class	Object Class Name	FY25	FY26	Variance	% Variance	Variance Explanation of >\$100K or >15%
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission	MGC Regulatory Costs	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$8,757,314.97	\$8,773,670.66	\$16,355.69	0.19%	
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$95,994.50	\$85,993.75	(\$10,000.75)	-10.42%	
			CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$192,640.00	\$198,419.20	\$5,779.20	3.00%	
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$3,837,195.60	\$3,157,783.90	(\$679,411.70)	-17.71%	Reduction of Federally approved fringe rate from 43.44% to 35.6%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$708,291.92	\$696,991.92	(\$11,300.00)	-1.60%	
			FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$817,235.42	\$1,142,798.06	\$325,562.64	39.84%	FY25 was a renewal year for our lease and we received 3 months for free. FY26 has a full year lease costs included.
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$957,922.29	\$939,450.00	(\$18,472.29)	-1.93%	
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$12,912,229.07	\$12,671,596.82	(\$240,632.25)	-1.86%	Shift of GEU Boston office costs to sports wagering for suitability reviews.
			KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAIR	\$65,607.90	\$70,607.90	\$5,000.00	7.62%	
			NN	INFRASTRUCTURE:	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			PP	STATE AID/POL SUB	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$4,725,628.83	\$4,424,888.27	(\$300,740.56)	-6.36%	Data center migration one time costs
		MGC Regulatory Costs Total			\$33,272,060.50	\$32,364,200.48	(\$907,860.02)	-2.73%	
		Statutorily Required Costs							
		Indirect	EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$2,670,864.03	\$2,782,091.25	\$111,227.22	4.16%	
		Indirect Total			\$2,670,864.03	\$2,782,091.25	\$111,227.22	4.16%	
		Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP	JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$1,070,710.24	\$1,085,056.11	\$14,345.87	1.34%	
			OO	(blank)	\$2,927,384.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$1,572,616.00	53.72%	
		Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP Total			\$3,998,094.24	\$5,585,056.11	\$1,586,961.87	39.69%	
		Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission	OO	(blank)	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission Total			\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		Statutorily Required Costs Total			\$6,743,958.27	\$8,442,147.36	\$1,698,189.09	25.18%	
	Mass. Gaming Commission Total				\$40,016,018.77	\$40,806,347.84	\$790,329.07	1.98%	

The MGC Regulatory portion of the Gaming Control Trust supports 10 divisions/bureaus. The table below shows each division's/bureau's costs of providing regulatory oversight to expanded gaming in FY25 and FY26. In FY26, we are requesting funding for 85.52 FTEs and 3 contract positions. Overall regulatory spending decreased by 2.73% or \$907.86K from FY25 current projections.

Below is a table that compares each division by the currently approved FY25 budget and the proposed FY26 budget, for the Regulatory portion of the Gaming Control Fund along with a brief explanation for any significant funding variances. Further details for budgets by each division are provided in attachments B and C:



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Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Unit	Unit Name	FY25	FY26	Variance	% Variance	Variance Explanation >15% or >\$100K
Mass. Gaming								
10500001	Commission	1000	Finance and Administration	\$2,003,432.24	\$2,257,407.06	\$253,974.82	12.68%	FY26 Lease Escalator
		1100	Human Resources	\$1,443,070.55	\$1,268,836.16	(\$174,234.39)	-12.07%	Reduction of 1 FTE
		1200	Legal	\$1,577,499.23	\$1,577,319.96	(\$179.27)	-0.01%	
		1300	Executive Director	\$581,787.24	\$651,476.04	\$69,688.80	11.98%	
		1400	Information Technology	\$6,083,316.53	\$6,054,169.37	(\$29,147.16)	-0.48%	
		1500	Commissioners	\$1,152,679.01	\$1,134,439.49	(\$18,239.52)	-1.58%	
		1800	Communications	\$361,969.78	\$378,379.39	\$16,409.61	4.53%	
		1900	Community Affairs	\$85,666.01	\$56,646.95	(\$29,019.06)	-33.87%	
			Investigations and Enforcement					Shift of GEU suitability investigative
		5000	Bureau	\$19,185,484.14	\$18,755,938.70	(\$429,545.44)	-2.24%	costs to sports wagering
		7000	Licensing Division	\$1,500,980.15	\$1,156,253.82	(\$344,726.33)	-22.97%	Y2 costs of new licensing system
		All	All Divisions	(\$703,824.38)	(\$926,666.46)	(\$222,842.08)	31.66%	Turnover projections increased from 5% to 7.5%
10500001	Regulatory							
Totals				\$33,272,060.50	\$32,364,200.48	(\$907,860.02)	-2.73%	

Racing Development and Oversight Trust Fund 1050-0003

This item funds the operations of the Racing division. Most of the funding from this appropriation is payroll, seasonal payroll, and fringe related costs. Costs of the division are payroll (seasonal and full time), fringe costs, drug and laboratory testing, ISA to DPH, purchased client services for economic hardship payments, and the jockey guild. As was reported in FY24 and FY25, racing revenues are down. We are keeping an eye on this item and this year's budget reflects that. This item is proposed to fund 3 full-time racing employees, as well as 3% of MGC staff supporting racing operations.

Below is a table that compares the currently approved FY25 budget and the proposed FY26 budget for the Racing Oversight and Development Fund, along with a brief explanation for any large variances. Of importance is the fact that we have maintained funding levels for all object classes within racing. We had made a request of the Legislature to amend the language of the Race Horse Development Fund, to allow us to spend some of the fund for administrative purposes given that racing revenue streams are declining. That request was not adopted in this year's budget cycle; however, it is an item we would like to continue to discuss with the Legislature in the coming year. Further details for budgets by each division funded from the Racing Development and Oversight Trust fund are provided in attachments B and C:

Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Grouping Name	Object Class	Object Class Name	FY25	FY26	Variance	% Variance	Variance Explanation of >\$100K or >15%
10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight Trust	MGC Regulatory Costs	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$611,888.13	\$603,157.16	(\$8,730.97)	-1.43%	
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$487,240.00	\$487,360.00	\$120.00	0.02%	
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$306,251.90	\$240,138.31	(\$66,113.59)	-21.59%	Reduction of Federally approved fringe rate from 43.44% to 35.6%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$27,060.00	\$27,060.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$391,000.00	\$391,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$915.00	\$915.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			MM	PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$155,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
				MGC Regulatory Costs Total	\$2,011,355.03	\$1,936,630.47	(\$74,724.56)	-3.72%	
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%	
				Indirect Total	\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%	
	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight Trust Total				\$2,123,157.59	\$2,086,767.87	(\$36,389.72)	-1.71%	

Community Mitigation Fund 1050-0004

205 CMR 153.05 allows the Commission to expend funds for the administration and oversight of the Community Mitigation grant program. The regulation requires the Commission to annually approve



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a budget not to exceed 10% of the funds available in the account for the fiscal year. The proposed budget, as shown in the table below, would fund 2.75 FTEs, in-state travel for subrecipient monitoring purposes, and the maintenance of a grant management database. This fund increased by 10.37%, but that is mainly because of budgeting indirect costs here this year, which was an oversight in previous years.

Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Grouping Name	Object Class	Object Class Name	FY25	FY26	Variance	% Variance	Variance Explanation of >\$100K or >15%
10500004	Community Mitigation	MGC Regulatory Costs	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$294,181.02	\$325,132.75	\$30,951.73	10.52%	
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$131,735.34	\$119,352.13	(\$12,383.21)	-9.40%	
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$2,500.00	\$34,066.27	\$31,566.27	1262.65%	Indirect budgeted here this year.
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		MGC Regulatory Costs Total			\$483,416.36	\$533,551.15	\$50,134.79	10.37%	
	Community Mitigation Total				\$483,416.36	\$533,551.15	\$50,134.79	10.37%	
10500004 Total					\$483,416.36	\$533,551.15	\$50,134.79	10.37%	

Sports Wagering Control Fund 1050-1384

In August of 2022 the MA Legislature and Governor approved a bill that legalized sports betting in the Commonwealth. The Gaming Commission was designated as the regulator. Included in that bill was a sports wagering control fund to provide a means for the Commission to spend money on regulating the industry. The Commission approved an FY25 sports wagering budget of \$11.62M which included the continued the work on initial suitability reviews and vendor suitability reviews, and funding for the second full year of regulating the sports wagering industry in MA. In FY26 staff are recommending a budget of \$13.91M, which represents a 19.67% increase. Most of the increase is composed of the revised allocations of GEU investigative Boston office staff, and consulting costs for additional audits, year 2 vendor suitability costs, and a realignment of shared costs to actual utilization in sports wagering. The table below shows the changes from FY25 to FY26 by spending category.

Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Grouping Name	Object Class	Object Class Name	FY25	FY26	Variance	% Variance	Variance Explanation of >\$100K or >15%
10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund	MGC Regulatory Costs	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$4,579,772.42	\$4,868,926.07	\$289,153.65	6.31%	Annualization of hires approved in FY25
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$18,500.00	\$41,500.00	\$23,000.00	124.32%	Midyear update
			CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$154,000.00	\$182,289.40	\$28,289.40	18.37%	Budgeting travel for departments other than Sports Wagering Division
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$2,031,485.99	\$1,784,666.87	(\$246,819.12)	-12.15%	Move of some contract employee staff from gaming
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$92,350.00	\$184,300.00	\$91,950.00	99.57%	Reduction of Federally approved fringe rate from 43.44% to 35.6%
			GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$311,353.26	\$450,936.69	\$139,583.43	44.83%	Revised allocation of training and professional development costs.
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$1,822,386.46	\$2,415,386.00	\$592,999.54	32.54%	FY25 was a renewal year for our lease and we received 3 months for free. FY26 has a full year lease costs included.
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$461,595.28	\$1,372,694.00	\$911,098.72	197.38%	Increase for Y2 of vendor suitability reviews, audit of sports book licensees, revised allocation of insurance policy and outside counsel to sports wagering from gaming.
			OO	(blank)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	Shift of GEU Boston office costs to sports wagering for suitability reviews.
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$1,109,851.94	\$1,095,265.46	(\$14,586.48)	-1.31%	
		MGC Regulatory Costs Total			\$10,581,295.35	\$12,395,964.49	\$1,814,669.14	17.15%	
		Indirect	EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$529,735.30	\$1,001,721.91	\$471,986.61	89.10%	
		Indirect Total			\$529,735.30	\$1,001,721.91	\$471,986.61	89.10%	
		Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF	UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF Total			\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP	OO	(blank)	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP Total			\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Sports Wagering Control Fund Total				\$11,623,130.65	\$13,909,786.40	\$2,286,655.75	19.67%	

Public Health Trust Fund 4000-1101



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The Research and Responsible Gaming (RRG) office is a statutorily required component of the MGC and was funded from the Public Health Trust Fund, beginning in FY20. Through a collaborative process with DPH and EOHHS, the MGC's RRG division will continue to be funded from the PHTF in FY26. Funding for the office has been increased by ~8.44% from an approved FY25 budget of \$6.1M to an FY26 proposal of \$6.62M. Below is a table comparing FY25 to the FY26 proposal.

Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Grouping Name	Object Class	Object Class Name	FY25	FY26	Variance	% Variance	Variance Explanation of >\$100K or >15%
40001101	Public Health Trust Fund	MGC Regulatory Costs	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%	
					\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%	
		Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$357,771.35	\$540,893.83	\$183,122.48	51.18%	Addition of one FTE and COLAs
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$7,250.00	\$10,500.00	\$3,250.00	44.83%	
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$163,895.06	\$204,512.00	\$40,616.94	24.78%	Addition of one FTE and COLAs
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$425,850.43	\$457,946.38	\$32,095.95	7.54%	Indirect budgeted here.
			FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$3,655,000.00	\$3,758,570.00	\$103,570.00	2.83%	Rebranding of GameSense
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			PP	STATE AID/POL SUB	\$1,320,000.00	\$1,522,000.00	\$202,000.00	15.30%	Community driven research study and MODE implementation
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	-33.33%	
		Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF Total			\$6,095,766.84	\$6,610,422.21	\$514,655.37	8.44%	
		Public Health Trust Fund			\$6,106,499.98	\$6,621,849.02	\$515,349.04	8.44%	
		40001101 Total			\$6,106,499.98	\$6,621,849.02	\$515,349.04	8.44%	

Exposures in the FY26 Budget Proposal

FY26 was another challenging budget to develop. While the Commission has established much of the framework for regulating sports wagering, we are still working through many of the day-to-day elements of being a mature and robust sports wagering regulator, as well as the proper allocation and alignment of costs between sports wagering and gaming. The FY26 budget does have some recurring gaming exposures, as well as some new sports wagering exposures. The following are a brief list of exposures:

- Funds the minimum required by our insurance policy for litigation costs in the legal budget.
- Funds MSP overtime at consistent levels and only increased for the CBA rate adjustments.
- Includes only 12 months of outside CPA assistance for reviewing sports wagering vendor applications.
- Revenue streams and funding for racing continue to be an item of concern for FY26 and moving forward.
- Built in 50% of the total anticipated costs of the new licensing system.

Assessments on Licensees

Gaming Control Fund Assessment:

Chapter 23K §56 (a)-(c) defines how the MGC will fund its annual costs related to regulating gaming activities. This chapter was further defined through 205 CMR 121.00. Section 56 (a) requires that the Commission assess a \$600 per machine fee to each licensee for every slot machine approved to be used in the facility on July 1. Staff would then combine the slot fees with any other fees we were projecting to generate in the fiscal year (primarily licensing fees) to determine the total fee revenue for the Gaming Control Fund. Section 56 (c) directs the Commission to determine the difference between the projected budget and the projected fees and assess that difference on licensees in proportion to each licensee's share of the total gaming positions.



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The finance staff is currently working with licensees to determine the anticipated number of gaming positions on July 1, 2025. Any adjustments for actual slot machine and gaming position counts will be updated in FY26's first quarter budget update to the Commission. After accounting for anticipated revenues from licensing fees and the annual slot fee, we are projecting an assessment of \$36.97M. The tables below represent estimates based on the information as of 5/30/2025.

Licensee	Slot Machines	Table Games	Table Gaming Positions	Total Gaming Positions	Percentage of Gaming Positions	FY25 Slot Fee
MGM	1,526	60	386	1,912	27.71%	\$915,600.00
Encore	2,716	196	1,298	4,014	58.17%	\$1,629,600.00
Penn	919			974	14.12%	\$551,400.00
TOTAL	5,161	256	1,684	6,900	100.00%	\$3,096,600.00

Licensee	Percentage of Gaming Positions	Licensee's Allocation of Assessment
MGM	27.71%	\$10,244,647.81
EBH	58.17%	\$21,507,330.70
PPC	14.12%	\$5,218,769.33
TOTAL	100.00%	\$36,970,747.84

Public Health Trust Fund Assessment from Gaming Operators:

C. 23K Section 56 (e) requires the Commission to annually assess a minimum of \$5M on licensees to be deposited into the Public Health Trust Fund, in the same proportion as the annual assessment for the Gaming Control Fund. The table below demonstrates each licensee's share of the assessment based on gaming positions as of 5/30/2025.

Licensee	Percentage of Gaming Positions	PHTF Allocation of Assessment
MGM	27.71%	\$1,385,507.25
EBH	58.17%	\$2,908,695.65
PPC	14.12%	\$705,797.10
TOTAL	100.00%	\$5,000,000.00

Sports Wagering Control Fund Assessment:

205 CMR 221.00 describes how the Commission shall assess its operational costs on Sports Wagering licensees, including any increases or decreases that are the result of over or under-spending. 205 CMR 221.01, paragraph 4(a) specifically states:

- (a) An Annual Assessment as provided by M.G.L. c. 23N, § 15(c), to be determined by the Commission and calculated in accordance with M.G.L. c. 23N, § 15(c) to cover costs of the Commission necessary to maintain control over Sports Wagering, in proportion to each licensee's actual or projected Adjusted Gross Sports Wagering receipts; provided, however, that such assessment may be adjusted by the Commission at any time after payment is made where required to reflect the actual Adjusted Gross Sports Wagering Receipts, and accordingly, the payment of additional funds may be required or a credit may be issued towards the payment due the following year;



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For the purposes of the FY26 assessment, we recommend using the actual adjusted gross wagering receipt (AGSWR) figures of licensees from July 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025. This will allow the Commission to assess costs and begin regulating sports wagering in FY26 and then revise for actual performance through June 30th (the end of the state fiscal year) when staff provides its first FY26 quarterly update to the Commission.

We are estimating spending of \$13.9M and revenue from fees of \$1.03M, which would result in an assessment of \$12.87M to be divided between the sports wagering licensees. We are unable to provide a table laying out each operator's share of the assessment until the meeting on July 1st, as we do not release AGSWR for May until June 20th.

Public Health Trust Fund Assessment from Sports Wagering Operators:

C. 23N Section 15(e) requires the Commission to annually assess \$1M on sports wagering to be deposited into the Public Health Trust Fund. This \$1M fee is to be distributed proportionately across all sports wagering licensees who are not issued a category 1 sports wagering license. 205 CMR 221.01, paragraph 4(b) specifically states:

- (a) An annual fee, as provided by M.G.L. c. 23N, § 15(e) reflecting each Operator that is not a Category 1 Sports Wagering Licensee's share of \$1,000,000 to be deposited into the Public Health Trust Fund; provided, however, that the Commission shall determine each Operator's share as their proportional share of anticipated or actual Adjusted Gross Sports Wagering Receipts; provided further, however, that such assessment may be adjusted by the Commission at any time after payment is made where required to reflect the actual adjusted gross sports wagering revenue;

Based on the above regulatory requirements, as well as our recommendation for the annual assessment to the Sports Wagering Control Fund, we will use the licensees' AGSWR from July 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, to determine each licensee's proportional share of the annual \$1M deposit to the Public Health Trust Fund. This assessment will be distributed across the licensees who are not category 1 sports wagering license holders. We are unable to provide a table laying out each operator's share of the assessment until the meeting on July 1st, as we do not release AGSWR from May until June 20th.

Conclusion

We are proposing a FY26 Gaming Control Fund budget of \$40.81M, a Research and Responsible Gaming budget funded from the Public Health Trust Fund of \$6.62M, a Community Mitigation Fund administration and oversight budget of \$533.55K, a Sports Wagering Control Fund budget of \$13.91M, and a Racing Oversight and Development Fund budget of \$2.09M. We recommend posting the budget documents for public comment and then reconvening on July 1st to adjust or approve the budget based on any discussion today or comments received from the public.

Attachments:

Attachment A: FY26 Listing of Accounts Spending and Revenue

Attachment B: Next Year Budget All Departments for Commission

Attachment C: Next Year Budget by Object Class for Commission



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Attachment A FY26 Listing of Accounts Spending and Revenue

2026		Budget Projections
Row Labels		Initial Projection
10500001--Gaming Control Fund		
MGC Regulatory Cost		
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$	8,773,670.66
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$	85,993.75
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$	198,419.20
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$	3,157,783.90
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$	696,991.92
FF PROGRAM, FACILITY, OPERATIONAL SUPPIES	\$	20,000.00
GG ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$	1,142,798.06
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$	939,450.00
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$	12,671,596.82
KK Equipment Purchase	\$	62,000.00
LL EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$	70,607.90
NN NON-MAJOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE REPAIR	\$	30,000.00
PP STATE AID/POL SUB/OSD	\$	90,000.00
TT PAYMENTS & REFUNDS	\$	-
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$	4,424,888.27
MGC Regulatory Cost Subtotal:	\$	32,364,200.48
EE--Indirect Costs	\$	2,782,091.25
Office of Attorney General		
ISA to AGO	\$	4,500,000.00
TT Reimbursement for AGO 0810-1024	\$	-
AGO State Police	\$	1,085,056.11
Office of Attorney General Subtotal:	\$	5,585,056.11
ISA to ABCC	\$	75,000.00
Gaming Control Fund Total Costs	\$	40,806,347.84
		Revenue Projections
Revenues		Initial Projection
Gaming Control Fund Beginning Balance 0500	\$	-
EBH Security fees 0500/Independent Monitor	\$	-
ENHANCED EBH Security fees	\$	75,000.00
Category/Region Collection Fees 0500	\$	-
Prior Year Independent Monitory Fees 500	\$	-
IEB background / investigative collections 0500	\$	75,000.00
Phase 1 Refunds 0500	\$	-
Phase 2 Category 1 Collections (restricted) 0500	\$	-
Region C Phase 1 Investigation Collections 0500	\$	-
Region C Phase 2 Category 1 Collections 0500	\$	-
Grant Collections (restricted) 0500	\$	-
Region A slot Machine Fee 0500	\$	1,629,600.00

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Region B Slot Machine Fee 0500	\$	915,600.00
Slots Parlor Slot Machine Fee 0500	\$	551,400.00
Gaming Employee License Fees (GEL) 3000	\$	200,000.00
Key Gaming Executive (GKE) 3000	\$	20,000.00
Key Gaming Employee (GKS) 3000	\$	75,000.00
Non-Gaming Vendor (NGV) 3000	\$	40,000.00
Vendor Gaming Primary (VGP) 3000	\$	150,000.00
Vendor Gaming Secondary (VGS) 3000	\$	-
Gaming School License (GSB)/LIQ	\$	-
Gaming Service Employee License (SER) 3000	\$	75,000.00
Subcontractor ID Initial License (SUB) 3000	\$	15,000.00
Temporary License Initial License (TEM) 3000	\$	2,000.00
Assessment for PHTF	\$	5,000,000.00
Transfer PHTF Assessment to PHTF	\$	(5,000,000.00)
Veterans Initial License (VET) 3000	\$	-
Transfer of Licensing Fees to CMF 0500	\$	-
Assessment 0500	\$	36,970,747.84
Misc/MCC Grant	\$	-
Miscellaneous 0500	\$	5,000.00
Bank Interest 2700	\$	7,000.00
Grand Total	\$	40,806,347.84

2026		Budget Projections
Row Labels		Initial Projection
4000-1101 Research and Responsible Gaming/Public Health Trust Fund		
Health Trust Fund		
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$	552,320.64
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$	10,500.00
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$	-
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$	204,512.00
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$	457,946.38
FF PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY OPERATONAL SUPPLIES	\$	1,000.00
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$	3,758,570.00
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$	15,000.00
MM PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$	-
PP STATE AID/POL SUB	\$	1,522,000.00
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$	100,000.00
ISA to DPH	\$	-
Research and Responsible Gaming/Public Health Trust Fund Subtotal:		\$ 6,621,849.02
		Revenue Projections
Revenues		Initial Projection

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Public Health Trust Fund ISA		\$ 6,621,849.02
		Budget Projections
Row Labels		Initial Projection
1050003		
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$	603,157.16
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$	6,000.00
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$	487,360.00
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$	240,138.31
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$	27,060.00
FF PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY OPERATONAL SUPPLIES	\$	12,000.00
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$	10,000.00
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$	391,000.00
KK EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$	-
LL EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$	915.00
MM PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$	85,000.00
NN INFRASTRUCTURE:	\$	-
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$	-
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$	4,000.00
EE --Indirect Costs	\$	150,137.40
ISA to DPH	\$	70,000.00
Grand Total	\$	2,086,767.87
		Revenue Projections
Revenues		Initial Projection
Racing Oversight and Development Balance Forward		
0131	\$	-
Plainridge Assessment 4800	\$	70,000.00
Plainridge Daily License Fee 3003	\$	110,000.00
Plainridge Occupational License 3003/3004	\$	50,000.00
Plainridge Racing Development Oversight Live 0131	\$	15,000.00
Plainridge Racing Development Oversight Simulcast 0131	\$	60,000.00
Raynham Assessment 4800	\$	40,000.00
Raynham Daily License Fee 3003	\$	63,000.00
Raynham Racing Development Oversight Simulcast 0131	\$	25,000.00
Suffolk Assessment 4800	\$	650,000.00
Suffolk Commission Racing Development Oversight		
Simulcast 0131	\$	60,000.00
Suffolk Daily License Fee 3003	\$	63,000.00
Suffolk Occupational License 3003/3004	\$	-
Suffolk Racing Development Oversight Live 0131	\$	-
Suffolk TVG Commission Live 0131	\$	-
Suffolk TVG Commission Simulcast 0131	\$	375,000.00
Suffolk Twin Spires Commission Live 0131	\$	-

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Suffolk Twin Spires Commission Simulcast 0131	\$	175,000.00
Suffolk Xpress Bet Commission Live 0131	\$	-
Suffolk Xpress Bet Commission Simulcast 0131	\$	65,000.00
Suffolk NYRA Bet Commission Live 0131	\$	-
Suffolk NYRA Bet Commission Simulcast 0131	\$	90,000.00
Transfer to General Fund 10500140 0000	\$	-
Wonderland Assessment 4800	\$	-
Wonderland Daily License Fee 3003	\$	-
Wonderland Racing Development Oversight Simulcast 0131	\$	40,000.00
Plainridge fine 2700	\$	-
Suffolk Fine 2700	\$	-
Plainridge Unclaimed wagers 5009	\$	-
Suffolk Unclaimed wagers 5009	\$	-
Raynham Unclaimed wagers 5009	\$	-
Wonderland Unclaimed wagers 5009	\$	-
Return of Unclaimed wagers	\$	-
Misc/Bank Interest 0131	\$	500.00
Grand Total	\$	1,951,500.00

		Budget Projections
Row Labels		Initial Projection
10500004		
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$	325,132.75
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$	5,000.00
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$	119,352.13
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$	34,066.27
GG ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$	-
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (Grant)	\$	-
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$	50,000.00
Grand Total	\$	533,551.15

		Budget Projections
Row Labels		Initial Projection
10501384		
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$	4,868,926.07
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$	41,500.00
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$	182,289.40
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$	1,784,666.87
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$	184,300.00
FF PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY OPERATONAL SUPPLIES	\$	-
GG ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$	450,936.69
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$	2,415,386.00
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$	1,372,694.00
KK EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$	-
LL EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$	-

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NN INFRASTRUCTURE:	\$	-
OO--ISA AGO	\$	500,000.00
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$	-
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$	1,095,265.46
EE --Indirect Costs	\$	1,001,721.91
Grand Total	\$	13,897,686.40
		Revenue Projections
Revenues	Initial Projection	
BALANCE FORWARD PRIOR YEAR	\$	-
CATERGORY 1	\$	-
CATERGORY 2	\$	-
CATEROGRY 3 (TETHERED)	\$	-
CATERGORY 3 (UNTETHERED)	\$	-
SW GAMING CONTROL FUND BALANCE 0500	\$	-
EMPLOYEE LICENSING FEES 3000	\$	300,000.00
VENDOR SW FEES 3000	\$	100,000.00
FANTASY FEES 3000	\$	-
ASSESSMENT 0500	\$	12,867,686.40
FINES & PENALTIES 2700	\$	-
MISC 0500	\$	25,000.00
IEB BACKGROUND/INVESTIGATIVE FEES 3000	\$	600,000.00
BANK INTEREST SW	\$	5,000.00
Grand Total		\$13,897,686.40

Attachment B: Next Year Budget All Departments for Commission

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1000	Finance and Administration							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$536,457.62	\$585,819.68	\$49,362.06	9.20%
					Salary		\$8,125.00	\$0.00	(\$8,125.00)	-100.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$544,582.62	\$585,819.68	\$41,237.06	7.57%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel	Out of State Travel	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	-100.00%
		B02	In-State Travel		Travel	In-State Travel	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	(\$3,000.00)	-50.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$3,722.06	\$0.00	(\$3,722.06)	-100.00%
					Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$232,608.03	\$208,551.81	(\$24,056.22)	-10.34%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$13,143.21	\$12,946.61	(\$196.60)	-1.50%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$249,473.30	\$221,498.42	(\$27,974.88)	-11.21%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies		Supplies	Adoni Spring Water/Milhench	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Supplies	Cam Office Supplies Increased \$2,500	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Supplies	W.B. Mason/Veteran's Business Supply	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies		Printing	Millenium/RazzMTazz/MG Products	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E05	Postage Chargeback		Postage	ITD PAD Chargeback for postal Services	\$2,743.92	\$2,743.92	\$0.00	0.00%
		E06	Postage		Postage	Postage for Ashburton Mail Room	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Postage	Postage for Pitney Bowes, Fed Ex, UPS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E15	Bottled Water		Water	Quench	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E18	State Single Audit Chargeback		Chargeback	Chargeback Single State Audit	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E19	Fees, Fines, Licenses, Permits & Chargebacks		Fees, Fines, Licensed, Chargebakcs	EZ Pass/Occupancy/Commissions	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E20	Motor Vehicle Chargeback			Telemetrics, OVM Management, Leases Split with SW	\$0.00	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00	#Div/0!
		E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees		Laz Parking/VPNE	moved 24K to SW Parking at 33 Arch St.	\$54,000.00	\$30,000.00	(\$24,000.00)	-44.44%
		E30	Credit Card Purchases		Credit Card	Credit Card Incidental Purchases	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel	Travel Agency Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1000	Finance and Administration							
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	Conference Registrations	Registration Fees		\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$129,968.92	\$117,168.92	(\$12,800.00)	-9.85%
		GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL							
		G01	Space Rental	Office Lease	Increase for new lease In FY25 we received 3 months of free rent plus 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft. If FY26 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft and 6 months at ~\$79/sq ft. --70% of annual lease to Gaming 30% to Sports Wagering		\$692,100.16	\$1,014,997.14	\$322,896.98	46.65%
		G03	Electricity	Electricity	increase for inflation 101 Federal St. 12 months		\$23,334.34	\$26,000.00	\$2,665.66	11.42%
		G05	Fuel For Vehicles	Gas	Wex Bank/Gulf		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$718,434.50	\$1,043,997.14	\$325,562.64	45.32%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services	Insurance	split between sports wagering Comprehensive Insurance Policy		\$163,500.00	\$114,450.00	(\$49,050.00)	-30.00%
		H19	Management Consultants	Outside Consultant	CPA Firm for Annual Audits consistent with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards		\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$233,500.00	\$184,450.00	(\$49,050.00)	-21.01%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J10	Auxiliary Financial Services	Auxiliary Financial Services	Credit Card Fees/BillMatrix		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ2	Auxiliary Services	Courier	USA Couriers		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Shredding	ProShred		\$1,615.00	\$1,615.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$2,115.00	\$2,115.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR							
		L24	Motorized Vehicle Equipment Rental or Lease	Rental Cars	Enterprise Car Rental		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		L25	Office Equipment Rental or Lease	Printing	Pitney Bowes		\$607.90	\$607.90	\$0.00	0.00%
		L26	Printing/Photocopy & Micrographics Equip Rent/Lease	Copier	increase of 3K Canon Financial Services Recurring Payments for 13th floor and IEB Per Click costs of \$2.5K		\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00	25.00%
		L46	Print, Photocopying & Micrograph Equipment Maint/Repair	Copier	Canon USA/Maintenance & Repair--Initial Contract Rate Ended		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Xerox Leases	increase of 2K 6 Machines average \$300 per month Xerox Leases Recurring Payments of \$11.1K for 3 machines Per Click costs of \$3.2K (avg of this year) Increase \$400		\$22,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$2,000.00	9.09%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$40,107.90	\$45,107.90	\$5,000.00	12.47%
		NN	INFRASTRUCTURE:							

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1000	Finance and Administration							
		N50	Non-Major Facility Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair		Repairs	Office/Building Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)		Software	Software - LinkSquares CLM	\$35,750.00	\$35,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs		IT Consultants	diversity moved to HR Diversity Consultants	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	(\$25,000.00)	-100.00%
					IT Consultants	Web penetration Testing	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U10	Information Tech (IT) Equipment Maintenance & Repair		Cable	Cable/Comcast	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$74,250.00	\$49,250.00	(\$25,000.00)	-33.67%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$2,003,432.24	\$2,257,407.06	\$253,974.82	12.68%
		1100	Human Resources							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	additional HR Post Retiree Employee Salaries	\$416,703.07	\$319,491.93	(\$97,211.14)	-23.33%
					Merit Increases	Intern Program that Could Provide Up to 2 regular and 1 graduate intern	\$87,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide	\$281,184.27	\$255,520.83	(\$25,663.44)	-9.13%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$785,387.34	\$662,512.76	(\$122,874.58)	-15.65%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel	Other Out of State Travel-Inclusive Airfare, Hotel, Lodging Gaming Conference	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02	In-State Travel		Travel	In-state Travel AOC as well as site visits of licensees	\$5,985.00	\$5,985.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$6,485.00	\$6,485.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES							
		C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services		Contract Employee	3% cost escalation Administrative Help	\$62,640.00	\$64,519.20	\$1,879.20	3.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$62,640.00	\$64,519.20	\$1,879.20	3.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$162,348.98	\$113,739.13	(\$48,609.85)	-29.94%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$10,209.23	\$5,580.07	(\$4,629.16)	-45.34%
		D15	Workers' Compensation Chargebacks		Worker's Comp Chargeback	Worker's Comp Chargeback	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$182,558.21	\$129,319.20	(\$53,239.01)	-29.16%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission			MGC Regulatory Costs						
		1100	Human Resources							
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies		Printing	Printing of Reports and Best Practices	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees		Administrative Expenses	Marketing Sponsorships of Diversity and Opportunity Events GNEMSCD, UMASS, Circa	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Subscriptions	decrease 5K and move to travel and conference Pcard Human Resource Information System	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	-100.00%
					Subscriptions	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees SHRM, NEHRA, The Partnership	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E19	Fees, Fines, Licenses, Permits & Chargebacks		Licenses	Fees, Fines, Licenses, Permits & Chargebacks for HRCMS and HRD	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees		Conference Incidentals	Conference Incidentals	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Conferences	Workforce/Diversity Meetings--Digital also	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E30	Credit Card Purchases		Credit Card Charges	increased 3K from HR Systems FIA Card	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	100.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel	Increased 2K from HRSystems Travel Agent	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	200.00%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Conference, Training Registration Fees	GNEMSDC, Umass, Diversity Conferences	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Training	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE9	Employee Recognition Chargeback		Employee Morale	Employee Recognition Program	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$81,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services		Legal Consultants	Employment Laywers	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Worker's Comp	Workers Comp Litigation Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		H23	Program Coordinators		Consultants	Moved \$20K to Strategice Consultant, FY25 RSM and Training but in FY26 used for additional DEI training	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00	(\$20,000.00)	-18.18%
					Strategic Consultant	took 20,000 from consultant line 3 year study left out last year split between gaming and sports wagering Strategic Organizational Consult and Compensation	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J46	Temporary Help Services		Temp Help	Temp help/interns/diversity	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ2	Auxiliary Services		HR Investigations	HR Investigations	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Testing	Workcare Health Resouces	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		PP	STATE AID/POL SUB							

