



Due to lack of quorum, this will remain as a draft.

Date/Time: September 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Place: VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1 646 741 5293
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 901 8949 Passcode: 012840

Present: Rick Caraviello, Chair - Medford
Gail Hackett, Boston
John DePriest, Chelsea
Keith Slattery, Everett
Ron Hogan, Malden
Brad Rawson, Somerville
Eric Bourassa, MAPC
David Bancroft, Regional Economic Deve.
Joseph Delaney, MGC
Mary Thurlow, MGC
Lily Wallace, MGC

Call to Order

Chair Caraviello called the Region A Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee ("Committee") meeting to order. Mary Thurlow did a rollcall.

Election of Chair for the LCMAC and Subcommittee Representative

Mr. Delaney asked for volunteers for the position of Chair of the LCMAC Region A. Mr. DePriest nominated Mr. Caraviello and the nomination was seconded by Ron Hogan. After a roll-call vote, Mr. Caraviello was unanimously elected to be the Chair of the Region A LCMAC.

Mr. Delaney asked for volunteers as the representative on the Subcommittee for Community Mitigation. of the LCMAC Region A. Keith Slattery volunteered was nominated by Rick Caraviello and seconded by John DePriest. Mr. Slattery was unanimously elected to be the Representative on the Subcommittee on Community mitigation.

The meeting commenced with Mr. Delaney reviewing the policy issues regarding Community Mitigation Fund for 2023. Mr. Delaney discussed the policy questions and requested comments from members.

Question 1.: Does the Commission want the restructuring of the CMR to move forward. Mr. Delaney described the new process as being more prescriptive on impacts, and divide funding

amount with communities in Region. Mr. Delaney described the process for the application and work plan.

Question 2.: What to do with the Hampden County lease assistance. Two years left on lease. This would fit under the set-aside program. Mr. Delaney noted possible alternatives to continuing to fund this program.

Question 3: The critical policy question is #3 as it impacts funding for the Workforce and Set-Aside Grants. Mr. Delaney explained that it was not expected that there would be so much available in unexpended funding. Set aside to expend remaining funds. This is one-time program until unexpended funding balanced out. Region A in favor of keeping all funding in Region A.

Question 4: Targeting spending amount. Mr. Delaney highlighted the effort to provide flexibility as communities are of different sizes and needs. The 15% is a suggested minimum spending target for each category.

Question 5.: Mr. Delaney noted that increasing this would be impacted by the determination of set asides particularly in Region B. Members in favor of raising the amount.

Question 6. Minimum amount of grants for municipalities by region. No comments.

Questions 7: Mr. Delaney noted that some communities do not have the capacity to pay someone to administer the grants. This will provide the ability for many communities to apply for and manage their grants.

Question 8: Re-allocation of funds going before the Commission \$10,000 or 10%. Mr. Delaney noted raising the amount to \$25,000 and keep the 10%. No further comments.

Question 9: Yes, for RPA set aside. RPA's can look at broader issues and could help those that are not eligible but may have mitigation issues.

Question 10: This would give grantees more flexibility to prioritize spending specific to their municipality's needs.

Question 11: Percentage formula makes sense as communities can have issues with matching funds.

Question 12.: Does the Commission want to allow a municipality to exceed the designated grant allocation if a particular need is identified. Give communities the ability to apply a waiver. No comments

Question 13. A request was made that Staff define Operational Impacts vs. Administrative for clarity. This must supplement funding not supplant municipalities obligations.

Question 14: Identify ineligible projects or items. Does the Commission want to list ineligible projects? Community planning funds such as tourism to implement from previous grant. Allow implementation to be done. Specifying ineligible projects assists the communities in focusing their mitigation needs.

Question 15. Category 2 funds taken from Region A. Plainridge Park is in Region A. Would like to draw the funding out of Region A instead of splitting it with Region B. No comments.

Question 16. Changing from calendar year to fiscal year makes sense. Calendar year change to fiscal year. No real change except 2023 Grant to a Fiscal year 2025 Grant. No comments.

BLOCK GRANT FORMULA

Mr. Delaney then went on to discuss the development of the Formula and its pertinent designations of funding. There is a single formula for all regions which is equitable. Minimum Grant amounts. He noted that Designated host and surrounding community receive a higher percentage.

Proximity to the Casino: The closer you are to the casino the more funding you should get. This addresses public safety, etc. We are going to look at these items.

Traffic Impacts a key consideration, used traffic studies to determine what direction the traffic goes to may a direct correlation. Traffic going onto a highway from the site were not included as it does not impact local roads.

Mr. Delaney highlighted that these were not final numbers but were approximate for an illustrative example. He explained the funding by Region.

Mr. Delaney then requested comments on factors considered, the amounts going to the communities.

Mr. Delaney asked for comments. He told members they can call, email, if anything pops up. Next Steps meeting tomorrow and get Commission's input.

Other steps in the process: Draft Guidelines going out for public comment. In the past we have not received many comments. Public hearing on revamp of program and we want to make sure people doing the applications attend and we would like to hear from. Mr. Delaney noted November 19th for approval by the Commission. Then send letters to communities as to their award that they need to develop a work plan for. December a series of meetings to train stakeholders.

Motion to Adjourn by the Chair and seconded by Mr. DePriest.

Mary Thurlow called a roll call to close the meeting.

Mr. Delaney thanked members for attending.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice and agenda for September 20, 2023 Meeting
2. 2023 Community Mitigation Fund Policy Memo
3. 2023 Community Mitigation Fund Formula

/s/ Mary Thurlow
Secretary