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1100	Human Resources							
			P01	Grants To Public Entities	Grants	Workforce Development and Diversity Grants Reduced \$60,000 moved to H23	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses						
			U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	Software	Cornerstone HR Employee Performance Review Software Increased to \$16,275	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$1,443,070.55	\$1,268,836.16	(\$174,234.39)	-12.07%
		1200	Legal							
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION						
			A01	Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$640,612.40	\$655,482.15	\$14,869.75	2.32%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$640,612.40	\$655,482.15	\$14,869.75	2.32%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN						
			B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	Travel	Out of State Travel and Training	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			B02	In-State Travel	Travel	In State Travel	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			B05	Conference, Training, Registration and Membership Dues and L	Professional Licenses	Professional and Bar Licenses	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$14,650.00	\$14,650.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX						
			D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$277,769.54	\$233,351.65	(\$44,417.89)	-15.99%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$15,695.00	\$14,486.16	(\$1,208.84)	-7.70%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$293,464.54	\$247,837.81	(\$45,626.73)	-15.55%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
			E01	Office & Administrative Supplies	Supplies	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	Subscription	Legal Subscription - Law360	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Subscriptions	Subscriptions and Memberships Westlaw ABA Increase \$4k for Thomson Reuters	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Subscriptions	nstatrac Subscription	\$4,650.00	\$4,650.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			E13	Advertising Expenses	Reg Advertising	Advertising of Regs and Meetings Increase \$5k for Racing	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			E30	Credit Card Purchases	Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ	Conference, Training, Registon Fees	Conference, Training, Registon Fees \$1,750 Increase for more conferences	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Travel	Conference/Trainings Travel and Lodging for FTEs Increase \$2,500 for more travel	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1200	Legal							
				Obj Class Totals:			\$65,350.00	\$65,350.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH		CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)						
		H09		Attorneys/Legal Services	Consultant		(\$30,577.71)	\$0.00	\$30,577.71	-100.00%
					Litigation Defense	Check with Todd on Lit Minimum per policy decrease and moved 40K to hearing officers for one case pending dismissal Outside Counsel Litigation Defense	\$400,000.00	\$360,000.00	(\$40,000.00)	-10.00%
					Outside Counsel	General Practice, Regulations, Laws, etc.	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Outside Counsel	Increase for Consultation for New Union Initiative Labor Employment Law	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		H19		Management Consultants	Hearing Officer	Increase of 40K for usage Hearing Officer Increased \$25,000 volume of cases	\$65,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$40,000.00	61.54%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$559,422.29	\$590,000.00	\$30,577.71	5.47%
		JJ		OPERATIONAL SERVICES						
		JJ1		Legal Support Services	Operational Services	Offsite Storage - \$50 per month charge if boxes are pulledIncreased GRM Usage Increased for more digitization of files	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Division/Bureau Totals:			\$1,577,499.23	\$1,577,319.96	(\$179.27)	-0.01%
		1300	Executive Director							
		AA		REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION						
		A01		Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$375,463.96	\$447,828.74	\$72,364.78	19.27%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$375,463.96	\$447,828.74	\$72,364.78	19.27%
		BB		REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN						
		B01		Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	Travel	Conferences Out of State	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02		In-State Travel	Travel	In-State Mileage and Reimbursements	\$4,023.25	\$4,023.25	\$0.00	0.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$8,523.25	\$8,523.25	\$0.00	0.00%
		DD		PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX						
		D09		Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$162,801.17	\$159,427.03	(\$3,374.14)	-2.07%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$9,198.86	\$9,897.02	\$698.16	7.59%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$172,000.03	\$169,324.05	(\$2,675.98)	-1.56%
		EE		ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
		E12		Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	Memberships	NAGR increased \$300 for costs	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E30		Credit Card Purchases	Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE2		Conference, Training and Registration Fees	Travel and Conf	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1300	Executive Director							
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H19	Management Consultants		Strategic Consultant	General Consultant needs for Commissioners or Executive Director	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J50	Instructors/Lecturers/Trainers		Training	Upper Management Training	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$581,787.24	\$651,476.04	\$69,688.80	11.98%
		1400	Information Technology							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$1,291,486.17	\$1,333,469.54	\$41,983.37	3.25%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$1,291,486.17	\$1,333,469.54	\$41,983.37	3.25%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel	Out of State Travel G2E/Gartner increase for more FTE by \$3,125	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02	In-State Travel		Travel	In-state travel increase for more FTEs by \$1,250	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$559,988.40	\$474,715.16	(\$85,273.24)	-15.23%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$31,641.41	\$29,469.68	(\$2,171.73)	-6.86%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$591,629.81	\$504,184.84	(\$87,444.97)	-14.78%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies		Supplies	Office and Administrative Supplies increase by \$1,500	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies		Printers	Printers @\$250/printer Decrease by 300	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees		Subscriptions	Increase 5K for Vixio Gaming Compliance increase for more FTEs and subscription	\$28,890.00	\$33,890.00	\$5,000.00	17.31%
		E30	Credit Card Purchases		Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases; \$400 Domain GOV Renewal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Out of State Travel	Travel Agent - Travel Leaders Additional FTEs budgeting for Travel	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Conference	Conference, Training and Registrations Fees Increase for more FTEs by \$2,473	\$4,973.00	\$4,973.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$56,663.00	\$61,663.00	\$5,000.00	8.82%
		GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL							

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1400	Information Technology							
			G01	Space Rental	Data Center	Data Center Costs (Rack Space, maintenance for 2 Data Centers)	\$85,158.72	\$85,158.72	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$85,158.72	\$85,158.72	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
			J46	Temporary Help Services	TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES	SevenStep or other Temp Help	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			J50	Instructors/Lecturers/Trainers	Training	Technical Training not available on LinkedIn	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE							
			K07	Office Furnishings	Office Equipment	Creative Office Pavillion	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR							
			L24	Motorized Vehicle Equipment Rental or Lease	MOTORIZED VEHICLE EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	Enterprise Rental rental for conferences travel	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		NN	INFRASTRUCTURE:							
			N50	Non-Major Facility Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair	Facilities Maintenance	\$4,450 Annual Main & Support, Parts/HVAC monitoring; Viscom \$1,500 Building Security	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
			U01	Telecommunications Services Data	TELECOMMUNICAT IONS SERVICES DATA	Surveillance, CMS Primary/Backup Circuits, Lab Line, Windstream Services (VPN, LAN, WAN redundancy) etc	\$227,750.00	\$227,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			U02	Telecommunications Services - Voice	TELECOMMUNICAT IONS SERVICES - VOICE	OfficeSuite (Voice, HD Meeting, WeConnect), Verizon Wireless, Multi-location fax lines	\$133,010.00	\$133,010.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	SOFTWARE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LICENSES (IT)	Azure Sentinel, M365 G5 Compliance, M365 G5 Security Adobe, Sharepoint, O365, Azure, JIRA, MDM etc	\$331,387.30	\$331,387.30	\$0.00	0.00%
			U04	Information Technology Chargeback	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHARGEBACK	decrease -\$40,794.56 EOTSS LMS HRCMS MMARS	\$65,000.00	\$24,205.44	(\$40,794.56)	-62.76%
			U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs	CMS - \$2,484,206.46	CMS - IGT Intelligen (PPC, MGM, EBH) IGT move adjusted costs down 39,127.83	\$2,287,240.44	\$2,287,240.44	\$0.00	0.00%
					CONSULTING - \$50,000	IT Consulting Support (TBD)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					IGT NOC Migration	Increase for data center move and for parts IGT NOC Migration Removed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1400	Information Technology							
			U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs	IT Staff Augment	Contract Systems Admin eDiscovery Specialist	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					IT Staff Augment	Talent Burst It Staff Augment	\$39,750.00	\$39,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Staff Augmentations Professionals	McInnis Consulting Jira Expert Removed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
			U06	Information Technology (IT) Cabling	IT Cabling	Runs/Cabling	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			U07	Information Technology (IT) Equipment	IT Equipment	decrease of \$75K IT Equipment, emergency replacements (switches, routers, firewalls) etc	\$195,000.00	\$120,000.00	(\$75,000.00)	-38.46%
			U09	Information Technology (IT) Equip Rental Or Lease	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) EQUIP RENTAL OR LEASE	increased \$7,009 for ACS Leases Refresh lease	\$112,891.00	\$120,000.00	\$7,109.00	6.30%
			U10	Information Tech (IT) Equipment Maintenance & Repair	IT Maintenance and Repair	Annual M&S Equipment/Services	\$77,633.09	\$77,633.09	\$0.00	0.00%
			U11	Information Technology (IT) Contract Services	IT Contract Services	LMS, Gartner, Tallan Servicese incrase of \$120K for Tier Point. Includes Xfact for Licensing Maintenance	\$395,217.00	\$515,217.00	\$120,000.00	30.36%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$3,997,878.83	\$4,009,193.27	\$11,314.44	0.28%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$6,083,316.53	\$6,054,169.37	(\$29,147.16)	-0.48%
		1500	Commissioners							
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION						
			A01	Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	Employee Compensation	\$698,593.14	\$747,149.91	\$48,556.77	6.95%
					Salary		\$11,500.00	\$0.00	(\$11,500.00)	-100.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$710,093.14	\$747,149.91	\$37,056.77	5.22%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN						
			B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	Travel Reimbursements	Decreased 7K moved to 1050-1384 Travel Reimbursements --In State (6 Commission Meetings a Year, Site Visits) --Out of Pocket Out of State Expenses	\$18,000.00	\$11,000.00	(\$7,000.00)	-38.89%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$18,000.00	\$11,000.00	(\$7,000.00)	-38.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX						
			D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$5,268.15	\$0.00	(\$5,268.15)	-100.00%
					Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$302,909.99	\$265,985.37	(\$36,924.62)	-12.19%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$17,115.53	\$16,512.01	(\$603.52)	-3.53%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$325,293.67	\$282,497.38	(\$42,796.29)	-13.16%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
			E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	Office Supplies	Lane Printing, etc.	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1500	Commissioners							
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees		Subscriptions	Trade Journals	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees		Meeting Space	Temporary Space @ 6mtgs - \$2K meeting space 6 mtgs and \$5k to stream for 4 of the meetings	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Team Building	Team Building, Agency Conferences	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E30	Credit Card Purchases		Credit Card	decrease \$1.5 Allowable Credit Card Expenses	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00	(\$1,500.00)	-20.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel Agency Fees	decrease 2K moved to 1050-1384 Travel	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	-20.00%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Registration Fees	decrease 2K moved to 1050-1384Conference/Trainings	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	-28.57%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$70,650.00	\$65,150.00	(\$5,500.00)	-7.78%
		GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL							
		G01	Space Rental		75-101 Parking Garage	Parking 75-101--5 spaces. Two of the spaces are included in the lease. This item pays for 3 of the spaces.	\$13,642.20	\$13,642.20	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$13,642.20	\$13,642.20	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services		Consultant	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		H23	Program Coordinators		Consultant	General Consulting	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE							
		K07	Office Furnishings		Office Equipment	Office Furnishings	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$1,152,679.01	\$1,134,439.49	(\$18,239.52)	-1.58%
		1800	Communications							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Regular Salaries	\$180,187.25	\$203,404.06	\$23,216.81	12.88%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$180,187.25	\$203,404.06	\$23,216.81	12.88%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B02	In-State Travel		Travel Reimbursement	In-State Travel Reimbursement	\$4,488.75	\$4,488.00	(\$0.75)	-0.02%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$4,488.75	\$4,488.00	(\$0.75)	-0.02%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$78,129.19	\$72,411.85	(\$5,717.34)	-7.32%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$4,414.59	\$3,325.48	(\$1,089.11)	-24.67%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$82,543.78	\$75,737.33	(\$6,806.45)	-8.25%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1800	Communications							
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies		Printing	Printing	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees		Subscriptions	moved 2,500 to travel and 1000 conferences Subscriptions, Licensing, Memberships	\$35,650.00	\$32,150.00	(\$3,500.00)	-9.82%
		E42	In-State Travel & Related Expen on Behalf of State Employees		Travel Agent	moved 2.5K from subscription cost, travel for upcoming year	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	#Div/0!
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Conference Registration	moved 1K from subscription cost conference registrations	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$41,750.00	\$41,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		HH3	Media Design, Editorial and Communication		Website Design	Marketing & Website Design	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		JJ2	Auxiliary Services		Streaming	Streaming & Production of Public Meetings	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE							
		K05	Office Equipment		Equipment Purchases	Increased to purchase additional Photography/Streaming Equipment Net Zero Purchase	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$361,969.78	\$378,379.39	\$16,409.61	4.53%
		1900	Community Affairs							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Regular Employees	\$56,699.47	\$38,933.64	(\$17,765.83)	-31.33%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$56,699.47	\$38,933.64	(\$17,765.83)	-31.33%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B02	In-State Travel		In State Travel Reimbursement	In-State Travel Reimbursement and Out of State --Visits to Other Licensee Sites	\$2,992.50	\$2,992.50	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$2,992.50	\$2,992.50	\$0.00	0.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$24,584.90	\$13,860.38	(\$10,724.52)	-43.62%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$1,389.14	\$860.43	(\$528.71)	-38.06%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$25,974.04	\$14,720.81	(\$11,253.23)	-43.32%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$85,666.01	\$56,646.95	(\$29,019.06)	-33.87%
		5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau							

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$4,078,309.25	\$4,099,093.51	\$20,784.26	0.51%
		A08	Overtime Pay		Overtime	Overtime for Gaming Agents.	\$0.00	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$4,078,309.25	\$4,204,093.51	\$125,784.26	3.08%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel	Out of state travel reimbursements for gaming enforcement agents and non-state police staff	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02	In-State Travel		Travel	In-state-travel reimbursements for gaming enforcement agents and non-state police staff	\$7,980.00	\$7,980.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$22,980.00	\$22,980.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES							
		C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services		Contract Employee	COLA 3% Contracted Civilian Investigators	\$130,000.00	\$133,900.00	\$3,900.00	3.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$130,000.00	\$133,900.00	\$3,900.00	3.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$1,768,354.90	\$1,459,277.29	(\$309,077.61)	-17.48%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$99,918.57	\$90,589.97	(\$9,328.60)	-9.34%
					Taxes	Taxes on CC Employees 2.45%	\$2,697.35	\$2,506.11	(\$191.24)	-7.09%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$1,870,970.82	\$1,552,373.37	(\$318,597.45)	-17.03%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies		Supplies	Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees		Subscriptions	West Clear Law,Hire Authority, Nat.Student Loan Increase of \$500/month for GOLD Subscription Service	\$101,000.00	\$101,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E20	Motor Vehicle Chargeback		Motor Vehcile Lease	OVM Chargeback	\$6,110.00	\$6,110.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E30	Credit Card Purchases		Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel Agent	Travel Agent for Trainings and Investigations Decrease of \$20K for costs shared with Sports Wagering	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Registrations	Training/Conference Registration Fees. Decreased \$5k for costs shared with Sports Wagering	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$232,110.00	\$232,110.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES							

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau							
		F09	Clothing & Footwear		Programatic Supplies	Clothing and Footwear	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services		Everett Police	EPEverett Police GEU 7FTE's Increase of 5% year over year, 4% for salaries	\$1,748,361.00	\$1,839,482.00	\$91,121.00	5.21%
					Finger Prints State Police	Chargeback for Finger Print Costs for Licenses \$50/set and ~4.5K prints	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					GEU--Boston		\$142,000.00	\$0.00	(\$142,000.00)	-100.00%
					Plainville Police Salaries	Plainville Local Police Increase 3% for salaries as well as \$17.29k for operational equipment portable radios and body cameras	\$441,055.27	\$669,449.45	\$228,394.18	51.78%
					Springfield Police Salaries	SPDSpringfield Police GEU 7 FTEs Increase of 3% on updated FY24 Budget	\$1,207,684.31	\$1,256,196.67	\$48,512.36	4.02%
					State Police	MSP MGC Salaries for MGC Investigations and Background Unit 3% increase plus taxes	\$1,012,733.60	\$1,421,492.36	\$408,758.76	40.36%
					State Police	3% COLA plus Taxes Racing Troopers Shifted Costs to Gaming	\$443,340.30	\$427,045.84	(\$16,294.46)	-3.68%
					State Police	MSPMGC Staff Costs at MGM 16 FTEs 4% Increase plus taxes	\$2,062,795.61	\$2,041,912.20	(\$20,883.41)	-1.01%
					State Police	MSPMGC State Police Troopers Plainville Straight Time and Payroll Taxes 3% increase plus taxes	\$1,531,220.58	\$1,522,084.68	(\$9,135.90)	-0.60%
					State Police	MSPMGC State Troopers Everett 3% increase plus taxes	\$1,923,570.47	\$1,979,258.97	\$55,688.50	2.90%
					State Police OT & Travel	moved 925k in investigation OT to Sports Wagering OT and Travel for Troopers assigned to MGC GEU Increase 4% plus taxes	\$2,183,475.54	\$1,298,682.26	(\$884,793.28)	-40.52%
		J28	Law Enforcement		Lease Vehicles	Plainville Law Enforcement Vehicles	\$8,877.39	\$8,877.39	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$12,755,114.07	\$12,514,481.82	(\$240,632.25)	-1.89%
		KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE							
		K07	Office Furnishings		Office Equipment	Patrol Rifles/Active Shooter Gear-- Replacement/Upgrade of Fingerprint Machines to be Windows Compliant	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		NN	INFRASTRUCTURE:							
		N50	Non-Major Facility Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair		Non-Major Facility Maintenance & Repair	Office Reconfiguration	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau							
			U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	Software	ITRACK- Omnigolncrease \$1k for costs	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$19,185,484.14	\$18,755,938.70	(\$429,545.44)	-2.24%
		7000	Licensing Division							
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION						
			A01	Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$577,193.03	\$567,399.91	(\$9,793.12)	-1.70%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$577,193.03	\$567,399.91	(\$9,793.12)	-1.70%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN						
			B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	Travel	Out-of State Travel Reimbursements	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			B02	In-State Travel	Travel	In-State Travel Reimbursements--Fingerprinting Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX						
			D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$250,270.89	\$201,994.37	(\$48,276.52)	-19.29%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$14,141.23	\$12,539.54	(\$1,601.69)	-11.33%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$264,412.12	\$214,533.91	(\$49,878.21)	-18.86%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
			E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	Supplies	Supplies	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			E06	Postage	Postage	increase Federal Express Charges	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	133.33%
			E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ	Travel Agent	Travel Leaders G2E for meetings with Vendors and Licensing of Primaries	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	Conferences	Conference, Training & Registration.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$2,000.00	10.00%
			LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR						
			L26	Printing/Photocopy & Micrographics Equip Rent/Lease	Equipment Leases	Increased for Idemia Scanner Maintenance	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses						
			U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	Software	Plus SWC Costs Licensing System Software	\$350,000.00	\$158,445.00	(\$191,555.00)	-54.73%
			U11	Information Technology (IT) Contract Services	IT Consultant	Plus SWC Costs and implementations costs spread to FY27 Licensing System Implementation	\$262,500.00	\$167,000.00	(\$95,500.00)	-36.38%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$612,500.00	\$325,445.00	(\$287,055.00)	-46.87%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$1,500,980.15	\$1,156,253.82	(\$344,726.33)	-22.97%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		All	All Divisions							
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION						
			A01	Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Regular Employee Compensation	Turnover Savings 7.5% of payroll	(\$482,699.66)	(\$672,423.24)	(\$189,723.58)	39.30%
			Obj Class Totals:				(\$482,699.66)	(\$672,423.24)	(\$189,723.58)	39.30%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX						
			D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	Fringe and Payroll Taxes	Fringe and Payroll Taxes on Turnover Savings (45.81%)	(\$221,124.72)	(\$254,243.22)	(\$33,118.50)	14.98%
					Fringe and Taxes	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
			Obj Class Totals:				(\$221,124.72)	(\$254,243.22)	(\$33,118.50)	14.98%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				(\$703,824.38)	(\$926,666.46)	(\$222,842.08)	31.66%
	MGC Regulatory Costs		Totals:				\$33,272,060.50	\$32,364,200.48	(\$907,860.02)	-2.73%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	Indirect									
		2000	MGC Indirect							
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
			E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	Indirect		\$812.50	\$0.00	(\$812.50)	-100.00%
					Indirect		\$1,150.00	\$0.00	(\$1,150.00)	-100.00%
					Indirect Agency Wide	Indirect at 10% of AA, CC, HH, JJ and UU excluding U07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Indirect Agency Wide	Indirect at 10% of AA, CC, HH, JJ and UU excluding U07	\$2,668,901.53	\$2,782,091.25	\$113,189.72	4.24%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$2,670,864.03	\$2,782,091.25	\$111,227.22	4.16%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$2,670,864.03	\$2,782,091.25	\$111,227.22	4.16%
	Indirect		Totals:				\$2,670,864.03	\$2,782,091.25	\$111,227.22	4.16%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission									
	9001									
		00								
		001			ISA with ABCC	ABCC	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission	Totals:					\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
Appropriation Totals							\$40,016,018.77	\$40,806,347.84	\$790,329.07	1.98%
10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	1000	Finance and Administration								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries	\$90,663.52	\$91,396.73	\$733.21	0.81%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$90,663.52	\$91,396.73	\$733.21	0.81%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$39,311.70	\$32,537.24	(\$6,774.46)	-17.23%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$2,221.26	\$2,019.87	(\$201.39)	-9.07%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$41,532.96	\$34,557.11	(\$6,975.85)	-16.80%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$132,196.48	\$125,953.84	(\$6,242.64)	-4.72%
	1100	Human Resources								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensatio	HR Employees Salaries	\$13,561.75	\$6,458.38	(\$7,103.37)	-52.38%
					Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide	\$18,910.14	\$17,957.46	(\$952.68)	-5.04%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$32,471.89	\$24,415.84	(\$8,056.05)	-24.81%
		CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES							
		C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services		Contract Employee	Administrative Help	\$5,200.00	\$5,320.00	\$120.00	2.31%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$5,200.00	\$5,320.00	\$120.00	2.31%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$5,880.37	\$3,367.18	(\$2,513.19)	-42.74%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$332.26	\$142.73	(\$189.53)	-57.04%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$6,212.63	\$3,509.91	(\$2,702.72)	-43.50%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$43,884.52	\$33,245.75	(\$10,638.77)	-24.24%
	1200	Legal								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Legal Employees Salaries	\$28,684.14	\$29,349.96	\$665.82	2.32%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$28,684.14	\$29,349.96	\$665.82	2.32%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$12,437.44	\$10,448.59	(\$1,988.85)	-15.99%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$702.76	\$648.63	(\$54.13)	-7.70%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$13,140.20	\$11,097.22	(\$2,042.98)	-15.55%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$41,824.34	\$40,447.18	(\$1,377.16)	-3.29%
	1300	Executive Director								

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	1300	Executive Director								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Exec. Dir. Employees Salaries	\$16,174.31	\$20,052.04	\$3,877.73	23.97%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$16,174.31	\$20,052.04	\$3,877.73	23.97%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$7,013.19	\$7,138.53	\$125.34	1.79%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$396.27	\$443.15	\$46.88	11.83%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$7,409.46	\$7,581.68	\$172.22	2.32%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$23,583.77	\$27,633.72	\$4,049.95	17.17%
	1400	Information Technology								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	IT Employees Salaries	\$50,863.65	\$51,027.64	\$163.99	0.32%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$50,863.65	\$51,027.64	\$163.99	0.32%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$22,054.48	\$18,165.84	(\$3,888.64)	-17.63%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$1,246.15	\$1,127.71	(\$118.44)	-9.50%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$23,300.63	\$19,293.55	(\$4,007.08)	-17.20%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$74,164.28	\$70,321.19	(\$3,843.09)	-5.18%
	1500	Commissioners								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Commissioners Employees Salaries	\$31,280.31	\$33,454.49	\$2,174.18	6.95%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$31,280.31	\$33,454.49	\$2,174.18	6.95%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$13,563.14	\$11,909.80	(\$1,653.34)	-12.19%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$766.37	\$739.34	(\$27.03)	-3.53%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$14,329.51	\$12,649.14	(\$1,680.37)	-11.73%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$45,609.82	\$46,103.63	\$493.81	1.08%
	1800	Communications								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Communications Employees Salaries	\$7,183.75	\$7,278.92	\$95.17	1.32%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$7,183.75	\$7,278.92	\$95.17	1.32%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$3,114.87	\$2,582.30	(\$532.57)	-17.10%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$176.00	\$108.49	(\$67.51)	-38.36%

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversigh									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	1800	Communications								
		Obj Class Totals:					\$3,290.87	\$2,690.79	(\$600.08)	-18.23%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$10,474.62	\$9,969.71	(\$504.91)	-4.82%
	3000	Racing Division								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$361,690.94	\$372,541.67	\$10,850.73	3.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$361,690.94	\$372,541.67	\$10,850.73	3.00%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel	Out of State Travel Reimbursement Reduced \$6k	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02	In-State Travel		Travel	In State Travel Reimbursement Reduced 1K	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES							
		C04	Contracted Seasonal Employees		Seasonals	Seasonal Employees	\$482,040.00	\$482,040.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$482,040.00	\$482,040.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$156,829.20	\$132,624.83	(\$24,204.37)	-15.43%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,861.42	\$8,233.17	(\$628.25)	-7.09%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$165,690.62	\$140,858.00	(\$24,832.62)	-14.99%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies		Supplies	W.B. Mason moved to Finance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies		Printing	Millineum Printing moved to Finance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees		Memberships	AA Dority/Organization of Racing Investigators not renewing would fall under IEB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Memberships	Assoc. of Racing Regulators	\$18,700.00	\$18,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E13	Advertising Expenses		Public Hearing Notices	Boston Globe moved to Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Public Hearing Notices	Boston Herald moved to Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		E15	Bottled Water		Water	Belmont Springs/DS Waters of America	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel Agent	Travel	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Conferences	Assoc. of Racing Comm./Louisiana Racing/Thoroughbred Racing	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$27,060.00	\$27,060.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES							
		F05	Laboratory Supplies		Vet Supplies	Gloves, scrubs etc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	3000	Racing Division								
		F09	Clothing & Footwear		Equipment	Misc Facility Equipment Removed from Budget	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Uniforms	Racing Uniforms for Seasonal Employees Reduced \$15K	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H19	Management Consultants		Hearing Officer	Hearing Officer for Racing Appeals	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J10	Auxiliary Financial Services		Credit Cards	Bank of America credit card terminal fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services		Testing	Workcare Reduced \$500	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		J28	Law Enforcement		State Police	MSP Racing Straight Time Moved to IEB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					State Police	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		JJ1	Legal Support Services		Stenographer	Hardeman RealTime Moved to Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		JJ2	Auxiliary Services		Autopsies	Uconn Pathology	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Testing Lab	Industrial Laboratories or alternate lab	\$382,500.00	\$382,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$391,000.00	\$391,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR							
		L46	Print, Photocopying & Micrograph Equipment Maint/Repair		Maintenance Contract	K & A Industries--Badge Printer	\$915.00	\$915.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$915.00	\$915.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		MM	PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS							
		M03	Purchased Human & Social Services For Clients/Non Medical		Hardship Payments	Economic Hardship Payments--Statutorily Required	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Legislative Mandate	Jockey's Guild--Statutory Requirement	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		M04	Services Purch Support of Human/Social Services for Clients		ISA	ISA with DPH Compulsive Gambling--Statutory Requirement	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$155,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U02	Telecommunications Services - Voice		Phones	Verizon/AT&T Reduced \$3,000 removed phone lines	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs		Database	Racing Licensing System Reduced \$3,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$1,615,396.56	\$1,601,414.67	(\$13,981.89)	-0.87%
	5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau								
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries	\$20,233.39	\$19,097.24	(\$1,136.15)	-5.62%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$20,233.39	\$19,097.24	(\$1,136.15)	-5.62%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$20,233.39	\$6,798.62	(\$13,434.77)	-66.40%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,773.20	\$422.05	(\$8,351.15)	-95.19%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$29,006.59	\$7,220.67	(\$21,785.92)	-75.11%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$49,239.98	\$26,317.91	(\$22,922.07)	-46.55%
	7000	Licensing Division								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$5,104.63	\$1,799.09	(\$3,305.54)	-64.76%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$5,104.63	\$1,799.09	(\$3,305.54)	-64.76%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$2,213.37	\$640.48	(\$1,572.89)	-71.06%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$125.06	\$39.76	(\$85.30)	-68.21%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$2,338.43	\$680.24	(\$1,658.19)	-70.91%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$7,443.06	\$2,479.33	(\$4,963.73)	-66.69%
	All	All Divisions								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Regular Employee Compensation	Turnover Savings 5% of payroll	(\$32,462.40)	(\$47,256.46)	(\$14,794.06)	45.57%
		Obj Class Totals:					(\$32,462.40)	(\$47,256.46)	(\$14,794.06)	45.57%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe and Taxes	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
	Division/Bureau Totals:						(\$32,462.40)	(\$47,256.46)	(\$14,794.06)	45.57%
	MGC Regulatory Costs		Totals:				\$2,011,355.03	\$1,936,630.47	(\$74,724.56)	-3.72%

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight Indirect									
		2000	MGC Indirect							
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
			E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	Indirect	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Indirect Agency Wide	Indirect at 10% of AA, CC, HH, JJ and UU excluding U07	\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%
	Indirect		Totals:				\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
Appropriation Totals							\$2,123,157.59	\$2,086,767.87	(\$36,389.72)	-1.71%
10500004	Community Mitigation									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	1100	Human Resources								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide	\$6,612.05	\$9,469.89	\$2,857.84	43.22%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$6,612.05	\$9,469.89	\$2,857.84	43.22%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$6,612.05	\$9,469.89	\$2,857.84	43.22%
	1900	Community Affairs								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$287,568.97	\$315,662.86	\$28,093.89	9.77%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$287,568.97	\$315,662.86	\$28,093.89	9.77%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel	In-State Travel	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$124,689.90	\$112,375.98	(\$12,313.92)	-9.88%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,045.44	\$6,976.15	(\$69.29)	-0.98%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$131,735.34	\$119,352.13	(\$12,383.21)	-9.40%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies		Supplies	Supplies Binders	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment		Indirect	Indirect Rate of 10%	\$0.00	\$31,566.27	\$31,566.27	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$2,500.00	\$34,066.27	\$31,566.27	1262.65%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U07	Information Technology (IT) Equipment		Database	Services Maintenance/Upgrades to Database	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$476,804.31	\$524,081.26	\$47,276.95	9.92%
MGC Regulatory Costs			Totals:				\$483,416.36	\$533,551.15	\$50,134.79	10.37%

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10500004	Community Mitigation									
Appropriation Totals							\$483,416.36	\$533,551.15	\$50,134.79	10.37%
10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
MGC Regulatory Costs										
	1000	Finance and Administration								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries	\$295,541.82	\$308,693.04	\$13,151.22	4.45%
					Salary		\$8,125.00	\$0.00	(\$8,125.00)	-100.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$303,666.82	\$308,693.04	\$5,026.22	1.66%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$3,722.06	\$0.00	(\$3,722.06)	-100.00%
					Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$128,146.93	\$109,894.72	(\$18,252.21)	-14.24%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,240.78	\$6,822.12	(\$418.66)	-5.78%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$139,109.77	\$116,716.84	(\$22,392.93)	-16.10%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies		Supplies	for admin expenses racing and other divsions W.B. Mason/Veteran's Business Supply	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	#Div/0!
		E20	Motor Vehicle Chargeback			Telemetrics, OVM Management, Leases Split with Gaming	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	#Div/0!
		E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees		Laz Parking/VPNE	moved 24K from Gaming Parking at 33 Arch St.	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$53,800.00	\$53,800.00	#Div/0!
		GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL							
		G01	Space Rental		Office Lease	increase for new lease increase In FY25 we received 3 months of free rent plus 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft. If FY26 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft and 6 months at ~\$79/sq ft. --70% of annual lease to Gaming 30% to Sports Wagering	\$296,614.36	\$434,998.89	\$138,384.53	46.65%
		G03	Electricity		Electricity	\$1,199 increase for inflation split between accounts @101 Federal St. 12 months	\$9,301.10	\$10,500.00	\$1,198.90	12.89%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$305,915.46	\$445,498.89	\$139,583.43	45.63%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services		Insurence	split from gaming insurance costs	\$0.00	\$49,050.00	\$49,050.00	#Div/0!
		H19	Management Consultants		Outside Consultant	work related to sportsbook CPA Firm for Annual Audits consistent with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$99,050.00	\$99,050.00	#Div/0!
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)		Software	Software - LinkSquares CLM	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1000	Finance and Administration							
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$762,942.05	\$1,038,008.77	\$275,066.72	36.05%
		1100	Human Resources							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	HR Employees Salaries	\$212,887.49	\$172,838.65	(\$40,048.84)	-18.81%
					Merit Increases	Intern Program that Could Provide Up to 2 regular and 1 graduate intern	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide	\$113,569.85	\$144,823.22	\$31,253.37	27.52%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$363,957.34	\$355,161.87	(\$8,795.47)	-2.42%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B02	In-State Travel		Travel	added for HR conferences In and Out of state Travel AOC as well as site visits of licensees	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	#Div/0!
		CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES							
		C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services		Contract Employee	3% cost escalation Administrative Help	\$24,000.00	\$48,389.40	\$24,389.40	101.62%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$24,000.00	\$48,389.40	\$24,389.40	101.62%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$92,308.02	\$72,210.55	(\$20,097.47)	-21.77%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$5,215.74	\$3,819.73	(\$1,396.01)	-26.77%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$97,523.76	\$76,030.28	(\$21,493.48)	-22.04%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees		Conference Incidentals	Conference Incidentals	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel	Travel Agent	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	#Div/0!
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)		Software	Additional Cornerstone Module LMS Software - HR, Cornerstone LMS	\$0.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	#Div/0!
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$485,481.10	\$522,581.55	\$37,100.45	7.64%
		1200	Legal							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Legal Employees Salaries	\$286,841.38	\$293,499.46	\$6,658.08	2.32%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$286,841.38	\$293,499.46	\$6,658.08	2.32%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	1200	Legal								
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other	Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	Travel	moved 10K from software Out of State Travel and Training	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	#Div/0!
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$124,374.42	\$104,485.81	(\$19,888.61)	-15.99%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,027.61	\$6,486.34	(\$541.27)	-7.70%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$131,402.03	\$110,972.15	(\$20,429.88)	-15.55%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Conference, Training, Registion Fees	moved 5K from software Conference, Training, Registion Fees \$1,750 Increase for more conferences	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
					Travel	moved 5K from software Conference/Trainings Travel and Lodging for FTEs Increase \$2,500 for more travel	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	#Div/0!
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services		Outside Counsel	Outside Counsel - A&K	\$200,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$40,000.00	20.00%
					Outside Counsel	move 40k from software Increase for Consultation for New Union Initiative Labor Employment Law	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$200,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$80,000.00	40.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)		Software	decrease 100K Relativity Document Search and PIR Tool Replacement for Relativity	\$155,000.00	\$55,000.00	(\$100,000.00)	-64.52%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$155,000.00	\$55,000.00	(\$100,000.00)	-64.52%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$773,243.41	\$759,471.61	(\$13,771.80)	-1.78%
	1300	Executive Director								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Exec. Dir. Employees Salaries	\$161,743.18	\$200,520.34	\$38,777.16	23.97%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$161,743.18	\$200,520.34	\$38,777.16	23.97%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$86,117.44	\$71,385.24	(\$14,732.20)	-17.11%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	(\$12,022.90)	\$4,431.50	\$16,454.40	-136.86%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$74,094.54	\$75,816.74	\$1,722.20	2.32%
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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	1300	Executive Director								
		O99			Consulting and Payroll	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Consulting and Payroll	Sports Wagering Set Aside for FY24 Build Out of SW Regulatory Environment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$235,837.72	\$276,337.08	\$40,499.36	17.17%
	1400	Information Technology								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	IT Employees Salaries	\$809,995.31	\$839,930.66	\$29,935.35	3.70%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$809,995.31	\$839,930.66	\$29,935.35	3.70%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$351,213.97	\$299,015.31	(\$52,198.66)	-14.86%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$19,844.89	\$18,562.47	(\$1,282.42)	-6.46%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$371,058.86	\$317,577.78	(\$53,481.08)	-14.41%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U02	Telecommunications Services - Voice		TELECOMMUNICAT IONS SERVICES - VOICE	OfficeSuite (Voice, HD Meeting, WeConnect), Verizon Wireless, Multi-location fax lines	\$32,122.38	\$32,122.38	\$0.00	0.00%
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)		SOFTWARE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LICENSES (IT)	Increase \$86,671.56 for Azure Sentinel, M365 G5 Compliance, M365 G5 Security Adobe, Sharepoint, O365, Azure, JIRA, MDM etc	\$154,464.88	\$154,464.88	\$0.00	0.00%
		U06	Information Technology (IT) Cabling		IT Cabling	Raynham Build out	\$54,531.48	\$54,531.48	\$0.00	0.00%
					IT Cabling	Suffolk Build out new \$26,050.08 in one time costs Suffolk Build out	\$54,531.48	\$0.00	(\$54,531.48)	-100.00%
		U07	Information Technology (IT) Equipment		IT Equipment	IT Equipment, emergency replacements (switches, routers, firewalls) etc	\$41,325.00	\$41,325.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U09	Information Technology (IT) Equip Rental Or Lease		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) EQUIP RENTAL OR LEASE	ACS Leases (Refresh)	\$35,823.08	\$35,823.08	\$0.00	0.00%
		U10	Information Tech (IT) Equipment Maintenance & Repair		IT Maintenance and Repair	Annual M&S Equipment/Services	\$37,563.79	\$37,563.79	\$0.00	0.00%
		U11	Information Technology (IT) Contract Services		IT Contract Services	LMS, Gartner, Tallan Services	\$77,239.85	\$77,239.85	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$487,601.94	\$433,070.46	(\$54,531.48)	-11.18%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$1,668,656.11	\$1,590,578.90	(\$78,077.21)	-4.68%
	1500	Commissioners								

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	1500	Commissioners								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Commissioners Employees Salaries	\$312,802.90	\$334,544.73	\$21,741.83	6.95%
					Salary		\$11,500.00	\$0.00	(\$11,500.00)	-100.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$324,302.90	\$334,544.73	\$10,241.83	3.16%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel Reimbursements	7K moved from1050-0001 Travel Reimbursements --In State (6 Commission Meetings a Year, Site Visits)	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	#Div/0!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	#Div/0!
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$5,268.15	\$0.00	(\$5,268.15)	-100.00%
					Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$135,631.34	\$119,097.92	(\$16,533.42)	-12.19%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,663.67	\$7,393.44	(\$270.23)	-3.53%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$148,563.16	\$126,491.36	(\$22,071.80)	-14.86%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E30	Credit Card Purchases		Credit Card	\$500 new and \$1.5K moved from 1050-0001 Allowable Credit Card Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	#Div/0!
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel	5K new and 2K moved from 1050-0001 Travel	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	#Div/0!
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Registration Fees	2K new and 2K moved from 1050-0001 Conference/Trainings	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	#Div/0!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	#Div/0!
		GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL							
		G01	Space Rental		75-101 Parking Garage	Parking 75-101--5 spaces. Two of the spaces are included in the lease. This item pays for 3 of the spaces.	\$5,437.80	\$5,437.80	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$5,437.80	\$5,437.80	\$0.00	0.00%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$478,303.86	\$486,473.89	\$8,170.03	1.71%
	1800	Communications								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Communications Employees Salaries	\$91,587.60	\$113,630.70	\$22,043.10	24.07%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$91,587.60	\$113,630.70	\$22,043.10	24.07%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$39,712.37	\$40,452.53	\$740.16	1.86%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$2,243.90	\$1,987.47	(\$256.43)	-11.43%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$41,956.27	\$42,440.00	\$483.73	1.15%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		1800	Communications							
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$133,543.87	\$156,070.70	\$22,526.83	16.87%
		5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries	\$1,120,577.07	\$1,437,036.47	\$316,459.40	28.24%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$1,120,577.07	\$1,437,036.47	\$316,459.40	28.24%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Travel	Out of State Travel Costs for Sports Wagering	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES							
		C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services		Contract Employee	3% COLA Civilian Investigators	\$130,000.00	\$133,900.00	\$3,900.00	3.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$130,000.00	\$133,900.00	\$3,900.00	3.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$485,882.22	\$511,584.98	\$25,702.76	5.29%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$27,454.14	\$31,758.51	\$4,304.37	15.68%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.45% on Civilian Investigators	\$2,697.35	\$2,506.11	(\$191.24)	-7.09%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$516,033.71	\$545,849.60	\$29,815.89	5.78%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel Agent	Travel for Sports Wagering	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Conferences	Conferences for Sports Wagering	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services		Consultant		(\$124,758.80)	\$0.00	\$124,758.80	-100.00%
		HH1	Financial Services		Consultants	Consultants -RSM--Vendor License Reviews for Sports Wagering	\$1,242,214.29	\$1,725,000.00	\$482,785.71	38.86%
					Consultants	Consultants -RSM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Consultants-RSM		\$438,264.30	\$0.00	(\$438,264.30)	-100.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$1,555,719.79	\$1,725,000.00	\$169,280.21	10.88%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services		State Police	4 FTE related to Sports Wagering	\$461,595.28	\$447,694.00	(\$13,901.28)	-3.01%
					State Police	shifted costs to 4 additional trooper for Sports Wagering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					State Police OT & Travel	OT and Travel for Troopers related to background investigations assigned to MGC GEU Increase 3% plus taxes	\$0.00	\$925,000.00	\$925,000.00	#Div/0!

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	5000	Investigations and Enforcement Bureau								
		Obj Class Totals:					\$461,595.28	\$1,372,694.00	\$911,098.72	197.38%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$3,843,925.85	\$5,274,480.07	\$1,430,554.22	37.22%
	5500	Sports Wagering								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive		Employee Compensation	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$937,652.92	\$966,707.22	\$29,054.30	3.10%
					Salary		\$27,500.00	\$0.00	(\$27,500.00)	-100.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$965,152.92	\$966,707.22	\$1,554.30	0.16%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI		Out of State Travel	Out of State Licensee Visits and Conferences increase for extra FTEs	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02	In-State Travel		In-State Travel	Licensee visits, in-state meetings and conferences Mileage Reimbursements	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment		Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$12,597.75	\$0.00	(\$12,597.75)	-100.00%
					Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$406,566.31	\$344,147.77	(\$62,418.54)	-15.35%
					Fringe and Taxes	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$22,972.50	\$21,364.23	(\$1,608.27)	-7.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$442,136.56	\$365,512.00	(\$76,624.56)	-17.33%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies		Printing & Administrative Supplies	SW Reports and Ad Hoc Reports Additional \$500 for Reporting	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees		Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	SBRA membership, trade journals other subscriptions	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E30	Credit Card Purchases		Credit Card Purchases	Credit Card Purchases	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	20.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ		Travel Agent	Travel Agency Fees increase for additional FTEs	\$13,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$3,000.00	23.08%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees		Conference, Training and Registration Fees	UNLV; G2E; NAGRA or SBRA meeting, GLI Roundtables Increase 2,000 for additional FTEs	\$14,850.00	\$16,000.00	\$1,150.00	7.74%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$42,350.00	\$47,500.00	\$5,150.00	12.16%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		5500	Sports Wagering							
			H09	Attorneys/Legal Services	Consultant	includes but not limited to new for sports wagering consultant services for 8 months, data analysis, policy and research	\$46,666.67	\$119,000.00	\$72,333.33	155.00%
			H19	Management Consultants	Outside Consultant	Eide Bailly SW Auditing for Operators and related services	\$0.00	\$152,336.00	\$152,336.00	#Div/0!
			H23	Program Coordinators	Consultant	20K for market review consultant	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00	100.00%
					Consultants	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$66,666.67	\$311,336.00	\$244,669.33	367.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
			U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	software	Incident Tracker Increase for actual cost of @5,000 plus additional modifications	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs	IT Consultant	increase 120K for full year IT Consultant - GLI	\$60,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$120,000.00	200.00%
					IT Consultant	K IT Consultant - GLI - ICS	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	25.00%
					IT Consultants		\$80,000.00	\$0.00	(\$80,000.00)	-100.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$190,500.00	\$240,500.00	\$50,000.00	26.25%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$1,715,306.15	\$1,940,055.22	\$224,749.07	13.10%
	7000	Licensing Division								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
			A01	Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$346,909.48	\$400,315.33	\$53,405.85	15.39%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$346,909.48	\$400,315.33	\$53,405.85	15.39%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
			D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$150,419.95	\$142,512.26	(\$7,907.69)	-5.26%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,499.28	\$8,846.97	\$347.69	4.09%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$158,919.23	\$151,359.23	(\$7,560.00)	-4.76%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
			U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	Software	Plus SWC Costs Licensing System Software	\$150,000.00	\$158,445.00	\$8,445.00	5.63%
			U11	Information Technology (IT) Contract Services	IT Consultant	Plus SWC Costs and implementations costs spread to FY27 Licensing System Implementation	\$112,500.00	\$167,000.00	\$54,500.00	48.44%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$262,500.00	\$325,445.00	\$62,945.00	23.98%
	Division/Bureau Totals:						\$768,328.71	\$877,119.56	\$108,790.85	14.16%
	All	All Divisions								
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
			A01	Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	Indirect									
		2000	MGC Indirect							
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
			E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	Indirect		\$812.50	\$0.00	(\$812.50)	-100.00%
					Indirect		\$1,150.00	\$0.00	(\$1,150.00)	-100.00%
					Indirect		\$2,750.00	\$0.00	(\$2,750.00)	-100.00%
					Indirect		\$4,666.67	\$0.00	(\$4,666.67)	-100.00%
					Indirect	Commonwealth Required Indirect Cost Recoupment	\$520,356.13	\$1,001,721.91	\$481,365.78	92.51%
					Indirect	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$529,735.30	\$1,001,721.91	\$471,986.61	89.10%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$529,735.30	\$1,001,721.91	\$471,986.61	89.10%
	Indirect		Totals:				\$529,735.30	\$1,001,721.91	\$471,986.61	89.10%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF									
	1700	Problem Gambling								
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)		software	100 VSE database licenses	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Division/Bureau Totals:					\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF	Totals:					\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP									
		9000	Office of the Attorney General							
			00							
			099		Attorney General	SW ISA with AGO for Enforcement Activities	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Division/Bureau Totals:				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP		Totals:				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
Appropriation Totals							\$11,623,130.65	\$13,909,786.40	\$2,286,655.75	19.67%
40001101										
MGC Regulatory Costs										
1100 Human Resources										
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION										
A01 Salaries: Inclusive										
					Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide	\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%
Obj Class Totals:							\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%
Division/Bureau Totals:							\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%
MGC Regulatory Costs					Totals:		\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%

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40001101										
				Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF						
			1700	Problem Gambling						
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION						
			A01	Salaries: Inclusive	Employee Compensation	additional FTE for FY26 Employee Salaries	\$357,771.35	\$540,893.83	\$183,122.48	51.18%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$357,771.35	\$540,893.83	\$183,122.48	51.18%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN						
			B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	Travel	increase \$3,250 for additional travel needs Out of State Travel	\$1,250.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,250.00	260.00%
			B02	In-State Travel	Travel	In-State-Travel Reimbursements	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$7,250.00	\$10,500.00	\$3,250.00	44.83%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX						
			D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$155,129.66	\$192,558.24	\$37,428.58	24.13%
					Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,765.40	\$11,953.76	\$3,188.36	36.37%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$163,895.06	\$204,512.00	\$40,616.94	24.78%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
			E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	Printing Expenses and Supplies	Printed Materials for Game Sense	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	Memberships	Memberships - NAADGS, NCPG	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	Indirect Charges	Indirect to EHHS	\$403,850.43	\$427,946.38	\$24,095.95	5.97%
			EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	Conferences	Conference, Training & Registration Fees	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					Travel	increased travel need for Game Sense	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	#Div/0!
				Obj Class Totals:			\$425,850.43	\$457,946.38	\$32,095.95	7.54%
			FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES						
			F16	Library & Teaching Supplies & Materials	Books	Library/reference books Increase as needed for research	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)						
			H09	Attorneys/Legal Services	Public Safety Research	Public Safety and Human Trafficking Research	\$115,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$15,000.00)	-13.04%
			H23	Program Coordinators	Branding	Initial set up costs for Creation of Player Health Brand Development	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	#Div/0!
					Branding	Marketing media buys etc. ASG	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Division/ Bureau	Object Class	Object_name	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
40001101										
				Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF						
			1700	Problem Gambling						
		H23		Program Coordinators	Player Health Services	decrease \$21,430 for .5 year of Mass Council and .5 year of Player Health Services@ on Gaming & Health including employees to man Game Sense booth at PPC EBH and MGM --Staffed 16 hrs per day PPC and MGM, and 24 Hrs/day EBH --VSE --Play My Way --Requi	\$3,148,000.00	\$3,126,570.00	(\$21,430.00)	-0.68%
					PNAS Study	PNAS Study	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	#Div/0!
					Program manager	RG Evaluation including GameSense	\$125,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$25,000.00)	-20.00%
					Research Consultant	Research Review Committee	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00	50.00%
					Translations	Knowledge Translation and Exchange	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
					VSE Resource Liaison	VSE Resource Liaison	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$3,655,000.00	\$3,758,570.00	\$103,570.00	2.83%
		JJ		OPERATIONAL SERVICES						
		JJ2		Auxiliary Services	Translations	Document Translations Increase due to greater need for translation and diversity	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		PP		STATE AID/POL SUB						
		P01		Grants To Public Entities	Community Driven Research	increased 155k for ongoing projects Community Driven Research	\$210,000.00	\$365,000.00	\$155,000.00	73.81%
					Data Storage Grant	increase of \$152K for initial setup costs Data Storage Project/MODE moved to UMASS	\$75,000.00	\$227,000.00	\$152,000.00	202.67%
					SEIGMA	Social & Economic Research(SEIGMA) Follow-up General Population Study	\$995,000.00	\$900,000.00	(\$95,000.00)	-9.55%
		PP1		Grants To Non-Public Entities	PMW	Play My Way Incentives	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	-25.00%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$1,320,000.00	\$1,522,000.00	\$202,000.00	15.30%
		UU		IT Non-Payroll Expenses						
		U07		Information Technology (IT) Equipment	Software	Software for self-exclusion across sports wagering operators	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	-33.33%
				Obj Class Totals:			\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	-33.33%
				Division/Bureau Totals:			\$6,095,766.84	\$6,610,422.22	\$514,655.38	8.44%
				Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF Totals:			\$6,095,766.84	\$6,610,422.22	\$514,655.38	8.44%

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40001101										
Appropriation Totals							\$6,106,499.98	\$6,621,849.03	\$515,349.05	8.44%

Attachment C: Next Year Budget By Object Class for Commission

Approp	Budget Grouping	Obj Class	Object_name	Unit	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive	1000	Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$536,457.62	\$585,819.68	\$49,362.06	9.20%
				1000	Salary		\$8,125.00	\$0.00	(\$8,125.00)	-100.00%
				1100	Employee Compensation	additional HR Post Retiree Employee Salaries	\$416,703.07	\$319,491.93	(\$97,211.14)	-23.33%
				1100	Merit Increases	Intern Program that Could Provide Up to 2 regular and 1 graduate intern	\$87,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide	\$281,184.27	\$255,520.83	(\$25,663.44)	-9.13%
				1200	Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$640,612.40	\$655,482.15	\$14,869.75	2.32%
				1300	Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$375,463.96	\$447,828.74	\$72,364.78	19.27%
				1400	Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$1,291,486.17	\$1,333,469.54	\$41,983.37	3.25%
				1500	Employee Compensation	Employee Compensation	\$698,593.14	\$747,149.91	\$48,556.77	6.95%
				1500	Salary		\$11,500.00	\$0.00	(\$11,500.00)	-100.00%
				1800	Employee Compensation	Regular Salaries	\$180,187.25	\$203,404.06	\$23,216.81	12.88%
				1900	Employee Compensation	Regular Employees	\$56,699.47	\$38,933.64	(\$17,765.83)	-31.33%
				5000	Employee Compensation	Employee Salaries	\$4,078,309.25	\$4,099,093.51	\$20,784.26	0.51%
				7000	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$577,193.03	\$567,399.91	(\$9,793.12)	-1.70%
				All	Employee Compensation	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				All	Regular Employee Compensation	Turnover Savings 7.5% of payroll	(\$482,699.66)	(\$672,423.24)	(\$189,723.58)	39.30%
		A08	Overtime Pay	5000	Overtime	Overtime for Gaming Agents.	\$0.00	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	#Div/0!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$8,757,314.97	\$8,773,670.66	\$16,355.69	0.19%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	1000	Travel	Out of State Travel	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	-100.00%
				1100	Travel	Other Out of State Travel-Inclusive Airfare, Hotel, Lodging Gaming Conference	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Travel	Out of State Travel and Training	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Obj Class	Object_name	Unit	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	1300	Travel	Conferences Out of State	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Travel	Out of State Travel G2E/Gartner increase for more FTE by \$3,125	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	Travel Reimbursements	Decreased 7K moved to 1050-1384 Travel Reimbursements --In State (6 Commission Meetings a Year, Site Visits) --Out of Pocket Out of State Expenses	\$18,000.00	\$11,000.00	(\$7,000.00)	-38.89%
				5000	Travel	Out of state travel reimbursements for gaming enforcement agents and non-state police staff	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				7000	Travel	Out-of State Travel Reimbursements	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02	In-State Travel	1000	Travel	In-State Travel	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Travel	In-state Travel AOC as well as site visits of licensees	\$5,985.00	\$5,985.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Travel	In State Travel	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1300	Travel	In-State Mileage and Reimbursements	\$4,023.25	\$4,023.25	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Travel	In-state travel increase for more FTEs by \$1,250	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1800	Travel Reimbursement	In-State Travel Reimbursement	\$4,488.75	\$4,488.00	(\$0.75)	-0.02%
				1900	In State Travel Reimbursement	In-State Travel Reimbursement and Out of State --Visits to Other Licensee Sites	\$2,992.50	\$2,992.50	\$0.00	0.00%
				5000	Travel	In-state-travel reimbursements for gaming enforcement agents and non-state police staff	\$7,980.00	\$7,980.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				7000	Travel	In-State Travel Reimbursements--Fingerprinting Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		B05	Conference, Training, Registration and Membership Dues and L	1200	Professional Licenses	Professional and Bar Licenses	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$95,994.50	\$85,993.75	(\$10,000.75)	-10.42%
		CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES							
		C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services	1100	Contract Employee	3% cost escalation Administrative Help	\$62,640.00	\$64,519.20	\$1,879.20	3.00%
				5000	Contract Employee	COLA 3% Contracted Civilian Investigators	\$130,000.00	\$133,900.00	\$3,900.00	3.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$192,640.00	\$198,419.20	\$5,779.20	3.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	1000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$3,722.06	\$0.00	(\$3,722.06)	-100.00%
				1000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$232,608.03	\$208,551.81	(\$24,056.22)	-10.34%
				1000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$13,143.21	\$12,946.61	(\$196.60)	-1.50%
				1100	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$162,348.98	\$113,739.13	(\$48,609.85)	-29.94%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Obj Class	Object_name	Unit	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	1100	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$10,209.23	\$5,580.07	(\$4,629.16)	-45.34%
				1200	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$277,769.54	\$233,351.65	(\$44,417.89)	-15.99%
				1200	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$15,695.00	\$14,486.16	(\$1,208.84)	-7.70%
				1300	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$162,801.17	\$159,427.03	(\$3,374.14)	-2.07%
				1300	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$9,198.86	\$9,897.02	\$698.16	7.59%
				1400	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$559,988.40	\$474,715.16	(\$85,273.24)	-15.23%
				1400	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$31,641.41	\$29,469.68	(\$2,171.73)	-6.86%
				1500	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$5,268.15	\$0.00	(\$5,268.15)	-100.00%
				1500	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$302,909.99	\$265,985.37	(\$36,924.62)	-12.19%
				1500	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$17,115.53	\$16,512.01	(\$603.52)	-3.53%
				1800	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$78,129.19	\$72,411.85	(\$5,717.34)	-7.32%
				1800	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$4,414.59	\$3,325.48	(\$1,089.11)	-24.67%
				1900	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$24,584.90	\$13,860.38	(\$10,724.52)	-43.62%
				1900	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$1,389.14	\$860.43	(\$528.71)	-38.06%
				5000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$1,768,354.90	\$1,459,277.29	(\$309,077.61)	-17.48%
				5000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$99,918.57	\$90,589.97	(\$9,328.60)	-9.34%
				5000	Taxes	Taxes on CC Employees 2.45%	\$2,697.35	\$2,506.11	(\$191.24)	-7.09%
				7000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$250,270.89	\$201,994.37	(\$48,276.52)	-19.29%
				7000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$14,141.23	\$12,539.54	(\$1,601.69)	-11.33%
				All	Fringe and Payroll Taxes	Fringe and Payroll Taxes on Turnover Savings (45.81%)	(\$221,124.72)	(\$254,243.22)	(\$33,118.50)	14.98%
				All	Fringe and Taxes	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		D15	Workers' Compensation Chargebacks	1100	Worker's Comp Chargeback	Worker's Comp Chargeback	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$3,837,195.60	\$3,157,783.90	(\$679,411.70)	-17.71%
	EE		ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
	E01		Office & Administrative Supplies	1000	Supplies	Adoni Spring Water/Milhench	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1000	Supplies	Cam Office Supplies Increased \$2,500	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1000	Supplies	W.B. Mason/Veteran's Business Supply	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Supplies	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Supplies	Office and Administrative Supplies increase by \$1,500	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				5000	Supplies	Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	1000	Printing	Millenium/RazzMTazz/MG Products	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Printing	Printing of Reports and Best Practices	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Printers	Printers @\$250/printer Decrease by 300	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				1500	Office Supplies	Lane Printing, etc.	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1800	Printing	Printing	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	7000	Supplies	Supplies	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E05	Postage Chargeback	1000	Postage	ITD PAD Chargeback for postal Services	\$2,743.92	\$2,743.92	\$0.00	0.00%
		E06	Postage	1000	Postage	Postage for Ashburton Mail Room	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1000	Postage	Postage for Pitney Bowes, Fed Ex, UPS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				7000	Postage	increase Federal Express Charges	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	133.33%
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	1100	Administrative Expenses	Marketing Sponsorships of Diversity and Opportunity Events GNEMSCD, UMASS, Circa	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Subscriptions	decrease 5K and move to travel and conference Pcard Human Resource Information System	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	-100.00%
				1100	Subscriptions	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees SHRM, NEHRA, The Partnership	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Subscription	Legal Subscription - Law360	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Subscriptions	Subscriptions and Memberships Westlaw ABA Increase \$4k for Thomson Reuters	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Subscriptions	nstatrac Subscription	\$4,650.00	\$4,650.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1300	Memberships	NAGR increased \$300 for costs	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Subscriptions	Increase 5K for Vixio Gaming Compliance increase for more FTEs and subscription	\$28,890.00	\$33,890.00	\$5,000.00	17.31%
				1500	Subscriptions	Trade Journals	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1800	Subscriptions	moved 2,500 to travel and 1000 conferences Subscriptions, Licensing, Memberships	\$35,650.00	\$32,150.00	(\$3,500.00)	-9.82%
				5000	Subscriptions	West Clear Law,Hire Authority, Nat.Student Loan Increase of \$500/month for GOLD Subscription Service	\$101,000.00	\$101,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E13	Advertising Expenses	1200	Reg Advertising	Advertising of Regs and Meetings Increase \$5k for Racing	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E15	Bottled Water	1000	Water	Quench	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E18	State Single Audit Chargeback	1000	Chargeback	Chargeback Single State Audit	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E19	Fees, Fines, Licenses, Permits & Chargebacks	1000	Fees, Fines, Licensed, Chargebakcs	EZ Pass/Occupancy/Commissions	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Licenses	Fees, Fines, Licenses, Permits & Chargebacks for HRCMS and HRD	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E20	Motor Vehicle Chargeback	1000		Telemetrics, OVM Management, Leases Split with SW	\$0.00	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00	#Div/0!
				5000	Motor Vehcile Lease	OVM Chargeback	\$6,110.00	\$6,110.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees	1000	Laz Parking/VPNE	moved 24K to SW Parking at 33 Arch St.	\$54,000.00	\$30,000.00	(\$24,000.00)	-44.44%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
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		E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees	1100	Conference Incidentals	Conference Incidentals	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Conferences	Workforce/Diversity Meetings--Digital also	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	Meeting Space	Temporary Space @ 6mtgs - \$2K meeting space 6 mtgs and \$5k to stream for 4 of the meetings	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	Team Building	Team Building, Agency Conferences	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E30	Credit Card Purchases	1000	Credit Card	Credit Card Incidental Purchases	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Credit Card Charges	increased 3K from HR Systems FIA Card	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	100.00%
				1200	Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1300	Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases; \$400 Domain GOV Renewal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	Credit Card	decrease \$1.5 Allowable Credit Card Expenses	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00	(\$1,500.00)	-20.00%
				5000	Credit Card	Credit Card Purchases	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ	1000	Travel	Travel Agency Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Travel	Increased 2K from HRSystems Travel Agent	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	200.00%
				1200	Conference, Training, Registion Fees	Conference, Training, Registion Fees \$1,750 Increase for more conferences	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Travel	Conference/Trainings Travel and Lodging for FTEs Increase \$2,500 for more travel	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Out of State Travel	Travel Agent - Travel Leaders Additional FTEs budgeting for Travel	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	Travel Agency Fees	decrease 2K moved to 1050-1384 Travel	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	-20.00%
				5000	Travel Agent	Travel Agent for Trainings and Investigations Decrease of \$20K for costs shared with Sports Wagering	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				7000	Travel Agent	Travel Leaders G2E for meetings with Vendors and Licensing of Primaries	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E42	In-State Travel & Related Expen on Behalf of State Employees	1800	Travel Agent	moved 2.5K from subscription cost, travel for upcoming year	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	#Div/0!
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	1000	Conference Registrations	Registration Fees	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Conference, Training Registration Fees	GNEMSDC, Umass, Diversity Conferences	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Training	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1300	Travel and Conf	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
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		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	1400	Conference	Conference, Training and Registrations Fees Increase for more FTEs by \$2,473	\$4,973.00	\$4,973.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	Registration Fees	decrease 2K moved to 1050-1384Conference/Trainings	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	-28.57%
				1800	Conference Registration	moved 1K from subscription cost conference registrations	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	#Div/0!
				5000	Registrations	Training/Conference Registration Fees. Decreased \$5k for costs shared with Sports Wagering	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				7000	Conferences	Conference, Training & Registration.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE9	Employee Recognition Chargeback	1100	Employee Morale	Employee Recognition Program	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$708,291.92	\$696,991.92	(\$11,300.00)	-1.60%
		FF	<i>FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</i>							
		F09	Clothing & Footwear	5000	Programatic Supplies	Clothing and Footwear	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		GG	<i>ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL</i>							
		G01	Space Rental	1000	Office Lease	Increase for new lease In FY25 we received 3 months of free rent plus 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft. If FY26 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft and 6 months at ~\$79/sq ft. --70% of annual lease to Gaming 30% to Sports Wagering	\$692,100.16	\$1,014,997.14	\$322,896.98	46.65%
				1400	Data Center	Data Center Costs (Rack Space, maintenance for 2 Data Centers)	\$85,158.72	\$85,158.72	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	75-101 Parking Garage	Parking 75-101--5 spaces. Two of the spaces are included in the lease. This item pays for 3 of the spaces.	\$13,642.20	\$13,642.20	\$0.00	0.00%
		G03	Electricity	1000	Electricity	increase for inflation 101 Federal St. 12 months	\$23,334.34	\$26,000.00	\$2,665.66	11.42%
		G05	Fuel For Vehicles	1000	Gas	Wex Bank/Gulf	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$817,235.42	\$1,142,798.06	\$325,562.64	39.84%
		HH	<i>CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)</i>							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services	1000	Insurance	split between sports wagering Comprehensive Insurance Policy	\$163,500.00	\$114,450.00	(\$49,050.00)	-30.00%
				1100	Legal Consultants	Employment Laywers	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Worker's Comp	Workers Comp Litigation Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Consultant		(\$30,577.71)	\$0.00	\$30,577.71	-100.00%
				1200	Litigation Defense	Check with Todd on Lit Minimum per policy decrease and moved 40K to hearing officers for one case pending dismissal Outside Counsel Litigation Defense	\$400,000.00	\$360,000.00	(\$40,000.00)	-10.00%
				1200	Outside Counsel	General Practice, Regulations, Laws, etc.	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services	1200	Outside Counsel	Increase for Consultation for New Union Initiative Labor Employment Law	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1500	Consultant	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		H19	Management Consultants	1000	Outside Consultant	CPA Firm for Annual Audits consistent with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1200	Hearing Officer	Increase of 40K for usage Hearing Officer Increased \$25,000 volume of cases	\$65,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$40,000.00	61.54%
				1300	Strategic Consultant	General Consultant needs for Commissioners or Executive Director	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		H23	Program Coordinators	1100	Consultants	Moved \$20K to Strategice Consultant, FY25 RSM and Training but in FY26 used for additional DEI training	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00	(\$20,000.00)	-18.18%
				1100	Strategic Consultant	took 20,000 from consultant line 3 year study left out last year split between gaming and sports wagering Strategic Organizational Consult and Compensation	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	#Div/0!
				1500	Consultant	General Consulting	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH3	Media Design, Editorial and Communication	1800	Website Design	Marketing & Website Design	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$957,922.29	\$939,450.00	(\$18,472.29)	-1.93%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J10	Auxiliary Financial Services	1000	Auxiliary Financial Services	Credit Card Fees/BillMatrix	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services	5000	Everett Police	EPDEverett Police GEU 7FTE's Increase of 5% year over year, 4% for salaries	\$1,748,361.00	\$1,839,482.00	\$91,121.00	5.21%
				5000	Finger Prints State Police	Chargeback for Finger Print Costs for Licenses \$50/set and ~4.5K prints	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				5000	GEU--Boston		\$142,000.00	\$0.00	(\$142,000.00)	-100.00%
				5000	Plainville Police Salaries	Plainville Local Police Increase 3% for salaries as well as \$17.29k for operational euipment portable radios and body cameras	\$441,055.27	\$669,449.45	\$228,394.18	51.78%
				5000	Springfield Police Salaries	SPDSpringfield Police GEU 7 FTEs Increase of 3% on updated FY24 Budget	\$1,207,684.31	\$1,256,196.67	\$48,512.36	4.02%
				5000	State Police	MSP MGC Salaries for MGC Investigations and Background Unit 3% increase plus taxes	\$1,012,733.60	\$1,421,492.36	\$408,758.76	40.36%
				5000	State Police	3% COLA plus Taxes Racing Troopers Shifted Costs to Gaming	\$443,340.30	\$427,045.84	(\$16,294.46)	-3.68%
				5000	State Police	MSPMGC Staff Costs at MGM 16 FTEs 4% Increase plus taxes	\$2,062,795.61	\$2,041,912.20	(\$20,883.41)	-1.01%
				5000	State Police	MSPMGC State Police Troopers Plainville Straight Time and Payroll Taxes 3% increase plus taxes	\$1,531,220.58	\$1,522,084.68	(\$9,135.90)	-0.60%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission										
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	J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services	5000	State Police	MSPMGC State Troopers Everett 3% increase plus taxes	\$1,923,570.47	\$1,979,258.97	\$55,688.50	2.90%		
			5000	State Police OT & Travel	moved 925k in investigation OT to Sports Wagering OT and Travel for Troopers assigned to MGC GEU Increase 4% plus taxes	\$2,183,475.54	\$1,298,682.26	(\$884,793.28)	-40.52%		
	J28	Law Enforcement	5000	Lease Vehicles	Plainville Law Enforcement Vehicles	\$8,877.39	\$8,877.39	\$0.00	0.00%		
	J46	Temporary Help Services	1100	Temp Help	Temp help/interns/diversity	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
			1400	TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES	SevenStep or other Temp Help	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
	J50	Instructors/Lecturers/Trainers	1300	Training	Upper Management Training	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
			1400	Training	Technical Training not available on LinkedIn	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
	JJ1	Legal Support Services	1200	Operational Services	Offsite Storage - \$50 per month charge if boxes are pulledIncreased GRM Usage Increased for more digitization of files	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
	JJ2	Auxiliary Services	1000	Courier	USA Couriers	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
			1000	Shredding	ProShred	\$1,615.00	\$1,615.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
			1100	HR Investigations	HR Investigations	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
			1100	Testing	Workcare Health Resouces	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
			1800	Streaming	Streaming & Production of Public Meetings	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
		Obj Class Totals:					\$12,912,229.07	\$12,671,596.82	(\$240,632.25)	-1.86%	
		KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE								
		K05	Office Equipment	1800	Equipment Purchases	Increased to purchase additional Photography/Streaming Equipment Net Zero Purchase	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		K07	Office Furnishings	1400	Office Equipment	Creative Office Pavillion	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
				1500	Office Equipment	Office Furnishings	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
				5000	Office Equipment	Patrol Rifles/Active Shooter Gear-- Replacement/Upgrade of Fingerprint Machines to be Windows Compliant	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		Obj Class Totals:					\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR								
		L24	Motorized Vehicle Equipment Rental or Lease	1000	Rental Cars	Enterprise Car Rental	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
				1400	MOTORIZED VEHICLE EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	Enterprise Rental rental for conferences travel	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
		L25	Office Equipment Rental or Lease	1000	Printing	Pitney Bowes	\$607.90	\$607.90	\$0.00	0.00%	
		L26	Printing/Photocopy & Micrographics Equip Rent/Lease	1000	Copier	increase of 3K Canon Financial Services Recurring Payments for 13th floor and IEB Per Click costs of \$2.5K	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00	25.00%	
				7000	Equipment Leases	Increased for Idemia Scanner Maintenance	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	

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		L46	Print, Photocopying & Micrograph Equipment Maint/Repair	1000	Copier	Canon USA/Maintenance & Repair--Initial Contract Rate Ended	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1000	Xerox Leases	increase of 2K 6 Machines average \$300 per month Xerox Leases Recurring Payments of \$11.1K for 3 machines Per Click costs of \$3.2K (avg of this year) Increase \$400	\$22,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$2,000.00	9.09%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$65,607.90	\$70,607.90	\$5,000.00	7.62%
		NN	INFRASTRUCTURE:							
		N50	Non-Major Facility Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair	1000	Repairs	Office/Building Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Facilities Maintenance	\$4,450 Annual Main & Support, Parts/HVAC monitoring; Viscom \$1,500 Building Security	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				5000	Non-Major Facility Maintenance & Repair	Office Reconfiguration	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		PP	STATE AID/POL SUB							
		P01	Grants To Public Entities	1100	Grants	Worforce Development and Diversity Grants Reduced \$60,000 moved to H23	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U01	Telecommunications Services Data	1400	TELECOMMUNICAT IONS SERVICES DATA	Surveillance, CMS Primary/Backup Circuits, Lab Line, Windstream Services (VPN, LAN, WAN redundancy) etc	\$227,750.00	\$227,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U02	Telecommunications Services - Voice	1400	TELECOMMUNICAT IONS SERVICES - VOICE	OfficeSuite (Voice, HD Meeting, WeConnect), Verizon Wireless, Multi-location fax lines	\$133,010.00	\$133,010.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	1000	Software	Software - LinkSquares CLM	\$35,750.00	\$35,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Software	Cornerstone HR Employee Performance Review Software Increased to \$16,275	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	SOFTWARE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LICENSES (IT)	Azure Sentinel, M365 G5 Compliance, M365 G5 Security Adobe, Sharepoint, O365, Azure, JIRA, MDM etc	\$331,387.30	\$331,387.30	\$0.00	0.00%
				5000	Software	ITRACK- OmnigoIncrease \$1k for costs	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				7000	Software	Plus SWC Costs Licensing System Software	\$350,000.00	\$158,445.00	(\$191,555.00)	-54.73%
		U04	Information Technology Chargeback	1400	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHARGEBACK	decrease -\$40,794.56 EOTSS LMS HRCMS MMARS	\$65,000.00	\$24,205.44	(\$40,794.56)	-62.76%
		U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs	1000	IT Consultants	diversity moved to HR Diversity Consultants	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	(\$25,000.00)	-100.00%

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		U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs	1000	IT Consultants	Web penetration Testing	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	CMS - \$2,484,206.46	CMS - IGT Intelligen (PPC, MGM, EBH) IGT move adjusted costs down 39,127.83	\$2,287,240.44	\$2,287,240.44	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	CONSULTING - \$50,000	IT Consulting Support (TBD)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	IGT NOC Migration	Increase for data center move and for parts IGT NOC Migration Removed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				1400	IT Staff Augment	Contract Systems Admin eDiscovery Specialist	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	IT Staff Augment	Talent Burst It Staff Augment	\$39,750.00	\$39,750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	Staff Augmentations Professionals	McInnis Consulting Jira Expert Removed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		U06	Information Technology (IT) Cabling	1400	IT Cabling	Runs/Cabling	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U07	Information Technology (IT) Equipment	1400	IT Equipment	decrease of \$75K IT Equipment, emergency replacements (switches, routers, firewalls) etc	\$195,000.00	\$120,000.00	(\$75,000.00)	-38.46%
		U09	Information Technology (IT) Equip Rental Or Lease	1400	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) EQUIP RENTAL OR LEASE	increased \$7,009 for ACS Leases Refresh lease	\$112,891.00	\$120,000.00	\$7,109.00	6.30%
		U10	Information Tech (IT) Equipment Maintenance & Repair	1000	Cable	Cable/Comcast	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	IT Maintenance and Repair	Annual M&S Equipment/Services	\$77,633.09	\$77,633.09	\$0.00	0.00%
		U11	Information Technology (IT) Contract Services	1400	IT Contract Services	LMS, Gartner, Tallan Servicese increase of \$120K for Tier Point. Includes Xfact for Licensing Maintenance	\$395,217.00	\$515,217.00	\$120,000.00	30.36%
				7000	IT Consultant	Plus SWC Costs and implementations costs spread to FY27 Licensing System Implementation	\$262,500.00	\$167,000.00	(\$95,500.00)	-36.38%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$4,725,628.83	\$4,424,888.27	(\$300,740.56)	-6.36%
	MGC Regulatory Costs	Totals:					\$33,272,060.50	\$32,364,200.48	(\$907,860.02)	-2.73%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP									
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services	9000	State Police	MSPAGO Straight Time Troopers 3% increase including Payroll Taxes	\$687,879.43	\$682,026.00	(\$5,853.43)	-0.85%
				9000	State Police	3% COLA plus taxes MSPAGO State Police OT 3% increase plus taxes	\$382,830.81	\$403,030.11	\$20,199.30	5.28%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$1,070,710.24	\$1,085,056.11	\$14,345.87	1.34%
		OO								
		O99		9000	Attorney General	Funds FTEs assigned to the unit, various percentages of FTEs of support, and management positions, office space, travel, conferences, and investigative costs.	\$2,927,384.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$1,572,616.00	53.72%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$2,927,384.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$1,572,616.00	53.72%
	Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP			Totals:			\$3,998,094.24	\$5,585,056.11	\$1,586,961.87	39.69%

Approp	Budget Grouping	Obj Class	Object_name	Unit	Item Short Name	New Description	Current Year Amount	Next Year Amount	Variance	Percent Change
10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
	Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission									
		00								
		001		9001	ISA with ABCC	ABCC	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission	Totals:					\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10500001	Mass. Gaming Commission									
Appropriation Totals							\$40,016,018.77	\$40,806,347.84	\$790,329.07	1.98%
10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION								
	A01	Salaries: Inclusive	1000	Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries		\$90,663.52	\$91,396.73	\$733.21	0.81%
			1100	Employee Compensatio	HR Employees Salaries		\$13,561.75	\$6,458.38	(\$7,103.37)	-52.38%
			1100	Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide		\$18,910.14	\$17,957.46	(\$952.68)	-5.04%
			1200	Employee Compensation	Legal Employees Salaries		\$28,684.14	\$29,349.96	\$665.82	2.32%
			1300	Employee Compensation	Exec. Dir. Employees Salaries		\$16,174.31	\$20,052.04	\$3,877.73	23.97%
			1400	Employee Compensation	IT Employees Salaries		\$50,863.65	\$51,027.64	\$163.99	0.32%
			1500	Employee Compensation	Commissioners Employees Salaries		\$31,280.31	\$33,454.49	\$2,174.18	6.95%
			1800	Employee Compensation	Communications Employees Salaries		\$7,183.75	\$7,278.92	\$95.17	1.32%
			3000	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries		\$361,690.94	\$372,541.67	\$10,850.73	3.00%
			5000	Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries		\$20,233.39	\$19,097.24	(\$1,136.15)	-5.62%
			7000	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries		\$5,104.63	\$1,799.09	(\$3,305.54)	-64.76%
			All	Employee Compensation	N/A		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
			All	Regular Employee Compensation	Turnover Savings 5% of payroll		(\$32,462.40)	(\$47,256.46)	(\$14,794.06)	45.57%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$611,888.13	\$603,157.16	(\$8,730.97)	-1.43%
	BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN								
	B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	3000	Travel	Out of State Travel Reimbursement Reduced \$6k		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	B02	In-State Travel	3000	Travel	In State Travel Reimbursement Reduced 1K		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES								
	C04	Contracted Seasonal Employees	3000	Seasonals	Seasonal Employees		\$482,040.00	\$482,040.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services	1100	Contract Employee	Administrative Help		\$5,200.00	\$5,320.00	\$120.00	2.31%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$487,240.00	\$487,360.00	\$120.00	0.02%
	DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX								
	D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	1000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%		\$39,311.70	\$32,537.24	(\$6,774.46)	-17.23%

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversigh									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	1000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$2,221.26	\$2,019.87	(\$201.39)	-9.07%
				1100	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$5,880.37	\$3,367.18	(\$2,513.19)	-42.74%
				1100	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$332.26	\$142.73	(\$189.53)	-57.04%
				1200	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$12,437.44	\$10,448.59	(\$1,988.85)	-15.99%
				1200	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$702.76	\$648.63	(\$54.13)	-7.70%
				1300	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$7,013.19	\$7,138.53	\$125.34	1.79%
				1300	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$396.27	\$443.15	\$46.88	11.83%
				1400	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$22,054.48	\$18,165.84	(\$3,888.64)	-17.63%
				1400	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$1,246.15	\$1,127.71	(\$118.44)	-9.50%
				1500	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$13,563.14	\$11,909.80	(\$1,653.34)	-12.19%
				1500	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$766.37	\$739.34	(\$27.03)	-3.53%
				1800	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$3,114.87	\$2,582.30	(\$532.57)	-17.10%
				1800	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$176.00	\$108.49	(\$67.51)	-38.36%
				3000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$156,829.20	\$132,624.83	(\$24,204.37)	-15.43%
				3000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,861.42	\$8,233.17	(\$628.25)	-7.09%
				5000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$20,233.39	\$6,798.62	(\$13,434.77)	-66.40%
				5000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,773.20	\$422.05	(\$8,351.15)	-95.19%
				7000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$2,213.37	\$640.48	(\$1,572.89)	-71.06%
				7000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$125.06	\$39.76	(\$85.30)	-68.21%
				All	Fringe and Taxes	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$306,251.90	\$240,138.31	(\$66,113.59)	-21.59%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies	3000	Supplies	W.B. Mason moved to Finance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	3000	Printing	Millineum Printing moved to Finance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	3000	Memberships	AA Dority/Organization of Racing Investigators not renewing would fall under IEB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				3000	Memberships	Assoc. of Racing Regulators	\$18,700.00	\$18,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E13	Advertising Expenses	3000	Public Hearing Notices	Boston Globe moved to Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				3000	Public Hearing Notices	Boston Herald moved to Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		E15	Bottled Water	3000	Water	Belmont Springs/DS Waters of America	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ	3000	Travel Agent	Travel	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	3000	Conferences	Assoc. of Racing Comm./Louisiana Racing/Thoroughbred Racing	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$27,060.00	\$27,060.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES							

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		F05	Laboratory Supplies	3000	Vet Supplies	Gloves, scrubs etc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		F09	Clothing & Footwear	3000	Equipment	Misc Facility Equipment Removed from Budget	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				3000	Uniforms	Racing Uniforms for Seasonal Employees Reduced \$15K	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H19	Management Consultants	3000	Hearing Officer	Hearing Officer for Racing Appeals	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
		J10	Auxiliary Financial Services	3000	Credit Cards	Bank of America credit card terminal fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services	3000	Testing	Workcare Reduced \$500	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		J28	Law Enforcement	3000	State Police	MSP Racing Straight Time Moved to IEB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				3000	State Police	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		JJ1	Legal Support Services	3000	Stenographer	Hardeman RealTime Moved to Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		JJ2	Auxiliary Services	3000	Autopsies	Uconn Pathology	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				3000	Testing Lab	Industrial Laboratories or alternate lab	\$382,500.00	\$382,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$391,000.00	\$391,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR							
		L46	Print, Photocopying & Micrograph Equipment Maint/Repair	3000	Maintenance Contract	K & A Industries--Badge Printer	\$915.00	\$915.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$915.00	\$915.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		MM	PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS							
		M03	Purchased Human & Social Services For Clients/Non Medical	3000	Hardship Payments	Economic Hardship Payments--Statutorily Required	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				3000	Legislative Mandate	Jockey's Guild--Statutory Requirement	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		M04	Services Purch Support of Human/Social Services for Clients	3000	ISA	ISA with DPH Compulsive Gambling--Statutory Requirement	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$155,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U02	Telecommunications Services - Voice	3000	Phones	Verizon/AT&T Reduced \$3,000 removed phone lines	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs	3000	Database	Racing Licensing System Reduced \$3,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	MGC Regulatory Costs		Totals:				\$2,011,355.03	\$1,936,630.47	(\$74,724.56)	-3.72%

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
	Indirect									
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	2000	Indirect	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				2000	Indirect Agency Wide	Indirect at 10% of AA, CC, HH, JJ and UU excluding U07	\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%
	Indirect		Totals:				\$111,802.56	\$150,137.40	\$38,334.84	34.29%

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10500003	MGC Mass Racing Development and Oversight									
Appropriation Totals							\$2,123,157.59	\$2,086,767.87	(\$36,389.72)	-1.71%
10500004	Community Mitigation									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive	1100	Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide	\$6,612.05	\$9,469.89	\$2,857.84	43.22%
				1900	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries	\$287,568.97	\$315,662.86	\$28,093.89	9.77%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$294,181.02	\$325,132.75	\$30,951.73	10.52%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	1900	Travel	In-State Travel	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	1900	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$124,689.90	\$112,375.98	(\$12,313.92)	-9.88%
				1900	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,045.44	\$6,976.15	(\$69.29)	-0.98%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$131,735.34	\$119,352.13	(\$12,383.21)	-9.40%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E01	Office & Administrative Supplies	1900	Supplies	Supplies Binders	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	1900	Indirect	Indirect Rate of 10%	\$0.00	\$31,566.27	\$31,566.27	#Div/0!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$2,500.00	\$34,066.27	\$31,566.27	1262.65%
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U07	Information Technology (IT) Equipment	1900	Database	Services Maintenance/Upgrades to Database	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MGC Regulatory Costs			Totals:				\$483,416.36	\$533,551.15	\$50,134.79	10.37%

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10500004	Community Mitigation										
Appropriation Totals							\$483,416.36	\$533,551.15	\$50,134.79	10.37%	
10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund										
	MGC Regulatory Costs										
	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION									
	A01	Salaries: Inclusive	1000	Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries		\$295,541.82	\$308,693.04	\$13,151.22	4.45%	
			1000	Salary			\$8,125.00	\$0.00	(\$8,125.00)	-100.00%	
			1100	Employee Compensation	HR Employees Salaries		\$212,887.49	\$172,838.65	(\$40,048.84)	-18.81%	
			1100	Merit Increases	Intern Program that Could Provide Up to 2 regular and 1 graduate intern		\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
			1100	Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide		\$113,569.85	\$144,823.22	\$31,253.37	27.52%	
			1200	Employee Compensation	Legal Employees Salaries		\$286,841.38	\$293,499.46	\$6,658.08	2.32%	
			1300	Employee Compensation	Exec. Dir. Employees Salaries		\$161,743.18	\$200,520.34	\$38,777.16	23.97%	
			1400	Employee Compensation	IT Employees Salaries		\$809,995.31	\$839,930.66	\$29,935.35	3.70%	
			1500	Employee Compensation	Commissioners Employees Salaries		\$312,802.90	\$334,544.73	\$21,741.83	6.95%	
			1500	Salary			\$11,500.00	\$0.00	(\$11,500.00)	-100.00%	
			1800	Employee Compensation	Communications Employees Salaries		\$91,587.60	\$113,630.70	\$22,043.10	24.07%	
			5000	Employee Compensation	Admin Employees Salaries		\$1,120,577.07	\$1,437,036.47	\$316,459.40	28.24%	
			5500	Employee Compensation	N/A		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
			5500	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries		\$937,652.92	\$966,707.22	\$29,054.30	3.10%	
			5500	Salary			\$27,500.00	\$0.00	(\$27,500.00)	-100.00%	
			7000	Employee Compensation	Regular Employee Salaries		\$346,909.48	\$400,315.33	\$53,405.85	15.39%	
			All	Employee Compensation	N/A		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!	
			All	Regular Employee Compensation	Turnover Savings 7.5% of payroll		(\$194,961.58)	(\$381,113.75)	(\$186,152.17)	95.48%	
Obj Class Totals:							\$4,579,772.42	\$4,868,926.07	\$289,153.65	6.31%	
	BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN									
	B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	1200	Travel	moved 10K from software Out of State Travel and Training		\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	#Div/0!	
			1500	Travel Reimbursements	7K moved from1050-0001 Travel Reimbursements --In State (6 Commission Meetings a Year, Site Visits)		\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	#Div/0!	

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	5000	Travel	Out of State Travel Costs for Sports Wagering	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				5500	Out of State Travel	Out of State Licensee Visits and Conferences increase for extra FTEs	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		B02	In-State Travel	1100	Travel	added for HR conferences In and Out of state Travel AOC as well as site visits of licensees	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	#Div/0!
				5500	In-State Travel	Licensee visits, in-state meetings and conferences Mileage Reimbursements	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$18,500.00	\$41,500.00	\$23,000.00	124.32%
	CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES								
		C23	Management, Business Professionals & Admin Services	1100	Contract Employee	3% cost escalation Administrative Help	\$24,000.00	\$48,389.40	\$24,389.40	101.62%
				5000	Contract Employee	3% COLA Civilian Investigators	\$130,000.00	\$133,900.00	\$3,900.00	3.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$154,000.00	\$182,289.40	\$28,289.40	18.37%
	DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX								
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	1000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$3,722.06	\$0.00	(\$3,722.06)	-100.00%
				1000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$128,146.93	\$109,894.72	(\$18,252.21)	-14.24%
				1000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,240.78	\$6,822.12	(\$418.66)	-5.78%
				1100	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$92,308.02	\$72,210.55	(\$20,097.47)	-21.77%
				1100	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$5,215.74	\$3,819.73	(\$1,396.01)	-26.77%
				1200	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$124,374.42	\$104,485.81	(\$19,888.61)	-15.99%
				1200	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,027.61	\$6,486.34	(\$541.27)	-7.70%
				1300	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$86,117.44	\$71,385.24	(\$14,732.20)	-17.11%
				1300	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	(\$12,022.90)	\$4,431.50	\$16,454.40	-136.86%
				1400	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$351,213.97	\$299,015.31	(\$52,198.66)	-14.86%
				1400	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$19,844.89	\$18,562.47	(\$1,282.42)	-6.46%
				1500	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$5,268.15	\$0.00	(\$5,268.15)	-100.00%
				1500	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$135,631.34	\$119,097.92	(\$16,533.42)	-12.19%
				1500	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$7,663.67	\$7,393.44	(\$270.23)	-3.53%
				1800	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$39,712.37	\$40,452.53	\$740.16	1.86%
				1800	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$2,243.90	\$1,987.47	(\$256.43)	-11.43%
				5000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$485,882.22	\$511,584.98	\$25,702.76	5.29%
				5000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$27,454.14	\$31,758.51	\$4,304.37	15.68%
				5000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.45% on Civilian Investigators	\$2,697.35	\$2,506.11	(\$191.24)	-7.09%
				5500	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$12,597.75	\$0.00	(\$12,597.75)	-100.00%
				5500	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$406,566.31	\$344,147.77	(\$62,418.54)	-15.35%
				5500	Fringe and Taxes	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				5500	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$22,972.50	\$21,364.23	(\$1,608.27)	-7.00%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	7000	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$150,419.95	\$142,512.26	(\$7,907.69)	-5.26%
				7000	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,499.28	\$8,846.97	\$347.69	4.09%
				All	Fringe and Payroll Taxes	Fringe and Payroll Taxes on Turnover Savings (45.81%)	(\$89,311.90)	(\$144,099.11)	(\$54,787.21)	61.34%
				All	Fringe and Taxes	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		Obj Class Totals:					\$2,031,485.99	\$1,784,666.87	(\$246,819.12)	-12.15%
	EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES								
	E01	Office & Administrative Supplies	1000	Supplies	for admin expenses racing and other divisions W.B. Mason/Veteran's Business Supply		\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	#Div/0!
	E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	5500	Printing & Administrative Supplies	SW Reports and Ad Hoc Reports Additional \$500 for Reporting		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	5500	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	SBRA membership, trade journals other subscriptions		\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	E20	Motor Vehicle Chargeback	1000		Telemetrics, OVM Management, Leases Split with Gaming		\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	#Div/0!
	E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental Includes Reservation Fees	1000	Laz Parking/VPNE	moved 24K from Gaming Parking at 33 Arch St.		\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	#Div/0!
			1100	Conference Incidentals	Conference Incidentals		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
	E30	Credit Card Purchases	1500	Credit Card	\$500 new and \$1.5K moved from 1050-0001 Allowable Credit Card Expenses		\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	#Div/0!
			5500	Credit Card Purchases	Credit Card Purchases		\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	20.00%
	E41	Out Of State Travel Expen on Behalf of State Employ	1100	Travel	Travel Agent		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
			1200	Conference, Training, Registration Fees	moved 5K from software Conference, Training, Registration Fees \$1,750 Increase for more conferences		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
			1200	Travel	moved 5K from software Conference/Trainings Travel and Lodging for FTEs Increase \$2,500 for more travel		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#Div/0!
			1500	Travel	5K new and 2K moved from 1050-0001 Travel		\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	#Div/0!
			5000	Travel Agent	Travel for Sports Wagering		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			5500	Travel Agent	Travel Agency Fees increase for additional FTEs		\$13,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$3,000.00	23.08%
	EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	1500	Registration Fees	2K new and 2K moved from 1050-0001 Conference/Trainings		\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	#Div/0!
			5000	Conferences	Conferences for Sports Wagering		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	5500	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	UNLV; G2E; NAGRA or SBRA meeting, GLI Roundtables Increase 2,000 for additional FTEs	\$14,850.00	\$16,000.00	\$1,150.00	7.74%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$92,350.00	\$184,300.00	\$91,950.00	99.57%
	GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL								
	G01	Space Rental		1000	Office Lease	increase for new lease increase In FY25 we received 3 months of free rent plus 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft. If FY26 6 months at ~\$50/sq ft and 6 months at ~\$79/sq ft. --70% of annual lease to Gaming 30% to Sports Wagering	\$296,614.36	\$434,998.89	\$138,384.53	46.65%
				1500	75-101 Parking Garage	Parking 75-101--5 spaces. Two of the spaces are included in the lease. This item pays for 3 of the spaces.	\$5,437.80	\$5,437.80	\$0.00	0.00%
	G03	Electricity		1000	Electricity	\$1,199 increase for inflation split between accounts @101 Federal St. 12 months	\$9,301.10	\$10,500.00	\$1,198.90	12.89%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$311,353.26	\$450,936.69	\$139,583.43	44.83%
	HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)								
	H09	Attorneys/Legal Services		1000	Insurence	split from gaming insurance costs	\$0.00	\$49,050.00	\$49,050.00	#Div/0!
				1200	Outside Counsel	Outside Counsel - A&K	\$200,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$40,000.00	20.00%
				1200	Outside Counsel	move 40k from software Increase for Consultation for New Union Initiative Labor Employment Law	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	#Div/0!
				5000	Consultant		(\$124,758.80)	\$0.00	\$124,758.80	-100.00%
				5500	Consultant	includes but not limited to new for sports wagering consultant services for 8 months, data analysis, policy and research	\$46,666.67	\$119,000.00	\$72,333.33	155.00%
	H19	Management Consultants		1000	Outside Consultant	work related to sportsbook CPA Firm for Annual Audits consistent with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	#Div/0!
				5500	Outside Consultant	Eide Bailly SW Auditing for Operators and related services	\$0.00	\$152,336.00	\$152,336.00	#Div/0!
	H23	Program Coordinators		5500	Consultant	20K for market review consultant	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00	100.00%
				5500	Consultants	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
	HH1	Financial Services		5000	Consultants	Consultants -RSM--Vendor License Reviews for Sports Wagering	\$1,242,214.29	\$1,725,000.00	\$482,785.71	38.86%
				5000	Consultants	Consultants -RSM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				5000	Consultants-RSM		\$438,264.30	\$0.00	(\$438,264.30)	-100.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$1,822,386.46	\$2,415,386.00	\$592,999.54	32.54%
	JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES								
	J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services		5000	State Police	4 FTE related to Sports Wagering	\$461,595.28	\$447,694.00	(\$13,901.28)	-3.01%
				5000	State Police	shifted costs to 4 additional trooper for Sports Wagering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	MGC Regulatory Costs									
		J25	Laboratory & Pharmaceutical Services	5000	State Police OT & Travel	OT and Travel for Troopers related to background investigations assigned to MGC GEU Increase 3% plus taxes	\$0.00	\$925,000.00	\$925,000.00	#Div/0!
	Obj Class Totals:						\$461,595.28	\$1,372,694.00	\$911,098.72	197.38%
		OO								
		O99		1300	Consulting and Payroll	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
				1300	Consulting and Payroll	Sports Wagering Set Aside for FY24 Build Out of SW Regulatory Environment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
	Obj Class Totals:						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U02	Telecommunications Services - Voice	1400	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES - VOICE	OfficeSuite (Voice, HD Meeting, WeConnect), Verizon Wireless, Multi-location fax lines	\$32,122.38	\$32,122.38	\$0.00	0.00%
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	1000	Software	Software - LinkSquares CLM	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1100	Software	Additional Cornerstone Module LMS Software - HR, Cornerstone LMS	\$0.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	#Div/0!
				1200	Software	decrease 100K Relativity Document Search and PIR Tool Replacement for Relativity	\$155,000.00	\$55,000.00	(\$100,000.00)	-64.52%
				1400	SOFTWARE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LICENSES (IT)	Increase \$86,671.56 for Azure Sentinel, M365 G5 Compliance, M365 G5 Security Adobe, Sharepoint, O365, Azure, JIRA, MDM etc	\$154,464.88	\$154,464.88	\$0.00	0.00%
				5500	software	Incident Tracker Increase for actual cost of @5,000 plus additional modifications	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				7000	Software	Plus SWC Costs Licensing System Software	\$150,000.00	\$158,445.00	\$8,445.00	5.63%
		U05	Information Technology (IT) Temp Staff Augmentation Profs	5500	IT Consultant	increase 120K for full year IT Consultant - GLI	\$60,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$120,000.00	200.00%
				5500	IT Consultant	K IT Consultant - GLI - ICS	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	25.00%
				5500	IT Consultants		\$80,000.00	\$0.00	(\$80,000.00)	-100.00%
		U06	Information Technology (IT) Cabling	1400	IT Cabling	Raynham Build out	\$54,531.48	\$54,531.48	\$0.00	0.00%
				1400	IT Cabling	Suffolk Build out new \$26,050.08 in one time costs Suffolk Build out	\$54,531.48	\$0.00	(\$54,531.48)	-100.00%
		U07	Information Technology (IT) Equipment	1400	IT Equipment	IT Equipment, emergency replacements (switches, routers, firewalls) etc	\$41,325.00	\$41,325.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		U09	Information Technology (IT) Equip Rental Or Lease	1400	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) EQUIP RENTAL OR LEASE	ACS Leases (Refresh)	\$35,823.08	\$35,823.08	\$0.00	0.00%
		U10	Information Tech (IT) Equipment Maintenance & Repair	1400	IT Maintenance and Repair	Annual M&S Equipment/Services	\$37,563.79	\$37,563.79	\$0.00	0.00%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	Indirect									
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	2000	Indirect		\$812.50	\$0.00	(\$812.50)	-100.00%
				2000	Indirect		\$1,150.00	\$0.00	(\$1,150.00)	-100.00%
				2000	Indirect		\$2,750.00	\$0.00	(\$2,750.00)	-100.00%
				2000	Indirect		\$4,666.67	\$0.00	(\$4,666.67)	-100.00%
				2000	Indirect	Commonwealth Required Indirect Cost Recoupment	\$520,356.13	\$1,001,721.91	\$481,365.78	92.51%
				2000	Indirect	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$529,735.30	\$1,001,721.91	\$471,986.61	89.10%
	Indirect		Totals:				\$529,735.30	\$1,001,721.91	\$471,986.61	89.10%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF									
		UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
		U03	Software & Information Technology Licenses (IT)	1700	software	100 VSE database licenses	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF		Totals:				\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
	Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP									
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		099		9000	Attorney General	SW ISA with AGO for Enforcement Activities	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		Obj Class Totals:					\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	Office of Attorney General and AGO MSP	Totals:					\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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10501384	Sports Wagering Control Fund									
Appropriation Totals							\$11,623,130.65	\$13,909,786.40	\$2,286,655.75	19.67%
40001101	MGC Regulatory Costs									
	AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION								
	A01	Salaries: Inclusive	1100	Raises	3% COLA/Incentives/Equity Agency Wide		\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%
	Obj Class Totals:						\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%
MGC Regulatory Costs			Totals:				\$10,733.14	\$11,426.81	\$693.67	6.46%

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40001101										
			Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF							
		AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION							
		A01	Salaries: Inclusive	1700	Employee Compensation	additional FTE for FY26 Employee Salaries	\$357,771.35	\$540,893.83	\$183,122.48	51.18%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$357,771.35	\$540,893.83	\$183,122.48	51.18%
		BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN							
		B01	Other Out Of State Travel - INCLUSIVE: AIRFARE, HOTEL, LODGI	1700	Travel	increase \$3,250 for additional travel needs Out of State Travel	\$1,250.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,250.00	260.00%
		B02	In-State Travel	1700	Travel	In-State-Travel Reimbursements	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$7,250.00	\$10,500.00	\$3,250.00	44.83%
		DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX							
		D09	Fringe Benefit Cost Recoupment	1700	Fringe	Fringe Rate of 35.60%	\$155,129.66	\$192,558.24	\$37,428.58	24.13%
				1700	Taxes	Tax rate of 2.21%	\$8,765.40	\$11,953.76	\$3,188.36	36.37%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$163,895.06	\$204,512.00	\$40,616.94	24.78%
		EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
		E02	Printing Expenses & Supplies	1700	Printing Expenses and Supplies	Printed Materials for Game Sense	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E12	Subscriptions, Memberships & Licensing Fees	1700	Memberships	Memberships - NAADGS, NCPG	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		E16	Indirect Cost Recoupment	1700	Indirect Charges	Indirect to EHHS	\$403,850.43	\$427,946.38	\$24,095.95	5.97%
		EE2	Conference, Training and Registration Fees	1700	Conferences	Conference, Training & Registration Fees	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1700	Travel	increased travel need for Game Sense	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	#Div/0!
			Obj Class Totals:				\$425,850.43	\$457,946.38	\$32,095.95	7.54%
		FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES							
		F16	Library & Teaching Supplies & Materials	1700	Books	Library/reference books Increase as needed for research	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)							
		H09	Attorneys/Legal Services	1700	Public Safety Research	Public Safety and Human Trafficking Research	\$115,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$15,000.00)	-13.04%
		H23	Program Coordinators	1700	Branding	Initial set up costs for Creation of Player Health Brand Development	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	#Div/0!
				1700	Branding	Marketing media buys etc. ASG	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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40001101										
			Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF							
		H23	Program Coordinators	1700	Player Health Services	decrease \$21,430 for .5 year of Mass Council and .5 year of Player Health Services@ on Gaming & Health including employees to man Game Sense booth at PPC EBH and MGM --Staffed 16 hrs per day PPC and MGM, and 24 Hrs/day EBH --VSE --Play My Way --Requi	\$3,148,000.00	\$3,126,570.00	(\$21,430.00)	-0.68%
				1700	PNAS Study	PNAS Study	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	#Div/0!
				1700	Program manager	RG Evaluation including GameSense	\$125,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$25,000.00)	-20.00%
				1700	Research Consultant	Research Review Committee	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00	50.00%
				1700	Translations	Knowledge Translation and Exchange	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
				1700	VSE Resource Liaison	VSE Resource Liaison	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$3,655,000.00	\$3,758,570.00	\$103,570.00	2.83%
	JJ		OPERATIONAL SERVICES							
	JJ2		Auxiliary Services	1700	Translations	Document Translations Increase due to greater need for translation and diversity	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	PP		STATE AID/POL SUB							
	P01		Grants To Public Entities	1700	Community Driven Research	increased 155k for ongoing projects Community Driven Research	\$210,000.00	\$365,000.00	\$155,000.00	73.81%
				1700	Data Storage Grant	increase of \$152K for initial setup costs Data Storage Project/MODE moved to UMASS	\$75,000.00	\$227,000.00	\$152,000.00	202.67%
				1700	SEIGMA	Social & Economic Research(SEIGMA) Follow-up General Population Study	\$995,000.00	\$900,000.00	(\$95,000.00)	-9.55%
	PP1		Grants To Non-Public Entities	1700	PMW	Play My Way Incentives	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	-25.00%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$1,320,000.00	\$1,522,000.00	\$202,000.00	15.30%
	UU		IT Non-Payroll Expenses							
	U07		Information Technology (IT) Equipment	1700	Software	Software for self-exclusion across sports wagering operators	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	-33.33%
			Obj Class Totals:				\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	-33.33%
			Research and Responsible Gaming/PHTF Totals:				\$6,095,766.84	\$6,610,422.22	\$514,655.38	8.44%

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40001101										
Appropriation Totals							\$6,106,499.98	\$6,621,849.03	\$515,349.05	8.44%



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Diandra Franks, Enforcement Counsel, IEB

CC: Caitlin Monahan, Director, IEB
Kathleen Kramer, Chief Enforcement Counsel/Asst. Director, IEB
Justin Stempeck, Deputy General Counsel

DATE: June 12, 2025

RE: Sports Wagering Noncompliance Matter

At the June 17, 2025, Public Meeting, the IEB will be presenting the following Sports Wagering Noncompliance matters to the Commission:

1. BetMGM, LLC, Temporary Category 3 Sports Wagering Operator, 2025-SWN-051: This matter relates to BetMGM offering wagering on a prohibited athlete, Russian UFC fighter Petr Yan, for his fight scheduled on December 31, 2025, in contravention of 205 CMR 247.04(8) and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog. BetMGM accepted zero (0) patron wagers and two (2) wagers by MGC staff (via test accounts) on this fight on March 7, 2025, for a total stake of \$22. Wagering was available from July 5, 2024 – March 7, 2025.
2. Blue Tarp redevelopment, LLC d/b/a MGM Springfield, Category 1 Sports Wagering Operator, 2025-SWN-053: This matter relates to MGMS offering wagering on a Northeastern Men's Baseball NCAA game in contravention of G.L. c. 23N, § 3, 205 CMR 247.01(2)(a)(2), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog. Northeastern Men's Baseball was whitelisted on February 14, 2025, wagering was enabled at 11:21 AM on the date of the first baseball game for the season, April 5, 2025, and was shut down the same day at 1:29 PM when a Gaming Agent audited a kiosk at MGMS and realized wagering was available. No wagers were placed during the time the market was enabled.



TO: Chair Maynard, Commissioners O'Brien, Skinner, Hill and Brodeur

FROM: Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming,
Bonnie Andrews, Sr. Research Manager

CC: Dean Serpa, Executive Director

DATE: June 17, 2025

RE: Proposed FY2026 Gaming Research Agenda

Background:

The Expanded Gaming Act enshrines the role of research in understanding the social and economic effects and mitigating the negative consequences of casino gambling in Massachusetts. To this end, with the advice of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee, the Commission is charged with carrying out an annual research agenda to comprehensively assess the impacts of casino gambling in Massachusetts. Specifically, [M.G.L. Chapter 23K §71](#) directs the research agenda to examine the social and economic effects of expanded gambling and to obtain scientific information relative to the neuroscience, psychology, sociology, epidemiology, and etiology of gambling. [M.G.L. Chapter 23N, §23](#) extends the scope of the research agenda to include an understanding of the effects of sports wagering in the commonwealth.

To support the successful implementation of these statutory mandates, the Commission adopted a strategic research plan that outlines research in seven key focus areas, including:

Economic Impact Research

The Economic Impact component of the Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) study, currently conducted by a team from the UMass Donahue Institute, analyzes the fiscal and economic effects of expanded gaming across the Commonwealth. The economic research is intended to provide 1) neutral information on decision-making, 2) early warning signs of changes connected with casino gambling, and 3) help reduce gambling-related harm. To explore more about the economic impact research including completed reports: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=economic-impact>

Social Impact Research

The Social Impact component of the Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts

(SEIGMA) study, currently conducted by a team from UMass Amherst, analyzes the social and health effects of expanded gaming across the Commonwealth. To explore more about the social impact research, including completed reports: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=social-impact-research>

Community-Engaged Research

The objective of community-engaged research is to understand and address the impact of gambling in Massachusetts communities. The specific research topic or question is developed by the community through a community-driven process. To explore more about the community-engaged research, including completed reports: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=community-engaged-research>

Public Safety Research

Public safety research examines gaming impacts on public safety, including crime, calls-for-service, collision, and driving under the influence data. This element of the Commission's research agenda has produced a baseline for each casino host and surrounding communities. Annual follow-up studies measure changes in activity and highlight possible connections to the casino. To explore more about the public safety research, including completed reports: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=public-safety>

Responsible Gaming Program Evaluation

The Commission is committed to offering effective, evidence-based responsible gaming programs and initiatives. Currently, these initiatives include statewide Voluntary Self-Exclusion, PlayMyWay Play Management System, and the GameSense program. The introduction of mobile sports wagering will usher in additional responsible gaming tools, and measures. Ongoing and independent evaluation informs the overall responsible gaming strategy and future direction of these programs. To explore more about the evaluation research, including completed reports: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=responsible-gaming-program-evaluations>

Massachusetts Gaming Impact Cohort

The Massachusetts Gambling Impact Cohort (MAGIC), was the first major longitudinal cohort study of gambling behavior in the United States. This study provided insights into demographic groups at risk of experiencing gambling-related harm and information on how gambling and problem gambling develop, progress, and remit. To explore more about the Massachusetts Gaming Impact Cohort, including completed reports: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda-search/?cat=massachusetts-gambling-impact-cohort>

Data Sharing

To improve transparency and build upon the existing research body of research, the Commission has a robust research library and data sharing portal. The Massachusetts Open Data Exchange (MODE) invites researchers of all disciplines to use available gaming-related data to advance the empirical evidence and knowledge base about casinos' social and economic effects on individuals and communities. To explore more about the Massachusetts Open Data Exchange: <https://massgaming.com/about/research-agenda/>

Ongoing and Upcoming Research

The proposed FY26 research agenda will take place in the context of several multi-year research projects currently underway or upcoming from previous years' research agendas:

- **Social and Economic Research:** It is important to note that, in addition to the ongoing studies below, the Research and Responsible Gaming Division is currently seeking responses to an RFR released on March 28, 2025, to re-procure the social and economic research services currently being carried out by the University of Massachusetts SEIGMA team.
 - **Early Impact of Sports Wagering:** With sports betting at casinos since January 2023 and online since March 2023, the SEIGMA team will prepare two reports assessing preliminary data related to the social and economic impacts of this activity.
 - **Current Trends in Gambling, Sports Betting, and Problem Gambling in MA (2022-2024):** This report presents data from the Online Panel Surveys carried out by SEIGMA. The report presents information about gambling attitudes, gambling participation and problem gambling prevalence among monthly gamblers across four online panel surveys carried out in Massachusetts between 2022 and 2024. Changes in views of gambling as a recreational activity, in rates of gambling participation, gambling problems and gambling-related harms are also addressed, with a particular focus on those associated with sports wagering.
 - **Study of student-athletes:** This project, conducted by the Athletic Department, Campus Life and Wellbeing, and the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, aims to use a Personalized Feedback-only approach specifically designed to address at-risk gambling behaviors among college students involved in university-sponsored club sports.
- **Public Safety**
 - **Plainville Public Safety Report:** This study, awarded to Justice Research Associates, will use data through 2023 to assess changes in public safety in Plainville and surrounding communities.
 - **Sex Trafficking Study:** This study, awarded to Safe Exit Initiative, will assess the influence of casinos and casino resorts on sex trafficking in the Commonwealth.
- **Community-Engaged Research**
 - **Youth Perspectives on the Legalization of Sports Wagering:** This project's objective is to understand community perspectives on the social and public health impacts of legalized sports betting in Massachusetts. To meet this objective, NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) will engage a Community Advisory Board (CAB) to examine the legalization of sports betting in Massachusetts and its impact on young adults, ages 18-25, and support analysis and dissemination of data and findings. This is year 3 of a proposed 3-year study.

- ***Impact of Paid Media on Awareness and Participation of Sports Betting Among College Students:*** This community-engaged research project, awarded to Suffolk University, will focus on the social, health, and educational impacts of the introduction of legal sports wagering on higher education students in Massachusetts, particularly regarding their exposure to and participation in sports betting through paid media advertising. This is year 2 of a proposed 2-year study.
- ***Gambling on Addiction Recovery: Community Perspectives on the Impact of Legalized Gambling in Massachusetts:*** This community-engaged research project, awarded to Texas Tech University, aims to understand the impact of legalized gambling and sports betting on addiction recovery communities in Massachusetts, building on the Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts studies. This is year 2 of a proposed 3-year study.
- **Evaluation of Responsible Gaming Initiatives**
 - ***Evaluating approaches to play management (Funded through the International Center for Responsible Gaming):*** This research, awarded to Carleton University, will build evidence to assist with informed decisions about the strengths and weaknesses of play management systems, as well as contribute to the development of effective responsible gambling initiatives.
 - ***AI and Player Risk Identification and Response Research Services:*** A study being carried out by the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) will center on current and possible uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in the gaming industry, with a particular focus on marketing, player acquisition, game integrity, and responsible gaming initiatives, as well as implications for problem gambling and player health in the Commonwealth. This focus on responsible gaming will include reviewing evidence and evaluation data related to identifying and responding to behavioral risk on sports wagering mobile applications.
 - ***Positive Play Study:*** This study, conducted by GamRes in partnership with the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health, will identify the extent of positive play among Massachusetts players engaging in sports wagering and casino gambling, to define specific areas where positive play could be further supported, and to identify the extent of positive play among different player segments. The proposed study builds upon Positive Play studies conducted in 2021 and 2023.
 - ***Evaluation of the Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program:*** An evaluation of the voluntary self-exclusion program to build upon the previous evaluation of this program presented in 2018. The Research and Responsible Gaming Division is seeking responses to an RFR to be released this month.
- **Legislatively Mandated Study on Sports Wagering:**
 - ***Sports Wagering Diversity Study:*** The UMass Donahue Institute is carrying out a study on the participation by minority business enterprises, women business enterprises, and veteran business enterprises in the sports wagering industry in the Commonwealth

iGaming Study: A study on the impact of iGaming on public health, with particular focus on

comparison of participants with participants in other forms of gaming, comorbidity with problem gambling, and impacts on youth under the age of 25. This study is being conducted by Pret Solutions in partnership with Gemini Research and Dr. Lia Nower.

- **Collaboration with Community Mitigation Fund:** The Research and Responsible Gaming Division is also collaborating with the Community Affairs Division to support several ongoing and upcoming Gambling Harm Reduction community-engaged research project.

Proposed FY26 Gaming Research Agenda

The proposed FY26 Gaming Research Agenda is estimated to be \$1,882,000, a slight decrease from the adopted FY25 budget of \$1,930,000. As the FY26 research priorities are established, we'll continue to work with the finance division to ensure sufficient funding from the Public Health Trust Fund to support the research deliverables.

Below, the proposed FY26 research agenda is shared with you in the following table and includes 1) general description of each project, 2) specific deliverables/activities, 3) a reference to the section of M.G.L. c. 23K or the 2022 Massachusetts Sports Wagering Act, and significance.

Proposed FY2026 Gaming Research Agenda	
Social and Economic Research	
The Expanded Gaming Act (M.G.L. c. 23K § 71) required the MGC to engage in research to understand the social and economic effects of casino gambling in Massachusetts.	
Task/deliverable	Statutory and Practical Significance
Re-procurement of the Social and Economic Research contract	Relates to: M.G.L. c. 23K, §71 (2); M.G.L. c. 23N, § 23
	The MGC is currently engaging in a re-procurement of the social and economic research contract, as the current contract with the University of Massachusetts Amherst will expire on August 31, 2025. Research topics will be finalized following the award of the contract.
Task/deliverable	Statutory and Practical Significance
Springfield youth surveys	Relates to: M.G.L. c. 23K, §71 (2)(iv); M.G.L. c. 23N, § 23 (a) (iii)
	Support the addition of gambling-related questions to Springfield's FY26 youth surveys

Public Safety Research	
The MGC has engaged in a line of research to examine whether changes in crime, disorder and other public safety harms can be attributed directly or indirectly to the introduction of casinos and sports wagering and recommend strategies for preventing and mitigating the harm.	
Task/deliverable	Statutory and Practical Significance
Study on the Illegal gambling market	Relates to: M.G.L. c. § 71 (2)(ii); M.G.L. c. 23N, § 23
	A study of gambling on the illegal market among Massachusetts adults after the legalization of sports wagering, including characteristics of the illegal market, as well as frequency of gambling and motivation for gambling with unlicensed operators among people who gamble.

Community-Engaged Research	
Task/deliverable	Statutory and practical significance and description
Support existing projects	<p>Relates to: M.G.L. c. 23K, § 71 (3)(ii) M.G.L. c. 23N, § 23</p> <p>The objective of community-engaged research is to more deeply understand and address the impact of casino gambling in Massachusetts's communities. The specific research topic or question is developed by the community through a community-participatory process. Ongoing projects include Youth Perspectives on the Legalization of Sports Wagering (NORC at the University of Chicago), Impact of Paid Media on Awareness and Participation of Sports Betting Among College Students (Suffolk University), and Gambling on Addiction Recovery: Community Perspectives on the Impact of Legalized Gambling in Massachusetts (Texas Tech University).</p>
Task/deliverable	Statutory/practical significance and description
	<p>Relates to: M.G.L. c. 23K, § 71 (3)(ii) M.G.L. c. 23K, § 61</p>
Support new community-driven research projects through the Community Mitigation Fund	The Commission seeks to study and mitigate gambling-related harms through a program with the Community Mitigation Fund, which will provide funding for community-engaged research projects.

Data Sharing	
Task/deliverable	Statutory/practical significance and description
Maintain existing datasets in the MODE repository and add additional datasets as they become available, including player card data as required.	<p>Relates to: M.G.L. c. 23K, § 71 (2); Chapter 194, Section 97</p> <p>The purpose of MODE is to provide access to data generated by research projects funded and overseen by the MGC. Datasets from existing and ongoing research projects and player card data are publicly available with certain parameters.</p>
Finalize the infrastructure to share player data and procure first research projects using player data	The MGC, through a partnership with SHI International, the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute, idPair, and the Data Core team from the University of Massachusetts Data Science Center, to develop an anonymizing system for the player data provided by casino licensees as described in Section 97 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011.

Responsible Gaming Evaluation	
The MGC is committed to offering effective, evidence-based responsible gaming programs and initiatives. Ongoing and independent evaluation informs the overall responsible gaming strategy and future direction of these programs.	
Task/deliverable	Statutory/practical significance and description M.G.L. c. 23N, § 23
Study of RG tool uptake and usage	A study of utilization of player health tools on sports wagering apps in Massachusetts, as well as recommendations to increase uptake of player health tools.

Sports Wagering Research	
<p>The 2022 Massachusetts Sports Wagering Act, §23 extends the scope of the research agenda to understand the social and economic effects of sports wagering in the commonwealth and to obtain scientific information relative to the neuroscience, psychology, sociology, epidemiology and etiology of sports wagering. The sports wagering research agenda shall also include, but not be limited to: (i) an assessment of whether problem sports wagering is comorbid with problem gambling; (ii) an assessment as to whether the individuals participating in sports wagering are different than those who participate in other forms of gaming or gambling; (iii) an assessment of the impact of sports wagering on youth under the age of 25; (iv) an assessment of the impacts of sports wagering on college athletics and professional sports; and (v) the costs of implementing this chapter.</p>	
Task/deliverable	Statutory and Practical Significance
Study on sports wagering VIP programs	Relates to: M.G.L. c. 23N, § 23
	A study of the structure and function of sports wagering VIP programs, as well as player engagement and associations with problem gambling.
Task/deliverable	Statutory and Practical Significance
Sports wagering ad hoc study	Relates to: M.G.L. c. 23N, § 23
	Carry forward ad hoc study from FY25

Research Review

To ensure the highest quality research, the MGC has assembled a research review committee. This committee is charged with providing the MGC and research teams with advice and feedback on gaming research design, methods, and analysis. Where additional expertise is needed, the MGC seeks advice from experts with specific subject matter expertise to review reports and advise on research matters.

Knowledge Translation and Exchange

To ensure findings from the MGC research program are accessed and used by key stakeholders, MGC engaged an organization with expertise in this area, Greo, in FY23 to help develop a strategic plan, provide ongoing training, consultation, and support to build in-house capacity to improve current KTE strategies, practices, and skill sets. In FY26, work on this initiative will finalize and mobilize the revised Responsible Gaming Framework.

Next Steps

The proposed FY26 research agenda was initially presented to the Commission on April 10, 2025. The Commissioners noted the importance of youth research that could generate deliverables to parents and those working in the field; as well as deliver insights on underage access and participation and inform educational efforts; efforts related to what can be done to restrict access; and continued collaboration with other agencies such as the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office. The Commission also noted the importance of research into the illegal market and including the “gray market” in the study on illegal gambling.

The below input is for the Commission’s consideration as it finalizes the FY26 research agenda.

The **Gaming Research Advisory Committee** met for a presentation and discussion of this agenda on May 5, 2025. In this meeting, the following potential projects were identified as additional areas for the Commission to consider:

- A study of state, national and international policies related to preventing and mitigating harm related to sports wagering;
- Dedicate funding for universities and graduate students to use the MODE datasets. It was also included was the suggestion to have funding available to researchers for use of the player data once available;
- For the proposed study on illegal markets, it was suggested to include a focus on unregulated markets as well;
- Given the change in federal funding related to addiction-related research, it was recommended that the MGC engage in cross-state collaboration concerning gambling research;
- Research specifically concerning the impact of problem gambling in the LGBTQ+ community, and particularly among young people;
- Funding to study gambling at the high school level, possibly also developing a cohort study to track impacts over time;
- Study of promotion of lower-risk gambling guidelines among different populations—for example,

whether promoting them more among populations such as youth or the broader community vs. inside casinos;

- Mobilize data to action in terms of when, whether, and how to tailor interventions to specific populations—for example, populations who gamble primarily on lottery vs. sports wagering vs. parimutuel;
- Research into interventions concerning how to work with young people vs adults who are experiencing problem gambling and gambling-related issues to facilitate access to treatment.

The Gaming Policy Advisory Committee met for a presentation and discussion of this proposed research agenda on May 29, 2025. As required by statute, their input is as follows:

- Include a study of the potential economic impacts of iGaming, and particularly employment impacts. Given limited resources for the iGaming study, the current study focuses primarily on social impact rather than economic impact, as at the time of the RFR release, [recent data](#) was available concerning economic impacts in states that have legalized iGaming.



TO: Chair Jordan Maynard and Commissioners Eileen O'Brien, Bradford Hill, Nakisha Skinner and Paul Brodeur

FROM Community Affairs Division

CC: Dean Serpa, Executive Director, Justin Stempeck, Interim General Counsel

DATE June 17, 2025

RE: Community Mitigation Fund Evaluation Memo for 6/17/25 Commission Meeting

The FY 2026 Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) grant round continues the implementation of the revisions made to the CMF program that were established for FY 2025. The Municipal Block Grant Program established a formula for the distribution of funds to eligible municipalities and the Regional Agency Grant Program modified and expanded eligibility for regional entities to obtain funds from the CMF. These changes have resulted in record demand for funds, with grant requests totaling nearly \$24.8 million.

The Community Affairs Division utilized a Review Team consisting of seven staff members and two Commissioners covering four different MGC Divisions. Each application was submitted timely to the Commission, received an in-depth review by the Review Team and each applicant was afforded an opportunity to meet with the Review Team to provide any further clarification needed.

The following applications are presented in this memo for the Commission's review and action.

Regional Agency Grant Applications

- Regional Public Safety Grant Applications
 - Attorney General's Office
 - Hampden County District Attorney
 - Hampden County Sheriff's Department
 - Suffolk County District Attorney

Municipal Block Grant Applications

- Region B Communities
 - Holyoke
 - Longmeadow
 - Springfield



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

- Region A Communities
 - Cambridge
 - Chelsea
 - Everett
 - Lynn
 - Malden
 - Medford
 - Melrose
 - Revere
 - Somerville



REGIONAL AGENCY GRANTS

Regional Public Safety Grants

Attorney General's Office

Applicant Name: Massachusetts Attorney General's Office	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: N/A	Requested Amount: \$259,800
Recommended Grant Amount: \$259,800	
Waiver: N/A	
Regional Public Safety: Addressing Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault	
Recommendation: Full Funding in the amount of \$259,800	
Description: The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (AGO) is requesting \$259,800 to: extend the employment of the current CMF-funded, full-time Assistant Attorney General (AAG) who specializes in statewide domestic violence (DV), sexual assault (SA) and human trafficking (HT); fund a Victim Witness Advocate (VWA) (0.5 FTE) as a result of the significant number of cases being investigated by the AAG; fund overtime for the State Police that assist in AGO criminal investigations; and funding for a conference related to DV/SA/HT.	
Impact: The applicant used impacts identified in the FY2026 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines: "It is recognized by law enforcement and the casino industry that casinos and other hospitality-related businesses may attract certain types of crime. This includes but is not limited to, human trafficking, money laundering, and drug trafficking," and "The introduction of casinos in the Commonwealth has led to increased criminal cases being handled by the District Attorney or Attorney General".	
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.	
Rationale: The AAG funded by the FY 2025 CMF grant, reviewed over 300 reports of possible DV/SA/HT related to Massachusetts gaming facilities. Prior to the CMF award, the Gaming Enforcement Division (GED) did not have an employee with specializations in this casework and was not able to devote resources commensurate to the scale of the problem. The Review Team agrees that the addition of a VWA as well as the State Police overtime and additional training will help build on the success that has been achieved thus far through the addition of an AAG to the Gaming Enforcement Division of the Attorney General's office. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding of this project.	



Hampden County District Attorney

Applicant Name: Hampden County District Attorney	Region: B
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$100,000	Requested Amount: \$75,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$75,000	
Waiver: N/A	
Regional Public Safety: Personnel Assistance	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$75,000	
<p>Description: The Hampden County District Attorney's Office is requesting \$75,000 to partially fund the salaries of personnel who review, administratively manage, and work with victims on cases related to the casino. The funding will directly ease the financial burden imposed by casino-related matters.</p>	
<p>Impact: The applicant used impacts identified in the FY2026 Guidelines: "The introduction of casinos in the Commonwealth has led to increased criminal cases being handled by the District Attorney or Attorney General".</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.</p>	
<p>Rationale: Since MGM Springfield opened, there has been a significant increase in the number of people spending time in the downtown Springfield area. This influx of people coming into the area to enjoy the entertainment does include activity that leads to arrests for various offenses. These arrests add to the general workload of the District Attorney's Office.</p> <p>The direct casino-related impacts can be quantified by the number of arrests. However, there are matters that are indirectly related to the casino that are impossible to track because they are not necessarily in the casino footprint but have a connection to the casino, nonetheless. Those matters may involve theft, domestic violence, and operating under the influence among others. The Hampden DA's office has managed 159 cases in Springfield District Court in the last calendar year that are casino related.</p> <p>The Review Team agreed that this funding would help to mitigate the increased staffing need at the Hampden DA's office due to the presence of the casino. The funding would cover not only ADAs but the administrative personnel in the District Court who create and manage each case that comes through the system. Additionally, funding would go toward a victim witness advocate for handling the initial victim outreach on cases involving a victim.</p>	



Hampden County Sheriff's Department

Applicant Name: Hampden County Sheriff's Department	Region: B
MGC FY26 Allocation: N/A	Requested Amount: \$400,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$400,000	
Waiver: N/A	
Regional Public Safety: SDH Regional Public Safety FY2026	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$400,000	
Description: The Hampden County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) is requesting \$400,000 to offset the cost of lease payments for the Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness Center (WMRWC).	
Impact: The Hampden County Sheriff's Office runs the WMRWC which was previously located in the footprint of MGM Springfield. The development of MGM Springfield required the relocation of the center, which resulted in increased lease payments.	
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project addresses the identified impact.	
<p>Rationale: WMRWC is a minimum security, community-based, residential treatment center. This center operated at 26 Howard Street for 29 years at a lower than market rent rate due to the longevity of its stay and community impact. The WMRWC was a "tenant at will" at the Howard Street location and operated on a year-to-year basis with the landlord. In 2016, the Commission awarded HCSO funds to offset the increased rent rate due to the move to 155 Mill Street. The Commission has funded this project each year at \$400,000 per year. The lease expires in December 2026.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this funding will directly mitigate the impact of the increased lease cost. HCSO indicated to the Review Team that it has always requested the full cost of the lease from Ways and Means in their general budget request. The applicant expressed that it was difficult to find outside funding to help assist with the lease. HCSO has an automatic renewal with DCAMM and will be in conversation regarding the renewal after the initial 10-year lease.</p>	



Suffolk County District Attorney

Applicant Name: Suffolk County District Attorney	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$100,000	Requested Amount: \$100,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$100,000	
Waiver: N/A	
Regional Public Safety: Enhancing Regional Public Safety Through Targeted Prosecution	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$100,000	
<p>Description: This Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) proposes to establish a Safe Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) prosecutor based in Chelsea District Court. This prosecutor will focus on the priority prosecutions of offenses and offenders that most impact the community, particularly those involved in narcotics trafficking, drug-related overdoses, illegal firearms, violent crimes, and gang-related activity—all of which have been identified by the Chelsea Police Department as ongoing concerns exacerbated by the casino's presence.</p>	
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 Guidelines, the following impacts may be attributable to the casino: the introduction of casinos has led to increased criminal cases being handled by the District Attorney; it is recognized by law enforcement and the casino industry that casinos may attract certain types of crime including human trafficking, money laundering, and drug trafficking; other crimes that may be attributable to casinos include increased assaults, fraud, and property crimes; and the presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase in cases of operating under the influence.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project addresses the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: The opening of the Encore Boston Harbor casino in 2019 has had a significant impact on public safety in the city of Chelsea. As an immediate neighbor to the casino—and beyond the initial concerns of increased traffic, OUI incidents, and human trafficking—Chelsea has felt the effects of heightened criminal activity, including narcotics trafficking, drug overdoses, illegal firearms possession, human trafficking, and violent crimes, some of which has been linked to gang activity.</p> <p>The SNI program is a community-based prosecution model that targets high-impact crime, fosters community engagement, and enhances regional law enforcement collaboration. SNI prosecutors focus on violent offenders, drug trafficking, gang activity, and firearm crimes, working closely with police and community stakeholders to reduce recidivism. By assigning a dedicated SNI prosecutor to Chelsea District Court, this project will prioritize casino-related crime, improve case outcomes, and strengthen public safety efforts in affected neighborhoods.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this project will help the DA's office prosecute crimes associated with casino-related activity and therefore recommends full funding of this project.</p>	



MUNICIPAL BLOCK GRANTS

Region B Communities

City of Holyoke

Applicant Name: Holyoke	Region: B
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$294,000	Requested Amount: \$294,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$294,000 with Conditions.	
Waiver: N/A	
1. Community Planning: ExploreHolyoke.com - \$35,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$55,000	
<p>Description: This project is for the continued maintenance of exploreholyoke.com. Funds will create a marketing video archive of past, present and future reels of city events and continue to provide operational maintenance, updates, and integrated social media plans to continue efforts towards promotion of local businesses and events.</p>	
<p>Impact: Gaming establishments draw a sizable number of staff and customers that would not otherwise be in the area. The marketing capabilities of gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage. This gives local communities and businesses the chance to draw casino employees and customers to their areas, advertise recreational and entertainment options, and assist localities in competing with gambling facilities for business.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.</p>	
<p>Rationale: exploreholyoke.com has proven to be a successful platform to attract visitors to the Holyoke area and support local business. The Review Team agrees that the expansion and update of the platform is a valid mitigation measure to increase the marketing capacity of local businesses. The City requested that \$20,000 from the Sister City Initiative be transferred to this project for the second year of the grant term. Given the uncertainties associated with the CMF, the Review Team agrees that providing funding for a two-year cycle is appropriate. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project in the amount of \$55,000.</p>	
2. Community Planning: MGM Promotions - \$20,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$20,000.	
<p>Description: This project is to help strengthen promotion of Holyoke at the MGM casino, including printing costs of materials, video production, and other marketing materials.</p>	
<p>Impact: Gaming establishments draw a sizable number of staff and customers that would not otherwise be in the area. This gives local communities and businesses the chance to draw casino staff and customers to their areas, advertise recreational and entertainment options, and help communities compete with the gaming establishment for business and tourism.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.</p>	



Rationale: The intent of this project is to help strengthen promotion of Holyoke at the MGM casino, including the printing costs of materials, video production, and other marketing materials. Materials created will have multiple uses for both at the casino and beyond, promoting Explore Holyoke. The City has started the coordination conversation with MGM and will have the Explore Holyoke video playing at the MGM Casino closed circuit TV.

The Review Team agrees that strengthening the marketing of Explore Holyoke in conjunction with MGM Springfield has the potential to drive additional visitation to the City and therefore recommends full funding of this project.

3. Community Planning: MGM Shuttle - \$15,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$15,000.

Description: This project is for increased shuttle service between MGM Casino and Holyoke for special events. The shuttle service is the critical connection between the city and MGM to promote further collaboration with the Casino and a form for locals and visitors to explore both Holyoke events and MGM.

Impact: Gaming establishments draw a sizable number of staff and customers that would not otherwise be in the area. This gives local communities and businesses the chance to draw casino staff and customers to their areas, advertise recreational and entertainment options, and help communities compete with the gaming establishment for business and tourism.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.

Rationale: This program is a continuation of a CMF funded project conducted by the City last year which successfully brought casino patrons to Holyoke for major events. This grant will allow the City to expand on the shuttle service success from last year. The Review Team agrees that this program will allow the City to expand on the work done last year to increase business to Holyoke and further strengthen ties with MGM Springfield and therefore, recommends full funding for this project.

4. Community Planning: Public Art - \$60,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$60,000 with conditions.

Description: This project builds on Holyoke's public art scene by expanding to include local artist education and training. Funds will be used to bring in local artists to create murals and functional art installations as well as continuing to foster artist development by guiding them through large-scale public art projects.

Impact: Gaming establishments draw a sizable number of staff and customers that would not otherwise be in the area. This gives local communities and businesses the chance to draw casino staff and customers to their areas, advertise recreational and entertainment options, and help communities compete with the gaming establishment for business and tourism.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.



Rationale: The award of these funds will help build on Holyoke’s current art scene by expanding to include local artist education and training. The City is deeply committed to supporting its local artists and ensuring they have opportunities to grow while contributing to the city's cultural landscape. By investing in both education and public displays, the City can ensure that local artists receive the training needed to execute impactful projects while also enriching the city with murals and other public art installations. Key initiatives include: commissioning local artists to design and paint murals and create art pieces that reflect the city’s rich cultural heritage; expanding beyond murals to include public art in the form of sculptures, artistic seating, decorative lighting, and other creative structures that enhance public spaces; providing mentorship and guidance for local artists, ensuring they have the skills and resources to execute large-scale projects.

The Review Team agrees that the creation and installation of public art has the potential to draw additional visitors to Holyoke thereby helping address the identified impacts. The Review Team recommends full funding of this project subject to the following condition: The City of Holyoke shall submit a detailed itemization of the \$60,000 budget before any expenditures are made.

5. Community Planning: Puerto Rican Cultural District - \$40,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$40,000 with conditions.

Description: This project is to help support staff and programming for the recently designated Puerto Rican Cultural District.

Impact: Gaming establishments draw a sizable number of staff and customers that would not otherwise be in the area. This gives local communities and businesses the chance to draw casino staff and customers to their areas, advertise recreational and entertainment options, and help communities compete with the gaming establishment for business and tourism.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.

Rationale: Holyoke recently received their final designation of the Puerto Rican Cultural District. This grant will provide support and funding for a district manager and for programming efforts that activate and promote the district for tourism. The District Manager will focus on leading new art projects and activating key community spaces. The grant funds will also be used to support a series of initiatives aimed at enhancing the Puerto Rican Cultural District and increasing community engagement including: a large-scale beautification project where businesses will have the opportunity to repaint their storefronts in the vibrant colors of Old San Juan; several events will be hosted throughout the summer to celebrate and activate the district, including: Puerto Rican artist installations; Noche de San Juan - a traditional celebration featuring music, dance, and cultural performances; and Fiestas Patronales.

The Review Team agrees that bringing on a district manager and funding programming has the potential to draw additional visitors to Holyoke thereby helping address the identified impacts. The Review Team recommends full funding of this project subject to the following condition: The City of Holyoke shall submit a detailed itemization of the \$40,000 budget before any expenditures are made.

6. Community Planning: Race/Main Street Placemaking - \$30,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$30,000 with conditions

Description: This project supports and promotes the activation of a vacant lot located in a high tourism area as well as maintenance of the site. This site will be a central location for artist information, mural tours, and information regarding the Puerto Rican Cultural District.



<p>Impact: Gaming establishments draw a sizable number of staff and customers that would not otherwise be in the area. This gives local communities and businesses the chance to draw casino staff and customers to their areas, advertise recreational and entertainment options, and help communities compete with the gaming establishment for business and tourism.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.</p>
<p>Rationale: This project is seeking funding for placemaking at major tourism sectors downtown. This project builds on funding provided last year for the activation of the Race/Main Street lot. Funds will be used to support and promote events and organizations hosting events at the activated site as well as site maintenance. This will be a central location for mural tours and information regarding the Puerto Rican Cultural District. Part of this project is to have point of interest kiosks installed at this location. Full activation of the site should take place in the Fall of 2025.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that the activating the Race Street lot has the potential to draw additional visitors to Holyoke thereby helping address the identified impacts. The Review Team recommends full funding of this project subject to the following condition: The City of Holyoke shall submit a detailed itemization of the \$30,000 budget before any expenditures are made.</p>
<p>7. Community Planning: Sister City - \$20,000 - Withdrawn</p>
<p>Recommendation: The City has withdrawn this request. The Review Team recommends that this funding be transferred to the explore.holyoke project.</p>
<p>Description: Both Tralee, Ireland and Salinas, Puerto Rico are Sister Cities to Holyoke. These funds are to host official visits from Tralee and San Juan in 2026 in regard to the initiatives we are working on together.</p>
<p>Impact: Gaming establishments draw a sizable number of staff and customers that would not otherwise be in the area. This gives local communities and businesses the chance to draw casino staff and customers to their areas, advertise recreational and entertainment options, and help communities compete with the gaming establishment for business and tourism.</p>
<p>Determination: The City has withdrawn this request.</p>
<p>Rationale:</p>
<p>8. Harm Reduction: Harm Reduction – Action Plan - \$20,000</p>
<p>Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$20,000.</p>
<p>Description: This project is to create an action plan, based on the results of the harm reduction survey, to address concerns of gambling addiction or unhealthy behaviors around gambling.</p>
<p>Impact: As referenced in the guidelines, certain groups of people are disproportionately at risk of gambling-related harm due to 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.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.</p>



<p>Rationale: This project is a continuation of a CMF funded project last year to administer a harm reduction survey. Holyoke will create an action plan based on that survey, to address concerns of gambling addiction or unhealthy behaviors around gambling. The City anticipates partnering with the Holyoke Council on Aging and Senior Center, the Holyoke Public Schools as well as other community-based organizations to promote helplines and health services that identify, support and treat gambling disorders through information and education. Funds will be used for the following activities: printing and disseminating helpline and information cards; airing informational campaigns on the radio; publishing newspaper and billboard advertisements; and presenting informational seminars.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that the proposed activities have the potential to support gambling harm reduction efforts particularly in communities at high risk of experiencing gambling-related harm. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this program.</p>
9. Public Safety: Traffic Software Fees - \$24,000
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$24,000 with conditions
<p>Description: This project is for the purchase of traffic signs and traffic sign software to manage radar speed and message signs to support traffic and speeding mitigation efforts.</p>
<p>Impact: The opening of the MGM casino in Springfield has increased the amount of traffic associated with the gaming establishment thereby increasing congestion on the major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment. It has also resulted in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts and placed a strain on public transit services. MGM has not only stimulated tourism but has also led to transportation challenges in Holyoke.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.</p>
<p>Rationale: The City is looking to expand the use of traffic sign software to focus on particular avenues of travel that have seen an increase in traffic related to the casino's international draw of visitors and tourists. In an effort to curb the increased traffic issues, the City will be adding additional signage.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that using this software will aid the City in better managing traffic. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding of the project subject to the following condition: The City of Holyoke shall submit a detailed budget breakdown to identify the specific costs associated with the purchase of additional signage.</p>
10. Transportation: Bike Share Program - \$30,000
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$30,000 with conditions.
<p>Description: This project is for the continued participation in the ValleyBike bikeshare network to cover the administration fee associated with being a part of the bikeshare program and funding for bicycle education, events and community bike rides.</p>
<p>Impact: The opening of the MGM casino in Springfield has increased the amount of traffic associated with the gaming establishment thereby increasing congestion on the major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment. It has also resulted in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts and placed a strain on public transit services. MGM has not only stimulated tourism but has also led to transportation challenges in Holyoke. Due to the surge in foot traffic and tourism in the City of Holyoke, the city finds itself in a critical time to take action to manage the influx of need for different modes of transportation.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project helps address the identified impact.</p>



Rationale: This project proposed to use grant funds to cover the administration fee associated with being a part of the ValleyBike bikeshare program and additional support for education, events and community bike rides. The funding will support programming and outreach efforts including: community engagement initiatives to encourage bike share usage; educational events that promote safe biking practices; road safety awareness campaigns aimed at both cyclists and drivers; and bike memberships for priority populations.

The Review Team agrees that the continued provision of the bikeshare network and programs to promote bike safety have the potential to address the identified impacts. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project subject to the following condition: The City of Holyoke shall provide a detailed breakdown of the additional programming prior to the expenditure of any project funds.



Town of Longmeadow

Applicant Name: Longmeadow	Region: B
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$324,800	Requested Amount: \$324,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$292,800	
Waiver: N/A	
1. Public Safety: Increased Rescue capability - \$108,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$108,000	
Description: This project includes purchasing new rescue and emergency medical equipment to increase Longmeadow Fire Department's response capability and inter-operability with mutual aid partners on the I-91 corridor.	
Impact: As outlined in the FY 2026 CMF Guidance, "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." In addition, approximately 20 percent of the casino-related traffic utilizes the I-91 corridor and approximately 3% of the casino traffic utilizes Route 5 through Longmeadow.	
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.	
Rationale: This project aims to enhance the Longmeadow Fire Department's ability to respond to emergencies on Interstate 91, particularly in areas impacted by casino-related traffic. Although Route 91 is patrolled by State Police, the Town provides all of the rescue, fire and emergency medical services for this section of highway. Longmeadow is also a primary mutual aid resource to Springfield for incidents that occur in and around the Casino property. With an average of 60-90 emergency responses on this highway section annually there is a need for specialized rescue and emergency equipment. By securing additional equipment, the department will be better equipped to handle complex, large-scale emergencies, ensuring quicker and more effective rescue operations for both local residents and casino visitors. The Review Team agrees that this equipment will help improve responses by the Town and recommends full funding of this project.	
2. Public Safety: Traffic Camera Project - \$108,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$108,000	
Description: This project involves purchasing and installing traffic cameras for main arterial roads in Longmeadow, which connect to Springfield.	
Impact: As outlined in the FY 2026 CMF Guidance, "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; and Increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle /pedestrian conflicts." Since the casino's opening, traffic congestion and accidents have risen significantly, particularly at key intersections leading to the facility. Additionally, property crimes such as vehicle break-ins, stolen cars, and shoplifting have spiked.	
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.	



<p>Rationale: This project aims to mitigate the negative effects of increased traffic crashes and crime in Longmeadow. This project involves installing traffic cameras at strategic locations to improve traffic monitoring, enhance public safety, and assist law enforcement with crime investigations. The cameras will provide real-time data to optimize traffic management and serve as crucial evidence in criminal cases, ultimately aiming to enhance both road safety and crime prevention in the community. The Review Team agrees that this project will aid the community in monitoring traffic and investigating crimes in the community and therefore recommends full funding of this project.</p>
<p>3. Transportation: Lynnwood Drive Sidewalk Project - \$108,000</p>
<p>Recommendation: The Town has withdrawn this request.</p>
<p>Description: This project is for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the western side of Lynnwood Drive along with new crosswalks with wheelchair ramps at two cross streets.</p>
<p>Impact: As outlined in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines, traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion, as well as increased vehicular accidents, on the major routes within the Town. As a result, “cut-through” streets see a related increase in traffic congestion. Furthermore, because there is no existing sidewalk, an additional identified impact is increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts. Longmeadow has seen increases in vehicular crash incidents from 2020 through 2024.</p>
<p>Determination: The Town has withdrawn this request and has asked that a portion of these funds be repurposed for public safety equipment and training. See project 4 below.</p>
<p>Rationale:</p>
<p>4. Transportation: Public Safety Equipment and Training - \$76,800</p>
<p>Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$76,800</p>
<p>Description: This project is for public safety equipment and training including three electronic sign messaging boards; a Lidar unit for traffic patrols; and active shooter training.</p>
<p>Impact: As outlined in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; it is recognized by law enforcement and the casino industry that casinos and other hospitality related businesses may attract certain types of crime; 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; and the influx of visitors to a casino can result in an increase in calls for service and put pressure on local emergency services.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>
<p>Rationale: The provision of public safety equipment assists local emergency service departments with the tools needed to respond to increased roadway use by casino patrons and employees. The Active Attack Integrated Response is a performance level course designed to improve integration between law enforcement, fire, telecommunicator and emergency medical services (EMS) in their response to active shooter & other hostile events.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts and therefore, recommends full funding of this project.</p>



City of Springfield

Applicant Name: Springfield	Region: B
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$1,403,700	Requested Amount: \$2,903,700
Recommended Grant Amount: \$1,403,700 or \$2,903,700 if the waiver is granted.	
<p>Waiver: Springfield is requesting an additional \$1,500,000, bringing its total CMF grant request to \$2,903,700. The waiver intent is to fund significant projects. This funding is for the construction of the Public Realm Phase II improvements. This request is in line with expectations the city has provided in recent years as we move forward in the Implementation Blueprint and the Main Street/Convention Center District.</p> <p>Waiver Discussion: As outlined in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines "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." While the project under consideration for the waiver request is significant, the City has also requested a full slate of projects that account for their entire allocation. The request does not appear to be fully consistent with the intent of this waiver; however, any waiver approval is at the Commission's discretion.</p>	
1. Community Planning: 2025 Local and Regional Traffic Study (w/PVPC) - Planning - \$120,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$120,000 to be transferred to PVPC	
<p>Description: This project is to complete a new traffic study on the impacts of MGM Springfield throughout the region which will be done in partnership with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). Please see the PVPC application for a full discussion of the project.</p>	
<p>Impact: As stated in the guidelines, Transportation Planning and Construction projects for road and intersection improvements will only be funded on routes that carry at least 1 percent of the casino-related traffic. The data provided in the guidelines shows the City of Springfield far exceeding that number.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: Please see the analysis of the PVPC application.</p>	
2. Community Planning: Springfield Regional Visitors/Events Center - \$250,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$250,000	
<p>Description: This project is for an adaptive reuse study of the Old First Church to create a regional visitors/events center including an event space, an art and educational exhibit space, a music and performance venue and a home for tourism related agencies.</p>	



Impact: As identified in the 2026 CMF Guidelines: gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees that would not otherwise be present in the area providing opportunities for local businesses to attract these patrons and employees; 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 on goods and services which would have occurred had the casinos never opened; and the marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.

As identified in previous Springfield applications, the real estate conditions surrounding MGM Springfield have suffered sustained decline, property disinvestment and area blight due in part to the over inflated and speculative market caused by the MGM project.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The proposed project aims to revitalize Springfield's downtown by transforming the historic Old First Church into a regional Visitors & Events Center, enhancing tourism and business engagement beyond the casino. By creating a central hub for marketing local attractions, the initiative seeks to attract more visitors to the downtown Main Street & Convention District, increasing economic activity for surrounding businesses. Ultimately, the project aims to balance the economic impact of the casino with a more diversified and sustainable downtown economy.

The Review Team agrees that redeveloping the Old First Church into a Regional Visitors and Events Center has the potential to increase visitation to downtown and support local businesses and attractions. This will help local businesses better compete for visitor spending and improve the downtown areas. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.

3. Harm Reduction: Gambling Awareness Research Initiative - \$180,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$180,000

Description: This project is designed to advance the work of the Gambling Awareness Research Initiative by focusing on research knowledge translation, which involves the process of transforming research findings into actionable insights that inform policies, programs, and services.

Impact: As identified in the 2026 CMF Guidelines, 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. Research has identified that gambling participation typically increases during adolescence and peaks in young adulthood, when the risk for gambling problems is also increased.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The project seeks to address the growing risks of problem gambling among young adults in Springfield, particularly in the wake of the MGM Resort Casino's presence. Research indicates that young adults (18-24) are particularly vulnerable to gambling-related harms due to cognitive immaturity, impulsivity, and exposure to both traditional and online gambling platforms. By studying the impact of the casino on young adult gambling behaviors and increasing awareness of problem gambling, this project aims to develop targeted prevention and intervention strategies to mitigate the long-term social, financial, and psychological consequences of gambling addiction in the community.

The Review Team agrees that this project is a good next step for the City to help identify implementable strategies to address gambling-related harms in young adults. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.



4. Public Safety: AXON MY-90 (Police) - \$400,000

Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project

Description: This project is for the implementation of Axon's My90 and Community Request platforms to address the public safety challenges.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; and 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.

Determination: The Review Team was unable to identify a clear nexus to casino-related impacts and therefore does not recommend funding of this project.

Rationale: This project is for funding to purchase the Axon MY-90 and Community Request platforms. These tools are used for collecting anonymous feedback from key stakeholders and will enable community members to submit evidence or tips directly to law enforcement. The project aims to address the public safety challenges associated with increased visitation and employment due to the casino.

In reviewing the application and in discussions with the City, it appears that the primary purpose of the Axon MY-90 platform is for the administration of surveys for both community members and the police force. While the Review Team does not dispute that improving communication is a notable goal, it was not clear how this project addresses any specific issue that is being caused by the casino. The application cited using these tools to combat increases in crime associated with the casino. Again, it was not clear to the Review Team how these tools would specifically address these issues particularly since the GEU is responsible for crimes within the casino. Therefore, the Review Team does not recommend funding for this project.

5. Public Safety: Overtime (Fire Department) - \$200,000

Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project

Description: This project is for fire department overtime to support additional staffing required since the introduction of the Tactical Emergency Response Vehicle (TAC unit) to casino response.

Impact: The operation of MGM Springfield has had a significant adverse impact on the Springfield Fire Department's annual budget. Since the casino's opening, emergency response calls to the casino and its surrounding five- block area have substantially increased, creating a noticeable shift from historical call patterns.

Determination: The Review Team does not agree that this project is eligible for funding under the CMF.



Rationale: The stated impact of the casino is that “the operation of the MGM Springfield is having an adverse impact on the Springfield Fire Department’s annual budget. Since opening, emergency response calls to the casino and 5 block area of the casino footprint have increased, most notably with medical calls and elevator extrications.”

The Host Community Agreement (HCA) established a Community Impact Payment to the City that is designed to reimburse the City for direct and indirect community impacts. The HCA states that “‘Direct Community Impacts’ means the known and direct community impacts including the additional police, fire protection, administrative, education, housing and emergency medical services directly or indirectly resulting from or related to the development or operation of the Project ...” The HCA also states that “‘Indirect Community Impacts means collectively, the following known and unknown potential and actual impacts to the City and its residents related to or indirectly resulting from the development and operation of the Project ... (i) increased use of City services; (ii) increased use of City infrastructure; (iii) the need for additional City infrastructure, employees and equipment; ...” The HCA provides an annual Community Impact Payment of \$2.5 million with an annual CPI adjustment to address these direct and indirect impacts.

Based on this understanding of the HCA, the Review Team concluded that increased calls to the fire department associated with MGM were anticipated by the City and were accounted for in the annual Community Impact Payment. The FY 2026 CMF Guidelines state that "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." Therefore, the Review Team does not recommend awarding a grant to the City of Springfield for the TAC Unit.

6. Specific Impact: Regional Attraction Improvements: Symphony Hall - \$253,700

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$253,700

Description: This project is to fund capital improvements to Symphony Hall including restoration of the plasterwork and curtains, as well as improved audio and visual communication systems for improved operations.

Impact: As outlined in the Community Planning section of the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines; competition from the gaming establishment may have negative impacts on other businesses competing in the hospitality and entertainment industries and the marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: Symphony Hall is a historic venue renowned for hosting concerts, theatrical performances, and cultural events. The facility is in need of improvements to continue providing performance and event space and to remain a regional tourism attraction. The improvements include rehabilitation of the chandelier and dimmer system, new curtains, and new audio-visual communication lines.

The chandelier is one of a kind and is a key feature of the theater. Restoration of this will enhance the customer experience. Replacement of the curtains will allow the facility to have daytime shows, which the current system does not allow and also bring them up to current fire code standards. The improved audio/visual systems will enhance the capabilities of the theater and make the facility more desirable for travelling acts. The Review Team agrees that these improvements would enhance the customer experience as well as making the facility more desirable for traveling acts. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.



7. Transportation: Springfield Downtown Public Realm II (Construction) - \$1,500,000
Recommendation: Full funding up to a maximum of \$1,500,000 if the waiver is approved with conditions
Description: This project is for the construction of Phase II Main Street and Convention District Public Realm Streetscape Improvements to the area around MGM at State/Main, Willow and Union Street Economic Development Projects.
Impact: As identified in previous Springfield applications, the real estate conditions surrounding MGM Springfield have suffered sustained decline, property disinvestment and area blight due in part to the over inflated and speculative market caused by the MGM project.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: The project aims to revitalize the area surrounding MGM Springfield by improving the pedestrian experience, enhancing public spaces, and attracting private investment. The improvements, including streetscape enhancements, wayfinding signage, and public realm upgrades, will support ongoing redevelopment efforts, encourage new businesses and residents, and strengthen connections between key attractions such as the MassMutual Center and Court Square. This strategic investment is expected to restore investor confidence, stimulate economic growth, and transform the area into a thriving urban destination.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this project is eligible for grant funding. However, the current application lacks specificity regarding the exact limits of work and the final construction costs. The maximum transportation construction grant is \$1.5 million, which this project is requesting. In order to be eligible for the maximum subsidy, the total cost of the project would need to exceed \$4.4 million. As this project is still in its planning stages, there is no firm cost estimate for the project. In addition, this project will require a waiver for award since the total requested grant exceeds the grant allocation for Springfield. Should the Commission grant the waiver, the Review Team recommends the approval be subject to the following conditions: the project must be under contract for construction by June 30, 2026; and the final value of the grant shall be calculated in accordance with the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines when the final costs of the project are known and in no case shall exceed \$1.5 million.</p>
8. Transportation: Central Mixed Use Parking Infrastructure Project - \$600,000
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$600,000 if the waiver is approved
Description: The City of Springfield is requesting \$600,000 to cover hard costs associated with construction of the Central Mixed-Use Parking Infrastructure Project.
Impact: The applicant cited loss of municipal revenue due to the presence of a free parking garage at MGM as a casino-related impact.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts. The Commission determined in 2023 that this project was eligible for funding under the Transportation Construction category.



Rationale: This project was initially submitted by the City of Springfield in 2023. The Commission made grant awards in the amounts of \$1.5 million for 2023 and \$1.5 million for FY 2025 under the Transportation Construction category. Under the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines, a project may ask for funding in multiple years, however a community may not rely on future funding for the project. Both of the earlier grants required that construction contracts must be awarded by June 30, 2025. The project is not currently ready to go, and the City has recently requested extensions of those dates to September 30, 2026. The current request would also require a waiver of the time provisions as the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines require Transportation Construction projects to have contract awarded by June 30, 2026.

The grant request for FY 2026 is a replacement project for the Axon MY-90 and the Fire Department overtime projects that the Review Team is not recommending. For this year, the request is \$600,000, which will bring the total requests over three years to \$3.6 million. As determined in 2023, the project is eligible for transportation construction funds. Under our current guidelines, the maximum transportation construction grant in a given fiscal year is \$1.5 million. The \$600,000 request for FY 2026 is therefore below the cap. The current cost estimate for the project is about \$24 million. Under our current guidelines, the Commission will fund no more than 30% of the total project cost. For this project, the theoretical maximum subsidy would be \$7.2 million. With a total request over three years of \$3.6 million, the project remains within the maximum theoretical subsidy and totals about 15% of the total project cost.

The Review Team agrees that this project is eligible for funding should the Commission allow the City to replace the project that are not being recommended.



Region A Communities

City of Cambridge

Applicant Name: Cambridge	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$700,000	Requested Amount: \$722,800
Recommended Grant Amount: \$700,000 or \$704,800 if the waiver is granted with conditions.	
<p>Waiver: The City of Cambridge submitted an application that included extra projects in case the Commission determined that any projects were ineligible. While the total project cost was \$1,346,300, the City presented a priority list that totaled \$722,800. When the Review Team met with the City, they explained that they were not looking to fund all of the projects, only their priority list. The extra projects included in the application were to be used only in the event that the Review Team determined that any projects were ineligible. Therefore, the Review Team determined that the actual waiver request was \$22,800 over their allocation. One of the priority projects was withdrawn, so the priority request was reduced to \$704,800. The Review Team reviewed all of the projects and made determinations as to their eligibility. Some of the projects were not recommended even though they were deemed eligible because it would have put the grant over the requested amount.</p>	
1. Community Planning: Commercial District Wayfinding Plan - \$250,000	
Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project as it is not in the priority list of projects and would exceed the requested grant amount.	
<p>Description: This project is to develop a plan and schematic design for wayfinding signage for its commercial corridors and districts. Developing wayfinding signage for the City's major mixed-use areas has been a long-time planning goal for the City.</p>	
<p>Impact: The FY 2026 CMF Guidelines identify the following impacts: the gaming facility brings a high volume of visitors and consumers who may otherwise not visit the area. The City's post-pandemic retail study shows that these effects have been compounded by lower day-time population and retail spending within the City.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: Developing commercial district wayfinding signage will help to position the City as an attractive and convenient side trip to visitors to Greater Boston and the gaming facility, and in doing so help to support local consumer service, retail and hospitality uses which otherwise have to compete with the gaming facility for visitor dollars. Marketing Cambridge's commercial districts in this way could also help to create a symbiotic effect where mutual benefits accrue to both the gaming facility and the City through the establishment of longer-duration trips to the area and a greater overall spend-per-person.</p> <p>While the Review Team agrees that this project would help address casino-related impacts, this was listed as a supplemental project. Other community priority projects were approved ahead of this project and does not fit within the City's requested grant amount.</p>	
2. Community Planning: Special Events Support for Commercial Districts: Full funding in the amount of \$25,000.	
<p>Description: This project is to support current annual events and create new cultural events on weekends and evenings in Cambridge commercial districts. In 2025-2026, Cambridge will support events such as the Taste of Cambridge, East Cambridge Rib Fest, and other arts and culture events through marketing assistance required to increase visitors.</p>	



<p>Impact: The FY 2026 CMF Guidelines identify the following impacts: the marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage; and gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees to their establishments that would not otherwise be present in the area providing opportunities for local communities and business groups to attract casino patrons and employees to their communities to promote local events and entertainment opportunities, and help communities compete with gaming establishments for business.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>
<p>Rationale: In late 2024, the City of Cambridge began a Post Pandemic Commercial District Study that identified that in recent years Cambridge has lost the number of unique visitors to our major business corridors and squares. Some of the tentative recommendations include marketing Cambridge as a fun destination with nightlife and events, and supporting commercial districts with placemaking activities. The City of Cambridge sees the Encore casino as an opportunity for Cambridge where several cross-marketing and promotions can be tapped into to increase visibility of local Cambridge events. In 2025-2026, Cambridge will support events such as the Taste of Cambridge, East Cambridge Rib Fest, and other arts and culture events through marketing assistance required to increase visitors.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that promoting these events has the potential to draw casino patrons and employees to Cambridge and therefore recommends full funding of this project.</p>
<p>3. Community Planning: Training program for safe biking to the casino - \$102,300</p>
<p>Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$102,300.</p>
<p>Description: This project is to establish a training program to teach adults how to ride a bicycle safely and be more comfortable riding on urban streets, and particularly between Cambridge and the casino in Everett.</p>
<p>Impact: The FY 2026 CMF Guidelines identify the following impacts: increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion; increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular accidents; increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts; and increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause localized increases in air pollution due to congestion.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>
<p>Rationale: Cambridge is requesting funds to establish an education program to teach adults how to ride a bicycle safely and be more comfortable riding on urban streets, particularly between Cambridge and the casino in Everett. The goal of this effort is to further reduce congestion and vehicular trips in the Eastern Cambridge/North Point/Cambridge Crossing area. In addition to reducing congestion, such a program will give the opportunity for workers and visitors to the casino to bike when other transportation options are not available to them, or don't work with schedules. This is also a way to reduce crashes and conflicts with people on bicycles, and those driving and walking.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this project has the potential to reduce the number of automobile trips on the road and improve the safety of riders and therefore, recommends full funding of this project.</p>



4. Harm Reduction: Cambridge Public Health & Arts Proposal - \$235,100

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$235,100 with conditions

Description: This project is to develop a program to address addiction and gambling harm reduction through harm reduction videos, social media clips, brochures, pamphlets, and artist-led workshops for storytelling, story sharing, and creative expression. This collaboration aims to support gambling harm reduction efforts by humanizing the experiences and impacts of gambling through real-world stories of individuals and families/care providers.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines, 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.

According to the Casinos and Gambling in Massachusetts: African-American Perspectives report: “Shame and stigma deter individuals experiencing problem gambling from seeking help or accessing and utilizing services. This seems to be related to the fact that treatment for problem gambling is usually delivered by mental health service providers and seeking mental health services are highly stigmatized. Participants highlighted the need for mental health services in their communities.”

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The Cambridge Public Health and Arts Department will provide a program to address addiction and harm reduction through harm reduction videos, social media clips, brochures, pamphlets, and artist-led workshops for storytelling, story sharing, and creative expression. Informed by research that identified vulnerable populations, community perceptions, the social, economic, and environmental concerns of gambling, etc., the City will produce four person-centered video stories and four 30-sec social media clip. Lastly, the project includes linguistically responsive brochures/pamphlets (in English, Spanish, and an Asian language - TBD). Six two-hour workshops will take place in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, with an expected audience from teens to adults.

The Review Team agrees that these efforts have the potential to support gambling harm reduction efforts and decrease stigma, particularly in communities at highest risk of experiencing gambling-related harm. The Review Team recommends that this program be subject to the following condition: As part of this program the City of Cambridge must make intentional efforts to reach out to people who may be experiencing gambling-related harm and must demonstrate what those efforts will entail prior to conducting this work.

5. Public Safety: Active Shooter Training - \$216,000

Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project as it is not on the priority list of projects and would exceed the requested grant amount.

Description: This project is to provide active shooter training to the police department that would benefit not only Cambridge but all regional partners. The Cambridge Police Department is one of the few Departments in the area that has its own special response team and is therefore uniquely positioned to provide mutual aid should there be an active threat at the Casino.

Impact: The FY 2026 CMF Guidelines identify the following impacts: the presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase visitors to the area; and 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.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.



<p>Rationale: The City is proposing to provide active shooter training to the police department. The most recognized and research based active shooter training in the nation is Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). ALERRT provides in-depth after-action lessons through partnerships between agencies to enhance the overall understanding and response to active shooter events and assists with improving best practices.</p> <p>The Commission has funded active shooter training in a number of communities and the Review Team agrees that it would be appropriate for Cambridge. The Review Team is not recommending this project because it exceeds the grant amount identified in the City's priority list.</p>
<p>6. Public Safety: De-escalation training - \$62,400</p>
<p>Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$62,400</p>
<p>Description: This project is to provide de-escalation training to officers. De-escalation training significantly reduces the risk of violence, protects both the safety of officers and civilians, builds community trust, and minimizes the need for excessive force.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: the presence of casinos will likely cause an increase in police interactions throughout their home community and neighboring communities as a result of increased in visitors to the area; and 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.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>
<p>Rationale: De-escalation training significantly reduces the risk of violence, protects both the safety of officers and civilians, builds community trust, and minimizes the need for excessive force by using proven tools to slow down and diffuse the situation through verbal communication and non-confrontational tactics. This training will be delivered using a simulation program. The funding would allow 2 officers to be dedicated instructors for 8 hours a week. Each shift they work will allow for 8 to 10 officers to be trained.</p> <p>The Commission has funded de-escalation training in previous grant rounds for several communities. The Review Team agrees that this project has the potential to improve interactions with police and the public and therefore recommends funding for this project.</p>
<p>7. Public Safety: Electric Vehicle Fire Blankets - \$48,000</p>
<p>Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$48,000</p>
<p>Description: This project is for the purchase of 12 electric vehicle fire blankets to outfit each front-line ladder truck and engine companies with the innovative ability to extinguish these types of vehicle fires.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle /pedestrian conflicts; and 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 which could lead to increased needs for mutual aid.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>



<p>Rationale: The increase in traffic through Cambridge to the casino in conjunction with the influx of electric vehicles has created more opportunities for these types of fires, which take incredible volumes of water to extinguish. Fire blanket technology allows for rapid extinguishing with minimal water or extension to other vehicles or buildings.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that provision of fire blankets has the potential to make the fire department more efficient in fighting vehicle fires and therefore, recommends full funding of this project. The Commission has made similar awards in past years and this is fully consistent with those effort.</p>
<p>8. Public Safety: Narcan, Defibrillator and CPR Training - \$18,000 - Withdrawn</p>
<p>Recommendation: Cambridge has withdrawn this application.</p>
<p>Description: This project is for the provision of additional training in the areas of Narcan administration, Defibrillator use and CPR Certification for City of Cambridge employees and residents.</p>
<p>Impact: 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.</p>
<p>Determination: The City has withdrawn this application.</p>
<p>Rationale:</p>
<p>9. Public Safety: Software and Training - \$15,000 - Withdrawn</p>
<p>Recommendation: Cambridge has withdrawn this application.</p>
<p>Description: This project is for the installation and training of Power DMS, a software that manages wellness, professional standards, documentation, and tracking and training of all first responders.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines; increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle /pedestrian conflict; and 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 which could lead to increased needs for mutual aid.</p>
<p>Determination: The City has withdrawn this application.</p>
<p>Rationale:</p>
<p>10. Public Safety: Tactical Training - \$32,000</p>
<p>Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$32,000.</p>
<p>Description: This project is for additional training for tactical paramedics that respond to incidents throughout Cambridge and Metro Boston as needed. The Cambridge Fire Tactical Medics are imbedded with the Cambridge Police Tactical Response Team and respond with them regularly for incidents within Cambridge and mutual aid.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts; and 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 which could lead to increased needs for mutual aid.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>



<p>Rationale: The proposed training will keep paramedics at the same training level as the team they are embedded with regularly. Everett is a community within UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative), and Cambridge Fire is on call to respond to this location for Tactical Medic support.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that providing this training would advance the capabilities of the paramedics in tactical responses either in Cambridge or on mutual aid calls. The Commission has awarded similar grants in the past few years and this is completely consistent with those awards.</p>
<p>11. Public Safety: Traffic Enforcement - \$50,000</p>
<p>Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$50,000.</p>
<p>Description: This project is for the conduct of high-visibility traffic education and enforcement during the peak operational hours of Encore and in the areas most traveled by commuters going to and from the Encore Casino.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: 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; and 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 which could lead to increased needs for mutual aid.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>
<p>Rationale: These grant funds would be used for Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) officers and to perform high-visibility education and enforcement in the areas most traveled by commuters going to and from the Encore Casino. The Department plans to use these funds on Thursday and Friday evenings, during the afternoons and evenings on Saturdays and Sundays, and when major events occur at the Encore Casino. The areas of enforcement would focus on the main routes to the Encore Casino including Cambridge Street, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street among other connecting streets.</p> <p>This project is a continuation of work that was begun last year. The Review Team agrees that this project has the potential to address the identified impacts and therefore, recommends funding this project.</p>
<p>12. Transportation: Traffic Safety Improvements – Bike lanes - \$300,000</p>
<p>Recommendation: Partial funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the Prospect Street/Cambridge Street intersection</p>
<p>Description: This project is for traffic safety improvements for the Prospect Street corridor allowing the City to install separated bike lanes approaching the intersections with Broadway and Cambridge Street.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines, increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion on the major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment. Traffic to and from the resort is using Washington Street through Somerville, which becomes Prospect Street over the Cambridge City line and continues through Inman Square to Central Square.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.</p>



Rationale: The application identified these two locations as among the highest for vulnerable road users (bikes and pedestrians) in the City. Separated bike lanes provide the greatest protection for cyclists and leave enough room to “protect” left turns in the signal cycle, a strategy which is proven to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.

The Review Team agrees that these improvements will help improve bike safety and encourage the use of bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation. Each of these projects was estimated to cost \$150,000, but only one was included in the City's priority list. Their preferred project was the intersection of Broadway and Cambridge Street. When reviewing the applications, the Review Team preferred the Prospect Street/Cambridge Street location as it is more proximate to the casino and therefore better addresses casino-related impacts. This was discussed with the City, and they were fine with substituting the Prospect Street project in place of the Broadway project.



City of Chelsea

Applicant Name: Chelsea	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$1,027,700	Requested Amount: \$1,027,000
Recommended Grant Amount: 1,027,000	
Waiver: N/A	
1. Community Planning: Bunker Hill Enterprise Center for Entrepreneurship and Training - \$415,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$415,000	
<p>Description: This project is for training and educating local entrepreneurs and small business owners to expand the local capacity and access to the area economy, providing much-needed small business guidance and assistance. In addition to training opportunities in critical hospitality skills, residents can learn to address talent recruitment, career readiness, business planning, and innovation.</p>	
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees to the area which provides opportunities 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 which provides the opportunity for local businesses to provide these goods and services; 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 on goods and services; and the marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: The Enterprise Center for Entrepreneurship and Training (ECET) is located on the Chelsea Campus of Bunker Hill Community College. Funding will be used to meet the primary goals of training and educating local entrepreneurs and small business owners to expand the local capacity for and access to the area economy and its anchor institutions, including the Encore Casino. The purpose of the Enterprise Center is to provide rising entrepreneurs and eager small businesses with the skills, tools, confidence, and know how to strive, participate, and succeed. The need to support these efforts falls across the whole community and particularly to the business community.</p> <p>The City is requesting funding for the two-year duration of the CMF grant. The Review Team agrees that this project has the potential to increase the capacity of local businesses to improve general business opportunities as well as competing for business with the Encore casino. Given the uncertainties associated with the CMF, the Review Team agrees that providing funding for a two-year cycle is appropriate. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>	
2. Community Planning: Discover Chelsea Campaign - \$180,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$180,000	
<p>Description: This project is for the continuation of the Discover Chelsea Tourism Campaign to sustain momentum and expand the campaign's impact. This phase aims to elevate Chelsea's profile in the region by focusing on strategic advertising, immersive pop-up events, professional content creation, and high-quality marketing materials to engage both new and returning visitors while fostering community pride.</p>	



Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees to their establishments which provides opportunities to attract these patrons and employees to their communities and business establishments; 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 on goods and services; and the marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The Discover Chelsea Tourism Campaign has successfully showcased Chelsea's unique culture, businesses, and attractions, while boosting visibility and driving economic activity. The next phase of the project aims to elevate Chelsea's profile in the region by focusing on strategic advertising, immersive pop-up events, professional content creation, and high-quality marketing materials to engage both new and returning visitors. This campaign, which will be aimed both at the general public and at casino patrons and employees specifically, will attract both old and new consumers to Chelsea to enjoy the wealth of attractions the City offers.

The City is requesting funding for the two-year duration of the CMF grant. The Review Team agrees that this project has the potential to increase the profile of Chelsea in the region and help bring additional visitors to the community including Encore patrons and employees. Given the uncertainties associated with the CMF, the Review Team agrees that providing funding for a two-year cycle is appropriate. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.

3. Public Safety: Traffic Patrols and Equipment - \$95,300

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$95,300

Description: This project is for traffic enforcement patrols on weekends and holidays on main routes to and from the Casino and traffic control equipment. Equipment includes a signboard, traffic barriers and two license plate readers.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; 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; 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; and 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.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.



Rationale: This project is for traffic enforcement patrols on weekends and holidays operating on main routes to and from the Casino and for the purchase of traffic control equipment. Traffic patrols will operate on main routes to and from the Casino, including Spruce, Second, Beacham, and Williams Streets. New equipment and supplies consist of a signboard with flashing lights and two additional Flock license plate readers (LPRs) to address a critical gap in coverage between the City of Chelsea, the City of Everett, and Encore Casino.

The Review Team agrees that the additional patrols and traffic control equipment will aid the City in addressing casino-related traffic and crime impacts. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project. The Commission has awarded similar grants in the past and this request is fully consistent with those earlier requests.

4. Public Safety: Fire Dept. Personnel - \$336,680

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$336,700 with conditions

Description: The grant is to fund two new Firefighter positions for two years, to ease the transition onto the City Budget of a new company of firefighters. Simultaneously in FY26 the City will be hiring four additional new firefighters with local funds, to work towards the additional fully-staffed company; we would consider this a 2:1 match with our request to the CMF.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; 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; and 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.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The Encore casino has contributed to an increase in calls handled by the Chelsea Fire Department (CFD) and an associated increase in response times to emergency calls. Particularly impacted areas are in the western part of the City which also include the major routes to the gaming establishment. Chelsea is the primary mutual aid respondent to Everett assisting with 136 call last year and calls for service have increased by 30% from 2020 to 2024.

CFD plans to open a new fire station in the area of Beacham and Williams Streets. Chelsea has already purchased a new fire engine which will be housed at this station. The proposed funding is for two new firefighter positions for two years, to ease the transition onto the City Budget of a new company of firefighters. In FY26 the City will be hiring four additional new firefighters with local funds, to work towards staffing the company. The City is proposing to fully fund two firefighters in year one and partially fund those two firefighters in year two, with the remainder in year two being contributed by the City. In year three the firefighters would be fully on the City payroll.

The Review Team agrees that the main roads leading to the casino, including Beacham and Williams Streets are impacted by casino-related traffic as well as an increase in calls for service. While this application is not something the CMF has done before, the Review Team agrees that it is a reasonable use of CMF funds given the commitment being made by the City to house and staff this new company. To ensure that these funds are being used to supplement Chelsea's funding, the Review Team recommends the following condition: The City shall not expend any funds from this grant until it has demonstrated that the City's commitment to hire four firefighters from local funds has been satisfied.



City of Everett

Applicant Name: Everett	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$2,862,000	Requested Amount: \$3,098,478
Recommended Grant Amount: \$2,862,000 or \$2,913,500 if the waiver is approved with \$460,000 being transferred to MassDOT for the Assembly Station Headhouse Design.	
<p>Waiver: The City of Everett is requesting a waiver for an additional \$236,478 beyond its designated \$2,862,000 CMF grant for FY 2026. As the host community to the Commonwealth's largest gaming facility, Everett argues that its request is justified given the significant challenges that have accompanied the casino's development. While the resort has revitalized the Lower Broadway corridor, the city was not fully prepared to address the large-scale impacts of such a transformation. As a working-class community, Everett relies on designated funding to mitigate these challenges and is requesting this waiver based on financial variance to ensure adequate resources for managing casino-related impacts.</p> <p>Waiver Discussion: The City of Everett is requesting a waiver of approximately \$236,500 over its allocation. In reviewing the Everett Square Sidewalk and Street Reconfiguration project, it was determined that an error was made in the calculation of the project subsidy. Instead of \$660,000, the subsidy request should have been \$475,000, which amounts to a reduction in the requested grant amount of \$185,000. This means that the waiver request is reduced by that amount which results in a waiver request of \$51,500. This brings the grant request amount down to \$2,913,500. Please see the discussion on the Everett Square project for more detail.</p>	
1. Public Safety: High Rise Fire training - \$150,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$150,000	
Description: This project is for the implementation of specialized high-rise firefighting training to ensure that the Fire Department is fully prepared to respond to potential emergencies in high-rise structures.	
Impact: Encore Boston Harbor significantly impacts the Everett Fire Department in the area of high-rise firefighting operations. Given the casino's height and the complex nature of its design, the fire department needs to adapt its strategies and enhance its training for high-rise fire emergencies.	
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.	
<p>Rationale: This project aims to ensure that the department is fully prepared to respond to potential emergencies in high-rise structures, particularly in the unique environment of the Encore Casino, which features significant height and complex building systems. This funding will be used for the costs of training and to cover backfill and overtime to allow members to attend high-rise training.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that training on high-rise buildings will improve the capabilities of the fire department to address issues in high-rise buildings like Encore and that this is an appropriate use of funds. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>	



2. Public Safety: LAN Tel Video and Police Radios - \$146,600
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$146,600 with conditions
Description: This project is to provide additional LAN Tel Video Cameras along the Riverwalk and dock area behind the casino; and for 10 dual band radios for interface with the Gaming Enforcement Unit.
Impact: In accordance with the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; 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 increased assaults, fraud, and property crimes; and 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.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: A portion of this project is for 10 additional multiband radios to allow police officers to interface with the officers assigned to the GEU. Only 40 out of 120 officers have multiband radios. These would provide additional coverage for the police department. The Review Team agrees that the provision of these radios would improve the communication abilities of the police department and therefore recommends funding of this portion of the project.</p> <p>The police department does not have any cameras along the Encore Harborwalk or on the path connecting to the Gateway Center. Encore does have coverage of these areas which is monitored by their surveillance team. The Review Team was concerned with the placement of cameras on the private property of Encore as well as on both MBTA and DCR property. Initially, the Review Team was not going to recommend this project, but after discussions with Everett, it was determined that the Review Team would recommend the project subject to the following condition: The City of Everett shall obtain all of the necessary permissions to place cameras on the property of Encore Boston Harbor as well as MBTA and DCR property and shall submit such documentation to the Commission prior to purchasing and installing the cameras.</p>
3. Public Safety: Land & Water Police Patrols - \$293,400
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$293,400
Description: These funds will support public safety efforts by providing additional overtime for land-based operations dedicated during peak times in and around the casino and to provide additional overtime for maritime operations between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
Impact: In accordance with the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; 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 increased assaults, fraud, and property crimes; and the influx of visitors to a casino can result in an increase in calls for service and put pressure on local emergency services.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.
Rationale: The additional patrols include land-based patrols on Thursday through Sunday nights and 30 additional maritime patrols between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The Review Team agrees that the targeted patrols have the potential to improve traffic safety as well as reduce crime in the area. These patrols have been successful in the past and the Review Team recommends that they be continued.



4. Public Safety: Fireboat Training - \$338,500
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$338,500.
Description: This project is to provide Fire Boat Operator training to Fire Department personnel including: readying the boat; personal survival; in-water skills verification; maritime fire suppression; and a full-scale exercise.
Impact: In accordance with the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; and the influx of visitors to a casino can result in an increase in calls for service and put pressure on local emergency services including fire and EMS. The fire department has observed a rise in the use of the waterfront and an increase in boating activity in the area.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: The City has procured two fire boats which are equipped with firefighting and lifesaving equipment to ensure adequate response to waterborne incidents. The grant funding will be utilized to properly train additional personnel in fire boat operation for a risk that did not exist prior to the activation of the waterfront. There has been a significant increase in waterborne activity since the opening of the casino with the operation of the water shuttles and pleasure craft using the Encore docks.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that proper training is essential for the proper operation and safety of the fire boats and that the provision of this equipment has the potential to address the identified impacts. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>
5. Specific Impact: Analysis/Design of Mobility Networks and Infrastructure - \$500,000
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$500,000
Description: This project will supplement a \$1.5 million Massworks grant awarded to the City and will be used to analyze and assess the condition of existing infrastructure, roadways and sidewalks; and design, engineer and permit upgrades necessary to adequately service current and future development.
Impact: Encore Boston Harbor's presence has sparked interest in investing in former industrial land within Everett, including its own expansion plans. What had for decades existed as low impact uses such as petroleum storage, power plants, and chemical production plants, is now in the planning stages of being converted to higher and better uses such as residential, office, R&D, retail, and entertainment. Encore Boston Harbor's significant utility and infrastructure investments in the area allowed for the successful operation of their site; however, these improvements did not contemplate additional large-scale developments in the area. With Encore utilizing a great deal of the existing capacity, further investments must be made to accommodate ongoing and future developments in the district.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.



Rationale: The Lower Broadway area is currently under significant development pressures. Planned improvements for the area include the Encore East of Broadway development, the Revolution Soccer Stadium and redevelopment of the former Exxon site. This project proposes to evaluate and design improvement to primary and secondary mobility networks (roadways, sidewalks) throughout the Lower Broadway area and necessary upgrades to the City's infrastructure (electricity grid, natural gas system, domestic water, sewer, and storm drainage) to serve all parcels. While the current Encore project has adequate infrastructure to serve its facility, the full build-out of the area will likely require significant upgrades.

Wynn currently owns significant property across the street from Encore including the proposed East of Broadway development (currently on hold) and the property for the proposed soccer stadium. Based on Wynn's extensive area holdings, the Review Team agrees that it is appropriate to use mitigation funds for this project. The Review Team agrees that conducting this type of evaluation and design will ensure that there is adequate infrastructure for not only Encore, but other developments in the area. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.

The design, engineering and permitting scope of work will commence in Q1 2025 (again update schedule per City schedule) and take approximately 18 months to complete. The City is currently working to advance a Master Plan and rezoning effort that will establish a process for this area to facilitate future development. The City expects that the redevelopment of the LBEDD represents approximately \$5B in private investment, creating more than 4,000 permanent jobs and 10,000 construction jobs, and generating approximately \$50M in net new annual local tax revenue. Analysis of existing infrastructure, public transportation, and other public realm improvements; and forecasting demand is necessary to determine infrastructure upgrades required to support current and future development.

6. Transportation: Everett Square Sidewalk and Street Reconfiguration - \$660,000

Recommendation: Partial Funding in the amount of \$475,000.

Description: This project proposes to reconfigure the roadway and sidewalk network in Everett Square, make pedestrian realm improvements and signal improvements that will allow more frequent transit service as well as provide much needed improvements to green and open space in the square. This is an additional request for funds as the project received \$1,164,300 in FY 2025.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: 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/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts; and increased visitation to the gaming establishment area may place a strain on public transit services.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.



Rationale: There are currently five MBTA buses that utilize Everett Square, three of which serve the Encore Casino. In addition to these, the Encore Neighborhood Runner utilizes the bus stops in Everett Square accounting for 25% of the total stops. This project will provide better traffic flow for transit vehicles, and safer sidewalks for pedestrians and cyclists in the Square. This will help with bus movements through the square under the current conditions and anticipates future bus expansion planned by the MBTA.

This project was approved by the Commission in FY 2025 and the Review Team continues to recommend this project. This year's request was based on an updated cost estimate for the project with a total estimated cost of \$4,881,000. Last year's grant totaled \$1,164,300. Under our current funding formula, the maximum subsidy that the Commission may provide on this project is \$1,639,300, or an increase of \$475,000 from last year's award. The Everett application indicated that last year's grant was \$1,000,000 and their request for this year is \$600,000, or a total of \$1,600,000 for the project. As demonstrated above, with the actual grant from last year being \$1,164,300, the extra \$475,000 brings the project total up to the maximum allowed subsidy, which actually totals more than the \$1,600,000 request. Therefore, the Review Team recommends a partial award in the amount of \$475,000 for this project, bringing it up to the maximum allowable subsidy.

7. Transportation: Lower Broadway Bus Priority RAISE Grant Support - \$250,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$250,000.

Description: This project is to perform data collection, field surveys, property research and property evaluation to identify Right-of-Way needs in support of the \$22 million Raise Grant awarded to Everett to construct transit priority lanes on Lower Broadway.

Impact: The Encore casino brings thousands of visitors to Everett on a daily basis, impacting the roadway and transit network. Other planned developments, including Phase II of Encore, the New England Revolution soccer stadium, and redevelopment of the Exxon Mobile tank farm will transform the Lower Broadway district. There are numerous transit and transportation infrastructure projects that are being pursued to support these developments including extension of the MBTA Silver Line, and MBTA commuter rail station. These transit projects will rely on Lower Broadway to move both private vehicles and transit vehicles. This impact has required continued mitigation since the opening of the casino.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: In 2024, the MBTA and the City of Everett were awarded a federal RAISE grant worth \$22M to construct transit priority lanes on Lower Broadway. The City of Everett and the MBTA collaborated in 2023 to develop concept level plans which identified preliminary impacts to property and infrastructure that would need to be addressed. Many of these impacts will require further analysis and action by the City and would not be covered under the Raise grant. These activities include property data and compilation, field surveys, property research and property valuations.

Considering the development pressures on Lower Broadway, the Review Team agrees that the development of transit priority lanes is a key component of reducing congestion in the area and making the use of public transit more desirable. The Review Team agrees that this small investment in survey related work will help leverage significant federal dollars that are critical to allowing continued growth in the area, including development of the Wynn owned properties on the east side of Broadway. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.



8. Transportation: MBTA Assembly Station Headhouse Design - \$460,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$460,000 to be transferred to MassDOT with conditions.

Description: This project is for the design of the Assembly Station Headhouse Expansion to allow direct access to Draw 7 Park and the proposed Mystic River Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge.

Impact: A challenge of mitigating the transportation impacts from the Encore Casino has been the lack of direct access to rapid transit.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is currently working on the design of the Mystic River Bicycle/Pedestrian bridge that will allow a direct connection from Encore and Lower Broadway to the Assembly Row development in Somerville which will provide access to the Assembly Orange Line T Station. A key missing component to this project is a direct connection from Draw 7 Park into the Assembly Station head house. Because there is no direct connection into the headhouse, a person travelling from Assembly Station to Encore would have walk an additional 1/3 mile to access the bridge. For comparison, if there were a connection to the headhouse, the distance from Assembly Station across the Mystic River would be a total distance of 0.3 miles with the distance to the Encore entrance being 0.5 miles and the distance to Broadway being 0.65 miles. Without the headhouse connection, these distances become 0.63 miles, 0.83 miles and 0.96 miles.

Several years ago, Everett and Somerville proposed using CMF funds to design the headhouse connection. Encore had advanced a preliminary design of this connection that would have been the basis of this design. This grant was never able to move ahead due to the uncertainty surrounding the Mystic River bridge. With the design of the bridge now advancing, Everett is also proposing to advance the design of the headhouse connection. In recent discussions with MassDOT, they expressed interest in advancing the design of the headhouse themselves. Considering MassDOT's expertise, it certainly makes sense for them to move forward with this design rather than Everett. MassDOT has requested a quote from their engineering consultant for the total cost of this work. Early estimates of the construction cost of the project were around \$12 million, which means the total design cost would likely exceed \$1 million. The proposed \$460,000 would not likely get this project to completed design, but it would provide significant funding towards it and keep the momentum going.

The Review Team agrees that the construction of the headhouse connection will provide Everett with a direct connection to the Orange Line which has been a long-standing goal of the community. It will also encourage the use of the Orange Line for access to Encore as well as the proposed developments across Broadway from Encore. Therefore, the Review Team recommends transferring \$460,000 of Everett's grant to MassDOT for the design of the Assembly Station headhouse connection subject to the following condition: MassDOT shall submit a formal scope of work and the consulting engineering proposal prior to the expenditure of any funds.



9. Transportation: Reuniting Neighborhoods and Communities - \$300,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$300,000

Description: Everett was awarded a \$1.5 million federal Reconnecting Communities Grant through the USDOT to study and provide concept designs for transit and roadway improvements in and around Sweetser Circle that will reconnect the upper and lower Broadway neighborhoods as well as facilitate efficient transportation options. This project provides \$300,000 in required matching funds.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion, increased vehicular accidents and increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts; and increased visitation to the gaming establishment area may place a strain on public transit services.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project would help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: There are numerous transit and transportation projects that are being pursued to support area developments including extension of the MBTA Silver Line, and an MBTA commuter rail station. A commonality of these projects is the Sweetser Circle roadway interchange (Routes 99 and 16) that is considered the boundary between upper and lower Broadway as well as the critical nexus of Everett's roadway and transit network. Addressing the challenges and impacts of Sweetser Circle are critical to the success of any of the major transportation infrastructure projects that are being considered to mitigate the traffic impacts of the Encore casino and other development projects.

The Review Team agrees that any improvements being investigated at Sweetser Circle will directly impact the flow of traffic on Broadway and to Encore. This project is for the required local match to leverage these federal funds. The Review Team agrees that this contribution of funds is appropriate considering it will leverage significant federal funds and therefore, recommends full funding of this project.



City of Lynn

Applicant Name: City of Lynn	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$200,000	Requested Amount: \$200,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$200,000	
Waiver: N/A	
1. Community Planning: Wayfinding Signage - \$85,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$118,800	
Description: This project is for partial funding of the City's wayfinding project. This project is for \$85,000 of the total estimated cost of \$786,000 and will focus on downtown amenities.	
Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 Community Mitigation Fund Program Guidelines, the City of Lynn cites the following impacts as justification for this application: 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; and the marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.	
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.	
<p>Rationale: The City of Lynn commissioned the design and bid-ready specs for an entire suite of wayfinding signs that would help visitors find what they are looking for in downtown Lynn. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$786,000 with this project making up just \$85,000 of this amount. The City has raised \$60,000 toward this effort through fundraising and has structured the work to ensure it can successfully be implemented in phases. This funding request will contribute to other funding sources identified, including from CDBG, ARPA, rideshare revenues, and hopefully MassDOT and MOTT, to expand wayfinding in downtown Lynn.</p> <p>Lynn has asked that the funding for this grant be increased by \$33,800 if the Commission does not approve the proposed unmanned aerial vehicles proposed in project 4 below. The Review Team agrees that the provision of wayfinding signs helps a community highlight their local businesses and attractions which will help address the identified impacts. The Review Team recommends funding in the amount of \$118,800 towards this effort as the Review Team is not recommending project 4.</p>	
2. Public Safety: Citation Printers - \$4,400	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$4,400	
Description: This project is to cover the cost of six citation printers to be installed in Lynn Police Department cruisers.	
Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 Community Mitigation Fund Program Guidelines the presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase in cases of operating under the influence.	
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.	



<p>Rationale: The City has identified an increase in OUIs since the opening of Encore Boston Harbor. This request is for the purchase of six Citation printers to be installed in cruisers. In years past, the cost of citation printers was covered by the state but that funding is no longer available. This funding would enable LPD to equip the majority of new cruisers with a citation printer. Citation printers enable officers to issue citations with efficiency during traffic stops, replace tedious paperwork, reduce ticket errors and improve officer safety by reducing the amount of time officers spend in potentially dangerous positions outside of their vehicles.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that the provision of the citation printers will improve the efficiency of the police department to address traffic related issues and therefore, recommends full funding of this project.</p>
3. Public Safety: City Cameras - \$76,800
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$76,800
<p>Description: This project is for the purchase of fifteen City cameras to be placed in strategic locations throughout the City.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; and 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.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>
<p>Rationale: This project is for funding to cover the cost of fifteen additional City Cameras. The benefit/impact of the cameras is immediate access to critical information that enables officers to quickly investigate and resolve incidents such as domestic disturbances, assaults, larceny, rape, and threats. The presence of City Cameras also serves as a deterrent to crime as potential criminals realize that their actions are being recorded. The addition of 15 additional city cameras will help us resolve incidents more quickly, better serve the community and build toward the goal of a full complement of City Cameras in Lynn.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that the provision of cameras improves the police department's capabilities in responding to and solving crimes. We have reviewed the camera locations and agree that they have the best potential of responding to crime that could be associated with the casino and therefore, recommend full funding for this project.</p>
4. Public Safety: Drone Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) - \$33,800
Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project.
<p>Description: This project is for the purchase of two Drones/UAVs as well as pilot training, tech support and insurance.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines 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.</p>
<p>Determination: The Review Team does not agree that this project will address the identified impact.</p>



Rationale: The Lynn Police Department is requesting \$33,750 to implement an LPD Drone/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program for patrolling of the Northern Strand Trail and respond to human trafficking cases. This funding will cover the cost of two Drones / UAVs as well as pilot training, tech support and insurance. The City cited the development of drone programs in other communities as the impetus for this request and presented information to demonstrate how the drones might be used for patrolling the Northern Strand and to monitor and intervene in hard to access areas (alleyways, remote parking lots, etc.) where human trafficking typically occurs.

The Review Team does not question the utility of drones to assist police departments in their work. The Review Team, however, does not agree that the community has made a compelling case that crime associated with the Northern Strand and human trafficking in Lynn has a nexus to the casino. The Lynn City line is 8.9 miles from Encore along the Northern Stand and nearly 11 miles to downtown Lynn. Given that distance, the Review Team believes that it is unlikely that there is significant bicycle traffic and certainly very little, if any, pedestrian traffic associated with Encore. Similarly, considering the distance from the casino and the types of human trafficking described in the application, the Review Team felt that it was unlikely that the casino is driving any human trafficking activity in Lynn.

When notified that the Review Team was not recommending this project, the following was the City's response:

"As a Public Safety Department, it is our job to identify and address the most pressing public safety needs in our community. The City of Lynn is a poor immigrant community with an overwhelming number of public safety needs, including drug use, sex trafficking, and gang violence exacerbated by the presence of Encore Casino. We have established numerous connections between Lynn and Encore Casino patrons and employees that definitely impact our community. We feel strongly that drone capability to address crime on the Northern Strand trail (which leads to Encore) and increase efficiency of sex trafficking investigations is a current critical need. For that reason, we would appreciate if you could present the application as is (with Drone Unit request included). If funding is not approved, we request that the balance be applied to the Community Planning Wayfinding Signage project."

The Review Team respectfully disagrees that the City has identified a nexus to a casino-related impact and recommends that these funds be added to the Wayfinding project.



City of Malden

Applicant Name: Malden	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$882,800	Requested Amount: \$881,400
Recommended Grant Amount: \$881,400	
Waiver: N/A	
1. Community Planning: Comprehensive Plan - \$175,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$175,000	
<p>Description: This project is for the development a new Comprehensive Plan. This new plan will serve as a uniting vision for Malden as the City builds its own future.</p>	
<p>Impact: As stated in the grant guidelines, 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. Furthermore, 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 also cause localized increases in air pollution due to congestion. Finally, increased visitation to the gaming establishment area may place a strain on public transit services.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: This funding is for the development of a new Comprehensive Plan for the City. This new plan will serve as a uniting vision for Malden as the City builds its future. To that end, Malden's new Comprehensive Plan will lay out economic development, housing, and zoning strategies that are more suited to Malden's current needs. The City has already secured \$175,000; however, the City's research has suggested that this planning process will cost \$350,000. We are requesting \$175,000 through the CMF in the hopes that it will close the budget gap for this project. We believe that this request is justified, as the Comprehensive Plan will necessarily involve planning with and around the Encore Casino. The plan will include the following focus areas: Land use, housing, economic development, public services, and transportation, as well as integration points with the Open Space and Recreation Plan and Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that comprehensive planning is appropriate for the City and that areas of the plan associated with traffic and transportation, housing, economic development and public services will require consideration of the impacts of the casino and will influence the outcomes. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this request.</p>	
2. Community Planning: Gaming & Gourmet Tourism Initiative - \$51,300	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$51,300	
<p>Description: This project is for a new tourism initiative that will focus on the “gaming and gourmet” that Malden has to offer. The goal of this new initiative is to put Malden on the map alongside the Casino by highlighting Malden’s own awesome food scene and growing gaming hub.</p>	



Impact: As stated in the grant guidelines, 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.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: This funding for a new tourism initiative that will focus on the “gaming and gourmet” that Malden has to offer. The goal of this initiative is to put Malden on the map alongside the Casino by highlighting Malden’s own food scene and growing gaming hub. With this initiative, the City wants to weave Malden’s various attractions together to create a unique experience for visitors to Malden—especially visitors who may also be patronizing or working at the Casino. The initiative would use special gaming events and promotions, traditional and social media advertising, partnering with food bloggers and gaming influencers, and modifications to the City’s website.

The Review Team agrees that promotion of the dining and gaming amenities in the City has the potential to attract new patrons to downtown Malden and reach Encore patrons and employees. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.

3. Public Safety: Snowplow for Bike Path - \$93,000

Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project.

Description: This project is for the purchase of a snowplow for the Northern Strand Bike Trail to address issues of safety and access to the path during the winter.

Impact: As stated in the guidelines, increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts. This project proposal seeks to mitigate accidents and bicycle conflicts by (1) improving access to the bike path year-round, thus routing bicyclists off the road where possible, and (2) improving safety for bicyclists on the bike path year-round.

Determination: The Review Team does not agree that this project addresses the identified impacts.

Rationale: The City currently has a contractor plow the Northern Strand in the winter and has been doing so since the path opened. The City is requesting the purchase of a snowplow so this activity can be done by City forces. Under the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines, "All applications must demonstrate that CMF funds will supplement and not supplant historical operations funding." Since the City historically has funded plowing of the path, the Review Team views the purchase of the snowplow as supplanting historical funding. Therefore, the Review Team does not recommend funding this project.

The City has requested that these funds be directed towards project 4 below.

4. Public Safety: Speed Alert Signs - \$92,000

Recommendation: Full funding for this project in the amount of \$92,000

Description: The City of Malden proposes purchasing speed alert signs that can be affixed to light posts to help drivers self-regulate their speed. The signs alert drivers to their own speed, flashing and saying “Slow Down” when the speed is beyond the speed limit, and saying “Thank You” when the driver is at an appropriate speed.

Impact: As stated in the guidelines, increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts. This project proposal seeks to mitigate accidents and bicycle conflicts by using permanent speed signs to help drivers self-regulate on busy routes to the casino.



Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project addresses the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: Speed alert signs have been demonstrated to improve compliance with speed limits and can help communities improve vehicular safety. This project is for 35 signs that will be placed on Main Street, Broadway and other high traffic key routes to the casino.</p> <p>This project was originally for a snowplow for the Northern Strand. The Review Team was not going to recommend the project as it was supplanting historical funding. The City asked to replace that project with this one. The Commission has historically funded speed signs as an effective measure to mitigate traffic impacts. Therefore, the Review team recommends full funding for this project.</p>
5. Public Safety: Traffic Enforcement Equipment & Training - \$154,100
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$154,100.
Description: This project is for additional traffic enforcement patrols during the peak periods of operation of the casino; ARIDE training to better observe, identify, and articulate the signs of driver impairment; and the purchase of various traffic control equipment.
Impact: The guidelines offer two identified impacts that are relevant here: increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts; and the presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase in cases of operating under the influence.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: This project proposes to deploy additional traffic enforcement operations on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays when casino traffic is increased, and current traffic enforcement operations are not available. The City has also identified the need for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training, to better observe, identify, and articulate the signs of driver impairment, as the presence of Encore has led to an increase in cases of drivers operating under the influence. The City is also requesting the purchase of two laptop/thermal printer equipment to affix to 2 traffic motorcycles for traffic enforcement, as well as 2 LIDAR units for speed detection and related LIDAR training. Finally, this project would include the purchase of multiple pieces of traffic safety equipment including barriers, cones, and various pieces of signage. It also includes the cost of an enclosed trailer that can be used to store and haul this equipment to any street location within the City.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that the additional patrols, training and equipment will improve the operations of the police department and will allow them to better address traffic-related issues associated with the casino. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>
6. Transportation: Safety Improvements on Main Street - \$408,600
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$408,600
Description: This project is for the construction of safety and congestion-related improvements along Main Street from Cross Street to Madison Street and Madison Street to Centre Street.
Impact: As stated in the grant guidelines, increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion on the major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment. One of these “major routes” in Malden is Main Street which carries 2% of casino patron trips according to the trip distribution map included in the grant guidelines.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.



Rationale: This is a year-long transportation construction project that proposes safety and congestion-related improvements along Main Street from Cross Street to Madison Street and Madison Street to Centre Street. Main Street in Malden carries 2% of casino patron trips according to the trip distribution map included in the grant guidelines. The work includes paving, new cement concrete sidewalks, ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, granite curb, sign upgrades and additions, pavement markings, and landscaping. The purpose of the work is to improve roadway safety for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as to reduce congestion throughout the City of Malden.

The Review Team agrees that this project will help the City address congestion and safety related issues associated with this roadway and agrees that it meets the minimum requirement for traffic to be eligible for funding. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.



City of Medford

Applicant Name: Medford	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$1,048,400	Requested Amount: \$1,048,400
Recommended Grant Amount: \$1,046,800	
<p>Waiver: Medford's CMF grant request totals \$1,048,400, which is the total Grant allocation amount. The City also submitted a supplemental project in case any of the projects in the base grant were determined to be ineligible. This supplemental project is a \$600,000 project for the reconstruction of sidewalks along Salem Street to improve roadway safety.</p> <p>Waiver Discussion: After reviewing all of the projects, the Review Team did not recommend the purchase of the Emergency Service Unit and also did not recommend the Chevalier Theater Painting project. The total of these projects is \$601,600. The Review Team determined that the Salem Street construction project is eligible for funding and recommends that that project replace the two projects that were not recommended by the Review Team.</p>	
1. Harm Reduction: Problem Gambling Strategic Plan and design of Prevention and Intervention Strategies - \$74,600	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$74,600.	
<p>Description: This project is for the development of a strategic plan that will be a data-driven, participatory process that identifies the most effective evidence-based strategies to address the impacts of problem gambling. The strategic planning process will identify and engage community partners in interactive, participatory conversations designed to surface priorities and select evidence-based strategies.</p>	
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines 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.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: This proposal builds on the assessment work currently being conducted by the City's Health Department. The FY 2025 study is assessing gambling behaviors among diverse young adults with a focus on: frequency and extent of casino engagement, including sports betting and Socio-economic, behavioral health, and social consequences of gambling.</p> <p>The strategic planning process will be a data-driven, participatory process that identifies the most effective evidence-based strategies to address the impacts of problem gambling. The strategic planning process will identify and engage community partners in interactive, participatory conversations designed to surface priorities and select evidence-based strategies. As a part of this process, we will narrow priority populations that will be targeted by implementation activities based on the feasibility and community context needed to reach and impact each population.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this project is a good next step for the City to help identify implementable strategies to address populations that may be susceptible to gambling-related harms.</p>	



2. Public Safety: Emergency Services Unit - \$276,100

Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project.

Description: These funds are for the purchase of an Emergency Services Unit (ESU) vehicle that supports a Computer Aided Dispatch, Radio Interoperability, Mobile Phone capabilities, Traffic Mitigation and Traffic monitoring capabilities and Incident Management Support.

Impact: As outlined in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle /pedestrian conflicts; and 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.

Determination: The Review Team does not agree that this project addresses the identified impacts.

Rationale: This project is for the purchase of an Emergency Services Unit (ESU), which will be a vehicle that supports computer aided dispatch, internet, radio interoperability between public safety agencies, mobile phone capabilities, traffic monitoring capabilities and incident management support.

The City provided several examples of incidents where having an ESU would prove valuable. The Review Team does not question that the ESU would certainly have utility to the Medford Police. However, none of the cited incidents could be demonstrated to have been caused by any activity at the casino. The City indicates that the ESU could respond to an incident at the casino should it occur, but it is not clear how this vehicle is primarily associated with a casino-related impact. The Review Team could not discern a casino-related impact and therefore, does not recommend funding for this project.

3. Public Safety: Emergency Vehicle Operator Course - \$59,600

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$59,600.

Description: This project is for an Emergency Vehicle Operator training course for that emphasizes the importance of defensive driving in both routine patrols and high-pressure scenarios such as emergency responses.

Impact: Increased visitation and employment due to the Casino has increased the interaction between Public Safety personnel and casino patrons and employees.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The goal of the Emergency Vehicle Operator Training course is to significantly reduce risks and enhance safety for the officers and the public and help ensure assistance to those who need it. This course will reduce the potential for vehicle accidents, create better overall skills in handling patrol vehicles, enhance safety by recognizing and responding to potential hazards, will provide improved response in emergency situations, and maintain positive control under adverse conditions. This course will be taught by the State Police and will have no cost for the course. The only expense will be the overtime needed for officers to attend the course.

The Review Team agrees that the provision of this training will improve the capabilities of the police department to ensure that the vehicles are operated in a safe manner. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.



4. Public Safety: Tactical Communication and Leadership Training - \$80,600
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$80,600.
Description: This project is for Tactical Communication and Leadership training that enhances an officer's ability to look at De-escalation through a different lens, improving the officer's ability to generate voluntary compliance or mitigate the need to use a higher level of force, while still maintaining control of a situation.
Impact: Increased visitation and employment due to the Casino has increased the interaction between Public Safety personnel and casino patrons and employees. One positive way to mitigate potential negative interactions is to provide for police training, including Tactical Communication and Leadership and other training to help improve police/patron/employee interactions.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: The Tactical Communication and Leadership training will provide skills to reduce the intensity of an encounter, which allows officers to slow down the tempo in certain situations, combining both verbal persuasion and tactics. Creating a professional presence through controlled dialogue and tactics can assist with the following outcomes; defuse, deflect and disarm; create positive public relations; and provide time for assessing and reassessing. We appreciate your time and consideration of this important training.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this training will provide officers with necessary de-escalation training to ensure that interactions with the public are appropriate. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>
5. Specific Impact: Administrative costs - \$50,000
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$50,000.
Description: Grant Administration
Impact: N/A
Determination: Grant Administration funding is allowed under the Guidelines
Rationale:
6. Specific Impact: Chevalier Theatre Repainting of Interior Building - \$325,600
Recommendation: The Review Team does not recommend funding for this project.
Description: This project is for the interior painting of the Chevalier Theater.
Impact: The Encore Casino is in direct competition with the Chevalier Theater by hosting similar artists and shows.
Determination: The Review Team does not agree that this project addresses the identified impacts.



Rationale: The Chevalier Theatre, owned by the City of Medford, is a 1,900-seat theater that was revitalized and relaunched with a professional management agency in 2018. The Chevalier is an economic driver for restaurants and businesses in Medford Square, bringing patrons from all over southern New England to its shows and introducing them to area businesses. The project is for painting of the interior of the theater which has not been completed in over 35 years. The scope of the work is to scrape, patch and paint the entire interior of the theater.

The City has identified that the casino and casino events are in direct competition with the theater by hosting similar artists and shows. When Encore first opened, they did program some live music in the ballroom but have not done so since the pandemic. Encore was moving forward with a proposed expansion East of Broadway that would have a 990-seat auditorium, but that project has been put on hold. Regardless, the Review Team agrees that the Chevalier Theater does compete with Encore for general entertainment dollars. The Commission funded some capital improvements to the Chevalier in FY 2025. These were allowed because they were able to demonstrate that the improvements would make the facility more visible to patrons and more desirable for acts to perform there - meaning that the facility could better compete for entertainment dollars. The Review Team held this project to that same standard. The Review Team viewed this project as maintenance and was not able to determine that painting of the interior would make this facility more competitive in the marketplace. Therefore, the Review Team does not recommend funding this project.

7. Transportation: Salem Street Pedestrian Safety & Sidewalk Improvements – Design - \$182,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$182,000.

Description: This project is for the final design of pedestrian safety and sidewalk improvements on Salem Street from I-93 to the Fellsway. This project is a continuation of the Salem Street study that was funded by an FY 2025 CMF Grant.

Impact: The gaming establishment impacts the City of Medford as a whole, but more specifically, Salem Street was identified in the gaming establishment traffic study referred to in the grant guidelines. The impact is increased vehicle traffic due to gaming establishment employee and customer trips. Increased vehicle traffic conflicts with pedestrian traffic on City of Medford Streets (Salem Street), making it more challenging for pedestrians to safely navigate City streets due to increased conflicts and fewer gaps in traffic.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: This project is for the design of pedestrian safety and sidewalk improvements that may include: reconstructing sidewalks along Salem Street; building bump outs at intersections; installing non-flashing elements such as flex posts; and in-street pedestrian warning signage thereby making it safer for pedestrians and bikes to navigate the corridor. This project addresses the impacts by increasing awareness, shortening crossing distances, and increased visibility of pedestrians that must contend with crossing against more vehicle traffic associated with the gaming establishment.

The Review Team agrees that instituting this project will ultimately improve the safety of the Salem Street corridor for all users. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for the project.



8. Transportation: Salem Street Pedestrian Safety & Sidewalk Improvements – CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1 - \$600,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$600,000 with conditions.

Description: The design builds upon information learned on the FY2025 Casino Grant Salem Street Study. This project is for the construction of pedestrian safety and sidewalk improvements as identified.

Impact: The gaming establishment impacts the City of Medford as a whole, but more specifically, Salem Street was identified in the gaming establishment traffic study referred to in the grant guidelines. The impact is increased vehicle traffic due to gaming establishment employee and customer trips. Increased vehicle traffic conflicts with pedestrian traffic on City of Medford Streets (Salem Street), making it more challenging for pedestrians to safely navigate City streets due to increased conflicts and fewer gaps in traffic.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: This project is for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Salem Street. The design of these improvements will be done under project 7 above.

This project was submitted as a supplemental project in case any other projects were not approved by the Commission. The Review Team determined this project was eligible for funding as a transportation construction project. The Review Team is not recommending the Emergency Services Unit and Chevalier Theater projects, therefore, we are recommending this project to replace those two projects subject to the following conditions: that the project must be ready for construction by June 30, 2026; and that the City must verify the final costs of the project and that the project subsidy not exceed the subsidy allowed in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines.



City of Melrose

Applicant Name: Melrose	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$200,000	Requested Amount: \$200,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$166,800	
Waiver: N/A	
1. Community Planning: Pop-Up Shopping Experience - \$20,000	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$20,000.	
<p>Description: This project is for a downtown holiday Pop-Up shopping experience which allows smaller businesses without a traditional brick-and-mortar location to introduce their products to a wider audience during the peak holiday shopping season. Emerging brands, entrepreneurs, artists, and makers will take week-long turns popping up in a temporary mobile retail unit.</p>	
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: 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 on goods and services; and the marketing capabilities of the gaming establishments may put other competing local businesses at a disadvantage.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: This is a continuation of the project that was funded by the FY 2025 CMF Grant. This Pop-Up allows emerging brands, entrepreneurs, artists, and makers to take week-long turns popping up in the temporary mobile retail unit. To help ensure their success, the brands would be provided the opportunity at a subsidized rate and will receive access to a suite of resources provided by the City's consultant and woman-owned business, Up-Next, LLC. This project includes hiring a consultant to manage the program as well as rental fees for the mobile unit, outreach and training to prospective businesses and program marketing.</p> <p>In FY 2025, the Review Team determined that this project was eligible for funding and continues to support this endeavor. The Review Team agrees that providing this opportunity will create economic development opportunities for small local businesses, which is one of the goals of the CMF. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>	
2. Harm Reduction: Identifying At-Risk Populations - \$96,200	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$96,200.	
<p>Description: This project is the next phase of the Gambling Prevention and Education Program which builds on the successes of the initial phase while expanding efforts to ensure lasting community change. By refining interventions, expanding outreach, and continuously assessing impact, this program will continue to reduce gambling-related harms, increase responsible behaviors, and foster more informed and resilient communities.</p>	
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines 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.</p>	



Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: This project is a continuation of the project started with an FY 2026 CMF Grant. Gambling harm reduction funding would assist HHS in further identifying populations at-risk for problem gambling, studying the impact of gambling on those populations and identify and implement solutions to help mitigate identified harms.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this project is a good next step for the City to help identify implementable strategies to address populations that may be susceptible to gambling related harms. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>
3. Public Safety: Hybrid Police Vehicle - \$79,600 - Withdrawn
Recommendation: The City has withdrawn this request and asked to apply these funds towards Trauma Kits, Police radios and the Senior Activities application.
Description: This project is for the purchase of a hybrid police vehicle dedicated to traffic enforcement. This vehicle will be instrumental in responding to citizen complaints, investigating traffic crashes, and addressing speeding violations based on collected speed data.
Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel, casino patrons, employees and Melrose residents; and the influx of visitors to a casino and its nearby communities can result in an increase in calls for service and put pressure on local emergency services including emergency responders like police and fire departments and EMS.
Determination: The City has withdrawn this application.
Rationale:
4. Public Safety: Equipment - \$43,600
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$43,600
Description: This project is for the purchase of trauma kits for Police Department vehicles and 10 radios to improve Police Department communications.
Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel, casino patrons, employees and Melrose residents; and the influx of visitors to a casino and its nearby communities can result in an increase in calls for service and put pressure on local emergency services including emergency responders like police and fire departments and EMS.
<p>Rationale: In an effort to strengthen emergency response capabilities, the Melrose Police Department is requesting funding to equip all patrol and unmarked vehicles with trauma kits. These kits will enable officers to administer immediate, life-saving care in critical situations throughout the City of Melrose. (\$9,600). Additionally, the department seeks to purchase ten portable radios to enhance communication and coordination during emergencies. Improved radio access will ensure that officers can respond more efficiently and effectively, particularly in high-risk or fast-evolving incidents (\$34,000).</p> <p>This project was submitted by the City to replace the request for the hybrid police vehicle, which was withdrawn. The Review Team agrees that the provision of this equipment will improve the capabilities of the Police Department to respond to emergencies. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding of this project.</p>



5. Specific Impact: Senior Activities - \$7,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$7,000

Description: This project is to provide funding to the Senior Center to expand participation in activities and trips for older adults by offering high-quality programming that does not encourage gambling. This initiative includes contracting local musicians, theater productions, and other entertainment options, as well as expanding transportation services for older adults.

Impact: The Senior Center is seeing less participation from its seniors when trips are conducted to the casino. This competition from the gaming establishment for patrons is a negative impact noted in the Guidelines.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: This program seeks to offer alternative activities to gambling for seniors. This strategy would accomplish two goals. First, it would help support local arts and culture by hiring local entertainers, artists, and instructors to provide their talents to the Senior Center. Second, by offering a more diverse range of activities and programs, Senior Center participants would have greater access to affordable entertainment and may increase the number of participants who attend these types of events. This project will also allow for an increase of three additional transportation service hours per week. By providing reliable transportation, the City can foster social engagement, reduce isolation, and enhance the overall well-being of senior residents, including those with mobility limitations.

The Review Team agrees that providing alternative activities and enhanced transportation will encourage increased use of the Senior Center and therefore, recommends full funding of this portion of the application



City of Revere

Applicant Name: Revere	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$662,100	Requested Amount: \$862,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$662,100 or \$862,000 if waiver is approved	
<p>Waiver: The City of Revere is requesting an additional \$200,000 in CMF funding, arguing that despite bordering Everett and experiencing significant impacts from the Encore Casino, it is not officially designated as a “Surrounding Community.” This designation was not originally sought due to an exclusive agreement Revere had with another casino applicant in 2013, which was lifted in 2024. Revere contends that its exclusion has resulted in lost mitigation funding, limiting its ability to address traffic congestion, gambling-related socioeconomic issues, and economic development. Revere’s request is not only for the supplementary funding received by other surrounding communities but also to initiate formal recognition as a “Surrounding Community” by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC).</p> <p>Waiver Discussion: The City of Revere is not a designated Surrounding Community and therefore it did not receive the additional \$200,000 that was awarded to designated Surrounding Communities as part of the CMF block grant. As outlined in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines "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." Based on this definition, this waiver request does not appear to meet the intent of the financial waiver, however, any waiver approval may be made at the discretion of the Commission.</p> <p>With respect to the City's request to initiate formal recognition as a Surrounding Community, the CMF process is not an avenue for that. The inclusion of designated Surrounding Communities in the block grant formula was merely a recognition that those communities entered into an agreement with the gaming licensees which determined that there were impacts on the communities associated with the casino. The Commission addressed this issue with the City directly in a letter dated April 24, 2025.</p>	
1. Community Planning: Broadway Zoning Analysis - \$52,500	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$52,500	
<p>Description: This project is to conduct a full zoning analysis of Broadway to encourage permitting that will promote smart growth through thoughtful and collaborative public-private planning.</p>	
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees to their establishments that would not otherwise be present in the area. City planners realize that Encore’s presence in the greater Boston area is not only beneficial to the city’s Hospitality sector but can be equally attractive to employees of Encore looking for a convenient community to live in or for tenancy from new businesses that are providing services to the casino or its patrons.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	



Rationale: This project is for a zoning analysis that will: review current zoning policy and make recommendations to amend current zoning codes that will promote better land use patterns; identify zoning and permitting regulations that are an impediment to existing or new business activities; identify best practices that simplify the zoning and permitting regulations for Broadway that encourage new uses of its commercial and open space; and prioritize zoning changes and actionable steps to amend City of Revere Zoning Codes for Broadway.

During 2023-2024, the city completed a Master Planning Process for Broadway. A key recommendation from the plan focuses on higher-density, mixed-use development along Broadway that creates new civic spaces at the center of the corridor. For these visions to become a reality, a full zoning analysis needs to be conducted for the corridor that would encourage higher density land-use, establish easier licensing and permitting regulations to attract new business sectors and housing development.

The Review Team agrees that the development of new zoning for the Broadway corridor will encourage mixed use redevelopment of that area which will assist the City in leveraging the presence of the casino to enhance opportunities for local businesses and residents. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project. The Commission has awarded similar grants in past grant rounds and this project is fully consistent with the previous grants.

2. Community Planning: Squire Road Master Plan - \$185,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$185,000.

Description: This project is for a comprehensive Master Planning process for Squire Road that will define a new vision for the area based on community & stakeholder feedback, provide guidance to achieve this new vision and deliver a structured framework for implementing both short- and long-term cohesive changes for the corridor.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: gaming establishments attract a large group of patrons and employees to their establishments that would not otherwise be present in the area; gaming establishments typically purchase millions of dollars of goods and services each year, much of which is purchased locally; and gaming establishments require a significant number of workers, which provide employment opportunities for local residents.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The Master Planning process will make recommendations for the corridors' future land uses and determine what zoning changes should be prioritized to encourage new and beneficial uses of the land to position it into an attractive and accessible mixed-use corridor encouraging workforce housing, and local small business and job development.

The Review Team agrees that developing a Master Plan for the Squire Road area will allow the City to better take advantage of the presence of the casino by promoting the highest and best use of the corridor to encourage new businesses and residential development. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.

3. Community Planning: Wayfinding for Broadway - \$60,000

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$60,000.

Description: This project is for the purchase and installation of wayfinding signage in the Broadway District that consists of District Branding Signage, Pedestrian and Vehicular Directional Signage as well as Parking Identification signs.



Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines, the Encore Casino and its presence in the Boston area draws large groups of patrons and employees to the gaming facility, and to the surrounding communities that include Revere.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: The goal of the wayfinding campaign is to promote the area as a destination to visit by attracting visitors within and outside Revere and from the Encore Casino. Broadway is a 1-mile-long local mixed-use corridor that is comprised of many nodes, including a strong commercial base spanning three city blocks locally known as the Broadway Central Business District.

The Review Team agrees that the provision of wayfinding signage will assist the City in directing visitors to the Broadway corridor and provide opportunities for local businesses to leverage the presence of casino patrons and employees to enhance their businesses. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.

4. Harm Reduction: City of Revere Gambling Harm Reduction Outreach Program - \$93,600

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$93,600.

Description: This project is to continue the work of the Harm Reduction Specialists/Outreach Workers which will continue building relationships with our at-risk community members and referring to support services while internally developing stronger gambling harm reduction programming.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines 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. The City of Revere is not immune to the harmful impacts of a nearby gaming establishment. Revere's unique population composition puts many of its residents and community members squarely in the at-risk category for problematic gambling behaviors.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: This project is a continuation of the work started with an Fy 2025 CMF Grant. This funding is to continue the work of the Harm Reduction Specialists/Outreach Workers. The City will be able to continue building relationships with at-risk community members and referring to support services while internally developing stronger gambling harm reduction programming. This funding will cover 1.5 outreach workers and will allow the outreach workers to keep engaging and helping community members who are most at-risk for problematic gambling behaviors. The goal is to develop a program that targets population groups at specific risk of problematic gambling behavior to establish healthy, holistic coping strategies and support structures to reduce the overall burden of problematic gambling and addiction.

The Review Team agrees that this project is a good next step for the City to help identify implementable strategies to address populations that may be susceptible to gambling-related harms. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.



5. Public Safety: Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) - \$36,200
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$36,200.
<p>Description: This project is for the purchase of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) for all Revere Fire Department vehicles. Having AED on all department vehicles will allow Fire Department staff to begin life saving measures quickly in the event of Cardiac Arrest.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased visitation and employment due to the casino will likely increase the interaction between public safety personnel and casino patrons and employees; increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle /pedestrian conflicts; and 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.</p> <p>The City of Revere’s emerging hospitality sector and proximity to Encore and Boston has made it an attractive alternative lodging choice for casino patrons. While the increase in visitors to Revere is a boost to its local economy, the ability of the Revere Fire Department to provide quick responses to medical emergencies has been impacted by the increase in traffic and short-term hotel population.</p>
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: This project is for the purchase of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) for all Revere Fire Department vehicles. The model of AED purchased through this grant will mirror those of the City's EMS transport partners and many surrounding jurisdictions.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that the provision of AEDs will improve the capabilities of the Fire Department to respond to emergencies to help address increases in calls for service. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>
6. Transportation: Revere Beach Connector 25% Design - \$329,800
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$329,800 if the waiver is approved
<p>Description: This project is for additional funding to advance the planning of the Revere Beach Connector 15% conceptual design to 25% design.</p>
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may cause increased congestion on the major routes leading to/from the gaming establishment; and increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts.</p>
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: The City of Revere has advanced the planning of the Revere Beach Connector, a three-mile on and off-road bicycle connection that will link the Northern Strand to Revere Beach. This project will reduce the conflicts between vehicles and bicycles, and promote alternative means of travel to the casino. This project will advance the design of the preferred alternative from 15% to 25% design.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that the development of multi-use paths has the potential to remove cars from the road and encourage the use of bicycles by providing properly designed paths. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding of this project pending approval of the waiver request.</p>



7. Transportation: The Revere Bypass Traffic Study - \$55,000
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$55,000
Description: This project is for a transportation analysis of the impacts that casino-generated traffic currently has on daily vehicle load volumes of Copeland Circle and Route 60 west bound. The analysis will also identify the number of travelers being re-routed to Encore via Route 60 by navigational applications to exit Route 1 at Copeland Circle, through location-based technology.
Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: 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; and increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts.
Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.
<p>Rationale: The original traffic studies done for Encore did not include traffic counts for Copeland Circle and Route 60 westbound, which is used by a significant amount of traffic. This study will close that gap by developing origin and destination data to measure the percentage of daily trips generated by patrons, employees and vendors of the casino that travel through Revere to reach Encore. The information will be used to identify infrastructure improvements needed at Copeland Circle and on Route 60 westbound. The traffic analysis will provide the foundation for a future application to the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to fund long-term transportation improvements to the corridor.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that conducting a study on this interchange will provide valuable data that may support additional investment in the area. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>
7. Specific Impact: Project Administration, Department of Planning & Community Development - \$50,000
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$50,000
Description: Project funds will provide for the necessary administration of MGC grant programs and sub-recipient contracts in accordance with MGC guidelines, including staffing, technical services, and planning activities.
Impact:
Determination: Up to 7.5% of the grant may be used for grant administration with a maximum of \$50,000.
Rationale:



City of Somerville

Applicant Name: Somerville	Region: A
MGC FY26 Allocation: \$1,110,000	Requested Amount: \$1,110,000
Recommended Grant Amount: \$1,110,000	
Waiver: N/A	
1. Community Planning: Somerville Small Business Commercial District Ad Campaign - \$25,800	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$25,800	
<p>Description: This project is for an advertising campaign to promote small businesses in East Somerville on the bus lines that connect East Somerville with Everett and the casino. The campaign is titled “It Takes All Shapes to Make a Square” and highlights details of Somerville’s small businesses with taglines that promote the uniqueness of its small businesses.</p>	
<p>Impact: As noted in the CMF guidelines, the scope and scale of Encore Boston Harbor’s marketing efforts put local businesses at a competitive disadvantage. Because Encore Boston Harbor is in such close proximity to East Somerville, the numerous small businesses in this area – particularly those in the hospitality sector -- are challenged to compete with the casino.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	
<p>Rationale: This project is for an advertising campaign to promote small businesses in East Somerville on the bus lines that connect East Somerville with Everett and the casino. The goal is to ensure that ads are on the new 109 bus, which offers a one-seat ride between Harvard Square and the casino passing through East Somerville. This will guarantee that ads about the opportunities in small businesses are in front of bus riders as they are connecting through the small business districts to and from the casino.</p> <p>The Review Team agrees that this approach has the potential to reach a significant population and help improve businesses in the East Somerville area, thereby better competing with the Encore Casino. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.</p>	
2. Public Safety: Traffic Enforcement Patrols - \$308,700	
Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$308,700	
<p>Description: This project is to conduct directed patrols weekly on Thursday through Saturday from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am when casino traffic is at its peak focusing on three major roadways used by Encore Boston Harbor traffic - Broadway, McGrath Highway and Washington Street.</p>	
<p>Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: the presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase in cases of operating under the influence; and increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts.</p>	
<p>Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.</p>	



Rationale: By conducting new directed patrols, the police department will respond to the safety impacts of the casino's increased visitor traffic through enhanced traffic enforcement Thursday through Saturday from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am midnight on three high-traffic thoroughfares – Broadway, McGrath Highway, and Washington Street -- leading to and from the Encore Boston Harbor casino. The patrols will deter and promptly address operating under the influence, speeding, and reckless driving incidents along these routes to improve safety for all road users.

The Review Team agrees that these patrols will help improve overall safety and deter crime on the main routes to the casino. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.

3. Transportation: Union Square Plaza and Streetscape Design - \$775,500

Recommendation: Full funding in the amount of \$775,500

Description: This project is for the design of Phase I improvements to Union Square Plaza including the redesign of the Prospect Street and Somerville Avenue intersection to provide shorter crossings for pedestrians, improved travel for the 109 bus, and safe connections for people bicycling. The project will also include safe, accessible paths of travel to the Union Square Green Line station in accordance with the City's official Bicycle Network Plan.

Impact: As identified in the FY 2026 CMF Guidelines: 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; and increased traffic associated with the gaming establishment may result in increased vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts.

Determination: The Review Team agrees that this project will help address the identified impacts.

Rationale: This project is for the design of improvements to Union Square with a total estimated construction cost of approximately \$15 million. These funds will be used to advance the project from 25% design towards 100% design. The final design phase is anticipated to require 18 months of engineering and design work with construction expected to commence in Summer 2027. The Prospect Street/Somerville Avenue intersection is on the Washington Street corridor, which is estimated to carry 4% of casino-related traffic.

The Review Team agrees that the roads carry the required amount of traffic in order to be eligible for funding and that proposed improvements should increase the capacity of the roads as well as improve safety. Therefore, the Review Team recommends full funding for this project.





TO: Chair Jordan Maynard and Commissioners Eileen O'Brien, Bradford Hill, Nakisha Skinner and Paul Brodeur

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CC: Dean Serpa, Executive Director, Justin Stempeck, Interim General Counsel

DATE: June 6, 2025

RE: Revere – Request for Re-Allocation of FY 2025 CMF Grant Award – International Sand Sculpting Festival

The City of Revere has requested the re-allocation of a portion of their FY 2025 CMF Grant for public safety costs associated with the International Sand Sculpting Festival. The proposed transfer is in the amount of \$89,557. This is coming before the Commission as it exceeds the threshold of \$25,000 as outlined in the FY 2025 CMF Guidelines.

Background: The City of Revere has run the International Sand Sculpting Festival (ISSF) for approximately 20 years and it will be held this year on the weekend of July 25-27, 2025. This event is organized by the Revere Beach Partnership which is a non-profit organization. The City of Revere seeks the funds to cover a portion of the costs associated with State Police details and Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) costs.

Rationale for Project: Budget Challenges with the ISSF

Although it has been in operation for decades, budget shortfalls have placed pressures on the Revere Beach Partnership's ability to hold the ISSF. For 2025, the decision was made to trim the event budget by over \$200,000 from 2024 levels. Although public safety costs were trimmed as part of these cuts, compromises cannot be made regarding public safety.

Municipal and State Budget Issues Exacerbate Need

The ISSF has existed for decades as a privately-run event. In recent years the City has supported the festival with ARPA funding - on average \$150,000 from 2023 to 2024. ARPA funding has been fully committed, so these funds are no longer available. The City does not have ample capacity to cover the full cost of state police details and permitting for this event. Without the support of the MGC, the City would not have the resources to adequately fund the state's public safety needs of this event.

Supplementing Versus Supplanting Existing Funds

This is not a historical operation that MGC funds are supplanting. The City has provided support to the event where feasible and will continue to do so. But with ARPA funds expiring, this will return to being largely a privately-run event. The City will continue to support the event where it can with funding and will continue to provide in-kind support. That includes substantial coordination support for permitting, logistics and communication coordination, as well as local police details, alone estimated at \$50,000 this



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year. In addition, the City will fund the balance of costs not covered by this grant request. The State Police have estimated this year's cost to be \$138,276. The Department of Conservation estimates their costs to be \$84,427, with a cumulative cost between those two state agencies of \$222,703.

Logistics of Funding Transfer

The City is working with the Lieutenant Governor's Office to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the state whereby the aforementioned state agencies will be invoicing the City of Revere directly for these costs. The City hopes to pay a portion of these expenses through this MGC grant, and the balance with City funds.

To fund this request, Revere would like to re-allocate the following dollars which were awarded as part of the FY2025 Block Grant:

Workforce Development	Emergency Medical Technical Training	\$53,920
Planning grant	History Museum	\$35,000
Public Safety	Vehicle Extraction	\$637
Total		\$89,557

Explanation of Re-allocated Funds

The bulk of this amendment will come from the Emergency Medical Technician Training program. In 2024 City officials notified the MGC that this program would not be moving ahead due to staffing changes and an organizational restructuring at City Hall, and was seeking to re-purpose those funds. Additional funds will come from the Revere History Museum planning grant. Procurement for this project came in significantly under budget resulting in a \$35,000 surplus. The City is also proposing to reprogram the balance of funding for the vehicle extraction equipment, as \$637 remains after the equipment was purchased.

Evaluation of the Request. The Community Affairs Division agrees that the festival is one of largest tourism-related events held in Revere each year and likely draws a significant number of patrons and employees of the casino. Promoting tourism to communities adjacent to the casino is one of the goals of the CMF. Staff were concerned that these funds might be supplanting historical funding. The City provided documentation that demonstrated that these costs have not been historically funded by the City and that the ability to hold the 2025 event was in question without the use these funds. For these reasons, staff agrees that the use of these funds meets with the intent of the FY 2025 CMF Guidelines and recommends amending the grant to allow the use of these funds for the above-stated purposes.



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Patrick M. Keefe Jr.
Mayor

May 15, 2025

Joseph Delaney
Chair of Community Affairs Division
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

RE: Amendment to BD-24-1068-1068C-1068L-95061 City of Revere 2025 Block Grant Award.

Dear Chair Delaney,

The City of Revere is requesting an amendment to its 2025 Block Grant Award that will expire on 6.30.28. Per the initial request of this grant submitted in 2025, funding in the amount of \$53,920.00 was awarded for Work Force Development, Emergency Medical Technician Training. The City is seeking an amendment request to reallocate these funds along with funds allocated for the History Museum and Emergency Extraction Equipment for First Responder Detail Services for the 2025 International Sand Sculpting Festival (ISSF) on Revere Beach, in July.

For the past 20 years the Revere Beach Partnership, (Partnership) a nonprofit group, has hosted this free event, featuring live entertainment and fireworks on Revere Beach from Shirley Avenue to Chester Avenue. The mission of the Partnership is to enhance and preserve America's first public beach. The event is funded by private donations and vendor permit fees collected during the festival. Due to market uncertainty and other economic factors, the Partnership has struggled to meet event expenses over the last 3 years.

Up until recently, the event was in jeopardy of being cancelled for 2025 due to rising event costs, with a large percentage of these expenses required for public safety detail wages. To meet the budget for this year's event, the Partnership has scaled back on many of the event offerings. The event will remain free. ISSF welcomes 1 million people over the course of 4 days. Public Safety is critical to ensure that participants receive help if needed as well as in creating a safe and welcoming environment. For the past 20 years our first responders' presence at the festivals has been a key factor in past events' successes.



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The city is requesting to reallocate these funds for the 2025 ISSF for Public Safety Detail Wages

Grant Category	Project Name	Original Allocation	Funds Encumbered	Funds Remaining	Funds Reallocated to Public Safety Detail -ISSF
Work Force Development	Emergency Medical Technician Training	\$53,920.00	\$0.00	\$53,920.00	\$53,920.00
Planning Grant	History Museum MP	\$60,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Public Safety	Vehicle Extraction	\$52,000.00	\$51,362.80	\$637.22	\$637.22
	Total	\$165,920.00	\$76,362.80	\$89,557.22	\$89,557.22

We hope that the Commission will consider this funding reallocation request. The funds will provide the necessary public detail resources needed to host a free and safe event for the Partnership and for the City of Revere's largest Travel and Tourism initiative.

Sincerely,



Julie DeMauro
Department of Planning & Community Development
City of Revere

Cc: Patrick M. Keefe Jr, Mayor of Revere
Tom Skwierawski, Chief of Planning & Community Development
Miguel Oreella, Auditing Grant Compliance Manager
Mary Thurlow, MGC Program Manager.



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Part C- Public Safety

Project Name: City of Revere –Revere Beach Partnership International Sand Sculpting Festival	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant	
Project Contact	Additional Project Contact (if applicable)
Name: Julie DeMauro	Name:
Title: Transportation Coordinator	Title:
Department: Planning & Community Development	Department:
Email Address: jdemauro@revere.org	Email Address:
Telephone: 781-286-8100 ext 20323	Telephone:
Address: 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151	Address:
<p>I. Please use the space below to identify the impact of the gaming establishment on your municipality. You may use the impacts identified in the FY 2025 Guidelines relevant to this category (Page 12-13). If you are using an impact not identified in the guidelines, please use the space below to identify the impact. Please provide documentation or evidence that gives support for the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused or is causing the impact (i.e., surveys, data, reports, etc.)</p> <p>The Operation of Encore Boston Harbor has created significant increases in visitation and tourism throughout the region, which includes Revere Beach as a major nearby attraction. These impacts are especially evident during large-scale public events such as the annual International Sand Sculpting Festival (ISSF), which attracts over 1 million attendees to Revere Beach each July.</p> <p>The ISSF is a free, public event hosted by a local nonprofit, the Revere Beach Partnership, and relies on City support and public safety coordination to ensure a safe environment for all attendees.</p> <p>The Operation of Encore Boston Harbor has contributed to increases in ISSF attendance, placing additional demands on the event’s operational budget – particularly around public safety. As crowd projections grow, so too does the required level of police, fire, and EMS details needed to maintain a safe and secure environment. These increased staffing needs represent a financial strain on both the City and the event organizers, necessitating supplemental funding to meet public safety obligations.</p> <p>In addition to the longstanding popularity of the ISSF, this year’s event will carry special historical significance as the Commonwealth celebrates the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution. To commemorate this milestone, the Revere Beach Partnership has dedicated the event’s centerpiece sculpture to the legacy of Revolutionary Massachusetts, including the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, from whom the city gets its name. As a result, attendance is expected to increase further, particularly from regional and out-of-state visitors. The festival draws tourists from across the Greater Boston Area, including guests of Encore Boston Harbor, who have easy access to Revere Beach through Casino shuttles and MBTA connections. This</p>	



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projected increase in festivalgoers, including casino patrons, further compounds the demand for a robust public safety presence.

According to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's FY2025 Guidelines, the following casino related public safety impacts are relevant to the City of Revere:

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

II. Please describe the project in detail and how the proposed project will address the impact indicated above. Please include a breakdown of the proposed scope of work, the scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.

The City of Revere is seeking approval to reallocate \$89,557.22 from its FY2025 Municipal Block Grant award to support "First Responder Detail Service Wages" for the 2025 International Sand Sculpting Festival (ISSF) to be held on Revere Beach during the month of July. The requested funds will be used exclusively to cover Massachusetts State Police detail wages during the event. State Police personnel will include traffic details, crowd control, overnight security, and specialized support from the bomb squad, marine squad and mounted unit. This effort supplements – not supplants – Revere's regular public safety obligations, as the festival represents a temporary surge event tied to casino-related tourism impacts. Attached for the Commission's review is a copy of the price proposal from Massachusetts State Police, Troop A Headquarters. This proposal itemizes the cost and detail schedule from July 20th to July 27th, 2025. If the city were granted this reallocation request, the city would be billed directly for the detail services.

Proposed MGC Grant Budget

Please use the following table to outline the project budget. Please include as an attachment any requests for proposals, quotes, or estimates that would quantify the costs associated with the mitigation.

Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Massachusetts State Police Detail Wages	July2025-July2025	1	89,557.22
	TOTAL:	1	89,557.22



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To: Major Kathryn J. Downey, #3104,
Commanding Troop A Captain Joseph
V. Foglietta, #2738, Executive Officer
Troop A

From: Lieutenant Peter A. Morawiak, #2764,

Operations Officer Troop A Subject: 2025 Revere

Beach Sandcastles

1. The 2025 Revere Beach Sandcastle event is scheduled from Friday, July 25, until Sunday, July 27, 2025. Prior to the event MSP personnel will be assigned beginning Sunday July 20, 2025 Day shift for the sand drop. The event is on DCR property, and the MSP has primary responsibility for security and traffic on DCR roadways in and around the event area. The Revere Police Department assists with traffic on the feeder roads that lead to the event. The event is sponsored by the Revere Beach Partnership which is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, <https://www.reverebeachpartnership.com/who-we-are/>. They are the organization that requests the DCR permit and the organization that we have billed in the past. The Partnership hires FMP Productions, <https://www.fmpproductions.com/> who coordinates and organizes the event for the Partnership.

2. Utilizing the prior year's staffing plans. the following MSP security and traffic plan will be implemented:

1. For the day shift on Sunday, July 20th for the sand delivery at the beach two members (Sworn MSP) will be assigned for traffic closure. This is a total of **2 shifts (16 hours)**. There will be no Day shift Monday July 21, 2025 thru Wednesday July 23, 2025 as FMP Productions will be on site.
2. For the Day shift on Thursday July 24th for the road closure there will be one traffic post for a total of **1 shift (8 hours)**.
3. For the eve shifts Sunday July 20th through Thursday July 24th there will be one security post, for a total of **5 shifts (40 hours)**.
4. For Mid Shifts starting Sunday July 20th at 2300 hours continuing until Monday, July 28th at 7am, two members for overnight security from 11pm to 7am, for a total of **16 shifts (128 hours)**.
5. For Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (July 25, 26, 27) sixteen hour shifts from 7am to 11pm one Officer in Charge (OIC) and 16 members, for a total of **51 shifts (816 hours)**.
6. For Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (July 25, 26, 27) from 3pm to 11pm an additional 14 members, for a total of **42 shifts (336 hours)**.



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7. For Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (July 25, 26, 27) from 8am to 4pm and from 4pm to midnight two members of the MSP Bomb Squad with K-9 per shift, for a total of **12 shifts (96 hours)**.
8. For Saturday (July 26) there are members of the MSP Marine Unit assigned to security of the fireworks barge. At this time, I do not have any details as to the location or duration of these fireworks. But if this alters the end time of the event it would be an additional expense. **2 shifts 1000-2200 hours (24 hours)**.
9. Reduce the MSP Mounted Unit to Saturday only to assist with clearing the beach after fireworks. If no Fireworks they would be were removed entirely. Hours from 3pm to 11pm, **2 shifts (16 hours)**.

3. **The staffing plan for this event would require a total of 1,480 hours (reduction from 1,680.5 hours). The MSP utilizes an average estimated cost of \$92 per hour (Total estimated cost: \$136,160 a reduction from \$154,606).**

4. In order to staff this event, we would request a W-9 on file and a signed commitment letter confirming that the agency or partnership would reimburse the Commonwealth and the MSP for this staffing. This is unlike the DCR which requires the agency or partnerships to prepay the estimated bill prior to a DCR permit being issued.

1. If you have any questions, please call me at 978-538-6022 or my cell 978-204-8262

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Morawiak, #2764 Lieutenant, Mass State Police Troop A
Operations Officer



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TO: Chair Jordan Maynard and Commissioners Eileen O'Brien, Bradford Hill, Nakisha Skinner and Paul Brodeur

FROM: Joseph E. Delaney, Mary Thurlow, Jaden O'Rourke-Nelson

CC: Dean Serpa, Executive Director, Justin Stempeck, Interim General Counsel

DATE: June 12, 2025

RE: Springfield Technical Community College – Request for Re-allocation of FY 2025 CMF Grant Award –Purchase of Equipment

Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) has requested the re-allocation of a portion of their FY 2025 CMF Grant for the purchase of computers and other equipment needed for digital educational programs. The proposed amount is \$47,625 for computers, iPads, tablets and curriculum licenses for students. This is coming before the Commission as it exceeds the threshold of \$25,000 as outlined in the FY 2025 CMF Guidelines. The original application did not apply for equipment.

Background: STCC partners with Holyoke Community College to provide technology training and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$301,250 for the Digital Literacy program at Hampden Prep. The grant was broken down by Salary and Fringe at \$232,295, Supplies and Materials \$47,938. The application states that, "... the STCC Division of Workforce Development, will offer high-impact computer & digital literacy training and job readiness skills with ESL support, HiSET/GED test preparation Fast Track, contextualized ESOL for hospitality/customer services, and hospitality industry related certification." The supplies and materials portion of the application did not contain any requests for electronic equipment such as laptops or iPads.

As noted above, STCC has funds in the amount of \$47,625 that were not expended due to the following reasons:

"STCC projects a remaining balance of \$47,625 in Line 1: Personnel and Line 2: Fringe Benefits of the FY25 allocated budget due to the following reasons:

- Day Instructor - Reserve Duty and Personal Leave
- Recruitment & Retention Specialist - Left position in May
- Day ESOL Co-Instructor - Medical Leave
- Evening ESOL Co-Instructor - Personal Leave
- HiSET Fast Track Instructor - Hired but unable to start"

To fund this request STCC would like to re-allocate the remaining dollars as follows:



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#	Description	Cost
12	iPads – Apple @ 457.99	\$5495.88
12	Android tablets @ 219.99	2,639.88
24	Cases for tablets @ \$33.99	815.76
30	Laptops @ 914.74	27,442.20
1	Cart for recharging, etc.	2,420.99
92	Web-based curriculum licenses @ \$960	8,832.00
	Total:	\$47,646.71

Evaluation of the Request

The CMF has helped fund technology related items in the past. The Guidelines for FY 2025 list of a number of eligible activities including: “Integrated Education and Training and industry-recognized credentials...” and “...Technology related to participant access.” As these programs fit the description of eligible education and skills training program that are in response to an identified need, staff agrees that this re-allocation meets with the FY 2025 CMF Guidelines and recommends approving this grant modification.



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

FROM: Andrew Steffen – Compliance & Operations Manager, Sports Wagering

MEMO	MEETING
DATE: 6/3/2025	DATE: 6/17/2025

RE: Update to FanDuel Sportsbook House Rules

REGULATION BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to 205 CMR 247.02(4), a Sports Wagering Operator shall not change or modify the House Rules without prior written approval of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

FanDuel Sportsbook has requested changes to their Massachusetts online house rules. A full detailed summary of changes can be found in the attached redline exhibit.

The summary of changes are as follows:

1. **Football:** Additional language to address new markets, removal of market language FanDuel no longer intends to offer, and clarification of rules for settlement purposes.
2. **Australian Rules:** Additional language to address a change in venue after a postponed match, and additional player props for the sport.
3. **Baseball:** Additional language to address new player prop markets and futures markets.
4. **Basketball:** Additional language to address specific point, basket, or other special markets.
5. **Golf:** Additional clarification language for "lie related" markets to now include "Hit the Fairway".



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6. **Motorsports:** Additional clarification and distinction for events with qualifiers and events with heat races.
7. **Softball:** Addition of house rules to begin offering softball markets on the FanDuel platform.
8. **Tennis:** Clarification on total games/spread games related markets in the event of a player retirement during the match.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT:

The Sports Wagering Division confirms all requirements have been met under 205 CMR 247.02 and recommends approving these changes.

Part C – Specific Sports Rules

1. American Football

1.1. General Rules

- [In the event of a tie, all money line wagers will be voided.](#)

1.2. College Football and CFL Specific Rules

- [In College Football, a Kickoff Return Touchdown, Punt Return Touchdown, a Kickoff Team Recovery, and a Punt Team Recovery are not considered a drive, and an offensive snap must be played for a drive to occur. For settlement purposes, these drive markets won't be voided and will instead roll over to the next time the offense plays a snap. For instance, if Team A is about to start their 7th drive but they score a Punt/Kickoff Return TD before their drive starts, the bets on 7th drive markets will roll over to the next time that team plays an offensive snap.](#)
- [In College Football, NCAA StatBroadcast & Pro Football Focus may be used to confirm player participation in a game, and NCAA StatBroadcast may be used to confirm player stats, play-by-play related markets & box scores if NCAA.com has not updated.](#)

1.3. Overview of Specific Markets

- Proposition bets:
 - In the event of an abandoned game, all stakes are returned, unless a result is already determined through the course of play that has taken place. [In this scenario, if a player has gone over their yardage/other stat line, the over will be settled as a winner and the under will be settled as a loser.](#)
- NFL Draft:
 - [Unless otherwise specified, all NFL Draft markets are considered all-in \(see All-in section\). This includes if a player doesn't declare for the current draft.](#)
- First offensive play yard line:
 - ~~[The result is determined by where the first offensive play from scrimmage takes place.](#)~~

- First/Next Play Markets

- Plays listed as “No Play” on NFL.com do not count for settlement purposes. Wagers on plays as “No Play” will be settled on the next completed play that is not listed as “No Play”.
- In the event of penalty yardage being assigned to a play with the play being valid, settlement will be based on the yardage assigned to the individual ball carrier. For instance, if a rushing play for positive yardage is assigned a 10-yard offensive holding penalty that results in the play ending behind the initial yardage before the play, bets will be settled as rushing for 1+ yards.
- Sacks are considered a rushing attempt.
- Interceptions are considered incomplete passes.
- If a team punts or attempts a field goal and the market does not include any special teams play options, all bets will be void.

- Next Play from Scrimmage

- ~~Plays listed as “No Play” on NFL.com do not count for settlement purposes. Bets on plays as “No Play” will be settled on the next completed play that is not listed as “No Play”.~~
- ~~Sacks are considered a rushing attempt.~~

- To Reach X Yard Line

- Settled based on results from the league’s governing body.
- Wagers to reach X Yard Line are inclusive of X Yard. For instance, if the selection is Team A To Reach The 50 Yard Line and they reach exactly the 50 yard line, bets on the Yes will be settled as a winner and bets on the No will be settled as a loser. The team does not need to go 1 yard past this line for the team to have reached the line.
- The offense need to make a completed play past the line for the ball to reach the specified line. For instance, if a team throws an interception pass the line, this will not be counted as having reached the line. Also, if a team reaches the specified yard line on the play and loses the ball, market will be settled as if they have reached the specified yard line.

- The offensive drive must start beyond the specified yard line for bets to be action, for instance if the team returns a punt past the 50 yard line and the drive starts past the 50 yard line, bets on To Reach The 50 Yard Line will be void.
- *—~~First Drive Parlays:~~
 - ~~“Any other” includes turnovers, defensive touchdowns, safeties, and special teams scores that are not field goals. PATs are not field goal attempts.~~
- *—~~First Play Attempt of Drive:~~
 - ~~Settled based on results from the league’s governing body.~~
 - ~~Settled off the first play from scrimmage of specified drive. If listed as “No Play” on NFL.com (e.g., Enforced Penalty), bets will have action and will be settled off the following play. Kickoff and punt return touchdowns will result in wagers being voided.~~
 - ~~Sacks are considered a rush attempt.~~
- *—~~First Play of the Game from Scrimmage:~~
 - ~~Kickoffs excluded. Sacks counts as a Rushing Attempt. Interceptions are incomplete Passes.~~
- *—~~Ball Cross 50 Yard Line on Drive:~~
 - ~~Settled based on results from the league’s governing body.~~
 - Punts and Field Goal Attempts do not count.
- First team/last team to score and touchdown scorer markets:
 - Settlement will be based on what Team Unit is on the field at the time a player scores. If a player scores on Offense or Special Teams, then that player's individual TD scorer market will be settled as a winner, however if a player who is listed in Touchdown Markets scores on Defense, then that team's Defense selection will be settled as a winner, and the individual player selection will not be settled as a winner, except for in the Defensive Player Any Time Touchdown Scorer market. If a player listed in the Defensive Player Any Time Touchdown Scorer market scores a touchdown on Offense/Special

Teams only, then their selection in this market will be settled as a loss.

■ Two Point Conversion

- 4-■ Unless any market or selection is explicitly stated as pertaining to offensive or defensive, all bets on two-point conversions are considered to be inclusive of both offense and defense.

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■ College Football "To Go Undeclared":

- Team must play their entire regular season schedule for wagers to stand.

3. Australian Rules

If the venue of a match is changed from the one advertised, all bets on the match will still have action (provided the match is not also postponed by more than 48 hours). However, a change of venue with a postponed game will void the match.

3.2 Player Props

- Player Most Disposals: All bets void if the player is not in the starting 22.
- To get X or more disposals: All bets void if the player is not in the starting 22.
- Any Over/Under player markets: All bets void if the player is not in the starting 22.
- To score X or more goals: All bets void if the player is not in the starting 22.

4. Baseball

4.3. Player Props

- Batter Markets (Hits, Runs, RBI's, Total Bases, etc.): if the listed player does not record a plate appearance, Intentional walks with no pitches will count towards settlement for player markets.
- X PA 1st Pitch Markets: Settled based on the first pitch thrown to the listed hitter. For settlement purposes, a reach on error, catcher's interference, or a foul ball that results in an out will be ruled as an "Hit/In Play." If a pitcher or batter violation results in an automatic ball or strike to begin the at-bat, the market will be settled based off the outcome of the violation (e.g. if a pitcher violation results in an automatic ball to start the at-bat, 'Ball' will be settled as the winning selection).
- Pitch Velocity Bands: Pitch Velocity markets will be settled according to official results as published by MLB's Statcast. Should a batter or pitcher violation occur before a pitch is thrown in the plate appearance, wagers will be settled based on the first pitch thrown following the violation.
- Pitches Per Plate Appearance: Automatic balls/strikes that result from pitcher/batter violations will count as pitches for settlement purposes. A pitch must be thrown in the plate appearance for bets to be action. If no pitch is thrown in the plate appearance (e.g., the pitching team elect to intentionally walk the batter before any pitches are thrown) bets on the market will be void. If any pitch or violation occurs is thrown in the plate appearance before an intentional walk is signaled, all bets will have action. Should the listed plate appearance not occur, bets on the market will be voided. For bets to have action, a plate appearance must occur to completion (e.g. if the batter is mid plate appearance and a third out occurs to end the inning, the market will only be settled off the pitches that are thrown in the official plate appearance that occurs to begin the next inning). Any statistics from a plate appearance that did not complete in the previous half inning do not have action, until the plate appearance is completed in the following half inning. If a game ends without the conclusion of the current plate appearance, all unequivocally determined selections will have action.

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4.3. Exit Velocity Bands: Exit Velocity markets will be settled according to official results as published by MLB's Statcast. The result will only refer to the pitch in which ends the official plate appearance. If no pitch is thrown in the plate appearance (e.g., the pitching team elect to intentionally walk the batter before any pitches are thrown) bets on the market will be void. For bets to have action, a plate appearance must occur to completion (e.g. if the batter is mid plate appearance and a third out occurs to end the inning, the market will only be settled off the pitches that are thrown in the official plate appearance that occurs to begin the next inning). "Ball Not In Play" refers to any walks, HBPs, Catcher's Interference and strikeouts (including foul bunts with two strikes). Foul balls that are caught for recorded outs will be actioned on official Statcast data.

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4.4. Futures Markets + Other Specials

- MLB SlugFest Specials: Markets will be settled based on the number of games that begin on the listed date and satisfy the 8.5 Inning Rule within 48 hours. For example, on a day where 15 games are scheduled but only 14 games are played to the 8.5 Inning Rule because of weather or other circumstance, all bets will be action based on those 14 games. If a game has begun but is suspended, it will count for the purposes of the bet as long as it is resumed within 48 hours of the original start time. If it is resumed more than 48 hours after the original start date, that game does not count.
- Highest Scoring Team/Game: Markets will be settled based on the number of games that begin on the listed date and satisfy the 8.5 Inning Rule within 48 hours. For example, on a day where 15 games are scheduled but only 14 games are played to the 8.5 Inning Rule because of weather or other circumstance, all bets will be action based on those 14 games. If a game has begun but is suspended, it will count for the purposes of the bet as long as it is resumed within 48 hours of the original start time. If it is resumed more than 48 hours after the original start date, that game does not count. In the case of a tie, Dead Heat Rules apply.
- Daily Slate Specials: All games scheduled to be played on the listed date must be played to 8.5 Inning Rule completion for bets to stand, unless the outcome has been unequivocally determined. The amount of games scheduled at the time of bet will be listed in the market name.
 - For example, if 15 games are scheduled on a given day, and one of the games was postponed/rescheduled to another date due to weather, markets that were unequivocally decided would be settled (e.g., "Will Any Player Hit a Grand Slam" would be settled if a Grand Slam was hit in one of the other games). However, markets affected by the postponement would be voided (e.g., "1+ Home Runs to be Hit in All Games" or "All Teams to Score 2+ Runs").
- Slate Strikeout Leader: Each market offered will be settled only upon the listed pitchers who start on the listed date. Any pitchers not listed in the market do not count. If a pitcher is listed but does not start that day, all bets on that selection will be void. In the case of a tie, Dead Heat Rules apply.
- Daily Strikeout Leader: All bets will have action given the listed pitcher starts on the listed date. Dead heat rules will apply if multiple starting pitchers tie for the daily lead among those listed in the market.
- Shutout Survivor: Winning selection will be the last remaining team to be shutout (e.g. score zero runs) in an official game (as defined by MLB) during the season. If the last remaining teams are shut out on the same day, Dead Heat Rules will apply. Shutout Survivor may be reoffered throughout the season after all teams have been shutout. In this case, the market name will specify the time frame (e.g. "Shutout Survivor - Last Team to be Shutout after May 5").
- Next Win/Loss: Games will be listed in sequential order of series (e.g. Game 1 vs NYY, Game 2 vs NYY, Game 3 vs NYY). If a series does not occur in that order, then the selection will be void (e.g. a 3 game series is shortened to 2 games, the game not played will see the selection void).
- First To/Next to X+ Wins: Dead-Heat rules will apply if teams reach the feat on the same date.

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5. Basketball

5.2. Overview of Specific Markets – NBA, NCAA and WNBA Basketball

- Team to Score Xth Point: Refers to the team that scores the indicated Point of the game. Settled by NBA.com Play-by-play.
- Xth Point Type: Refers to the type of Point Scored for the indicated point of the game. Settled by NBA.com Play-by-play. Selections are "2 Pointer", "3 Pointer", and "Free throw".
- Raining Buckets Special: All games scheduled for that date must be completed for bets to stand.
- Next Point/Xth Point Scored: Refers to the team that scores the indicated point of the game.
- Next Basket Type: Refers to the type of Field Goal Each team scores (e.g. 2 Pointer, 3 Pointer, or Free Throw)

10. Golf

10.1. General

- For all "lie related" markets (e.g., Closest to the Pin, Number of Greens in Regulation, [Hit the Fairway, etc.](#)) Bets will be settled on where the ball finishes. The ~~etc.~~ —the lie will be determined using league official data.

16. Motorsports (which may include, amongst others, NASCAR, Indy Car, Formula One, Superbikes and Speedway)

16.2. NASCAR/IndyCar/Supercross/Motorcross/Drag Racing

- Race Betting:
 - Any drivers who do not [advance past qualifiers](#) qualify for the race will be deemed no action.
 - For events with heat races, bets on drivers who do not advance past the heat races to the main event will be graded as losses.

25. Softball

- All wagers are graded based on the official results published by the relevant league's governing body (e.g. [Athletes Unlimited](#)).
- If a game does not start on the officially scheduled day (local time), as published by the governing body, due to a rain delay or other deferral, all wagers shall be void.
- If a game that has started is suspended, due to a rain delay or other deferral, and resumes within 48 hours of the originally scheduled start time (local time), then all wagers will stand. If a game is halted and scheduled to resume more than 48 hours after the original scheduled start time (local time), all wagers shall be void unless they have been determined prior to the game's suspension.
- Unless otherwise specified, results will only be official after (and bets shall be settled subject to the completion of) a minimum of 7 innings' play, or 6.5 innings should the home team be leading at the commencement of the bottom of the 7th inning.
- Athletes Unlimited Softball games need to complete a full 7 innings to be official.
- Should a mercy rule be applied, for settlement purposes, markets (for both pre-match and live betting) will be settled according to the result as determined by the application of the mercy rule.
- Extra innings, where applicable, count for settlement purposes.

28. Tennis

- Total Games/Spread Games related markets - For the purposes of such markets a tie-break is counted as one game. In the event of forfeited points or games, these will count for final settlement. **In the event of retirement, all undetermined total games/handicap games related bets that don't meet the following criteria, will be void: Determined bets will be considered as any bets that would have been guaranteed, had the match been played to a conclusion using the minimum number of games required. Please see the following examples:**~~In the event of retirement, all total games/handicap games related bets will be void unless the match has reached an unconditional conclusion whereby if the match was completed in its entirety, the outcome of the relevant bet would have been guaranteed.~~
 - Example: If a customer places a bet on Over 18.5 Total Match games and a retirement occurs with the score line 7-6 5-0, this bet will be deemed a Winner as should the match have reached its natural conclusion, it was guaranteed to reach at least 19 total match games. Conversely, all bets on Under 18.5 Total Match games will be deemed a Loser. Bets whereby the outcome is not guaranteed (eg. Over & Under 19.5 Total Match Games) will be void.

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TO: Chair Jordan Maynard
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DATE: 06/06/2025

MEETING: 06/17/2025

RE: Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson Overview & Considerations for Combat Sport Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Sports Wagering Division (SWD) has prepared the following memorandum debriefing the Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson boxing match, along with considerations related to regulatory policy for non-standard rule changes in professional combat sports.

This follows the discussion held during the Commission's [November 7, 2024](#), public meeting, where Commissioners expressed interest in examining how non-standard rule changes in combat sports may affect wagering and regulatory consistency.

DISCUSSION:

On November 15, 2024, a professional boxing match between Jake Paul and Mike Tyson was streamed globally by Netflix from the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. With upwards of 65 million concurrent viewers, this bout became the most-streamed sporting event in history.¹

The event was officially sanctioned as a professional bout by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR), despite notable deviations from standard professional boxing rules that are traditionally used for professional boxing matches.

¹ [Netflix Post-Fight Memo](#)



The TDLR adheres to a set of regulations for combat sports set forth in Chapter 61 of the Texas Administrative Code,² which largely follows the same guidelines established by the Association of Boxing Commissions & Combative Sports (ABC) in their Unified Rules of Boxing. The ABC, an approved boxing governing body in the Massachusetts [Event Catalog](#), is a leading authority in boxing regulation, with a focus on promoting uniform standards in the sport.³

REGULATORY OVERVIEW:

The TDLR conducted medical examinations of both fighters and adjusted the rules accordingly. The following ruleset changes were identified:

- Gloves: Increased to 14-ounce gloves (standard is 10 ounces).
- Rounds: Reduced to 2 minutes (standard is 3 minutes).
- Fight Length: Set at 8 rounds (typical professional bouts are 10–12 rounds).

All rule modifications were implemented based on medical guidance and safety considerations, in light of the fighters' respective ages and conditions. Specifically, these rule modifications were adopted upon request from the fighters (particularly Tyson) and approved by the TDLR following a review of medical findings, including EEG and EKG tests required for fighters over the age of 36.

Due to the adoption of this untraditional ruleset and other considerations, the following states did not allow wagering on the Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson boxing match:

- **Colorado⁴, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York⁵:** Cited non-compliance with ABC's Unified Rules of Boxing.
- **Pennsylvania:** Cited the fighters' age gap (27 vs. 58) as an integrity concern.
- **Vermont:** No specific reasoning stated publicly.

States that permitted wager offerings on this event generally based their decisions on several key factors, including the recognition and approval of the approval of the match by other jurisdictions and the sanctioning body, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). Many jurisdictions also stated they reviewed the event and rules changes and did not have issue with allowing the event for wagering.⁶

² Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation – [Combative Sports at a Glance](#)

³ Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports – [ABC Constitution](#)

⁴ Colorado – [Sports Betting Industry Bulletin 8](#)

⁵ New York – [News10 Article](#)

⁶ Wagering permitted in: AR, AZ, CT, DE, FL, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, MT, NC, ND, SD, NE, NH, NJ, NV, OH, OR, RI, TN, VA, WA, WV, WY



WAGERING DATA:

- **Total Handle**
 - Massachusetts (Category 1 & 3 Operators): \$8,392,731.95
 - Nationwide Estimate⁷: \$63M+
- **Market Positioning**
 - Jake Paul closed as the betting favorite across most Massachusetts operators, particularly mobile operators.

COMBAT SPORT POLICY:

The Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson match highlighted the evolving nature of professional combat sports, particularly as events blur the lines between traditional sport and entertainment-driven events. The fight's professional sanctioning, despite modified rules and a wide age gap between participants, raises important considerations for regulatory oversight of wagering.

As stated above, the SWD has reviewed how other jurisdictions approach combat sports events with non-standard rulesets and identified a range of regulatory strategies. Some states disallowed wagering entirely due to integrity concerns or noncompliance with the Unified Rules of Boxing. Others permitted wagers based on the event's professional designation and the jurisdictional authority of the sanctioning body.

OPTIONS:

Given the concerns raised, the SWD has outlined several options for the Commissioners consideration regarding rule changes to approved events.

- **Maintain Current Practice:** The SWD will continue to review events and provide briefs to the Commission as needed.
- **Regulatory Amendment:** Amend regulations to require Commission review and approval of all rule deviations in sanctioned combat sports events of which the SWD becomes aware.

⁷ Estimated combined nationwide handle amongst MA licensed operators



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- **Operator House Rules Update:** Require sports wagering operators to include language in their house rules, to be reviewed and approved by the Commission, addressing the handling of non-standard rule changes in approved events.
- **Require Pre-Event Notification from Operators for Non-Standard Events:** Mandate operators notify the SWD in advance when they intend to offer markets on combat sports events that involve known or likely deviations from standard rules.



To: Jordan Maynard, Chair
Eileen O'Brien, Commissioner
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Nakisha Skinner, Commissioner
Paul Brodeur, Commissioner

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Date: June 17, 2025

Re: Penn Sports Interactive Request to Approve Alternate Methods of KYC Pursuant to 205
CMR 248.04(4)

The Commission's regulation 205 CMR 248.04(4) requires that "[t]he Sports Wagering Operator shall at the time of account establishment, utilize identity authentication questions that require a patron to provide information known only to the patron through security questions, unless an alternate method of authentication is approved by the Commission."¹

Penn Sports Interactive (PSI) does not use identity authentication questions but instead uses a previously approved alternate method that consists of document verification and live selfie verification. PSI is requesting to replace this primary method of KYC with an alternate method creating a waterfall approach to its KYC process whereby the new waterfall approach will consist of device authentication, document verification with live selfie verification, and finally, if necessary, manual document review.

The Sports Wagering and Gaming Technical Compliance Divisions recommend that the Commission approve PSI's alternate method of KYC pursuant to 205 CMR 248.04(4).

¹ These types of questions are commonly referred to as knowledge-based authentication (KBA) questions.