



LCMAC Region A

Date/Time: September 24, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Place: VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 646 741 5293
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 847 6669 **Passcode:** 304673

Present: Gail Hackett, Boston
John Cotter, Cambridge
John DePriest, Chelsea
Ron Hogan, Malden
Richard Caraviello, Medford
Brad Rawson, Somerville
Vincent Panzini, Chamber of Commerce
David Bancroft, Eco Dev. Organization
Jackie Krum, Encore
Julie Catanzariti, Encore
Joseph Delaney, MGC
Mary Thurlow, MGC
Lily Wallace, MGC

Mr. Delaney asked for a roll call to start the meeting. Mr. Delaney welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Caraviello asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. DePriest moved to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting of August 6, 2024, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Mr. Bancroft seconded the motion. By rollcall vote the minutes were approved.

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. Panzini nominated Mr. Caraviello and the nomination was seconded by Mr. DePriest. After a rollcall vote, Mr. Caraviello was unanimously elected to be the Chair of Region A LCMAC.

Mr. Delaney asked for volunteers as the representative on the Subcommittee for Community Mitigation. of the LCMAC Region A. Mr. Slattery was nominated by Mr. Caraviello and seconded by Mr. DePriest. Mr. Slattery was unanimously elected to be the Representative on the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation. Mary Thurlow will be in touch with Mr. Slattery to let him know he was re-elected.

Mr. Delaney then reviewed the FY 2026 Guidelines which he said were based on the LCMAC and Commission input. Mr. Delaney stated that with the revamp of the program last year there are not a lot of changes.

The Guidelines being reviewed were redlined to show changes. Mr. Delaney spoke about the state legislators taking the CMF funding for one year.

Mr. Delaney called members' attention to the first page of the Guidelines where there was an expansion of language for the Anti-Aid Amendment. He noted that the anti-aid issue has come up since the beginning of the program. Last year MGC had several applications that ran afoul of the State's anti-aid provisions so clarification on these provisions were necessary. This language is to clarify and provide better guidance.

Mr. Delaney explained that the application requirements have not had any significant changes. The largest issue on policy is the transferring funds from Region A to Region B. Since no new funds are being deposited into the CMF in FY 2025 Region B will be short of funds. Both Regions LCMACs agreed that this makes sense to continue the program in this way. The amounts remain the same as last year. MGC does intend to reinstate the old policy regarding the region's funding staying where funds are generated. If the legislature does something different next year, we will have to reconsider funding at that time.

In the Municipal Block program, additional clarification was included that the proposed grant amounts do not constitute a guarantee of funding.

Further clarification about funding waivers and its calculation have been provided in the Guidelines including eligibility and examples.

In each category additional information has been provided for required back-up documentation and more complete information.

Additional information was provided for Community Planning and Transportation applications to help address issues that arose in previous applications. Examples of subsidy calculations were included for transportation construction projects.

For Public Safety applications, additional information has been provided regarding the purchase of vehicles. The application now requests justification for vehicle purchases including proximity to the casino, percentage of time vehicle will be used to address casino impacts and that the request is not simply for existing vehicle replacement.

For Gambling Harm Reduction applications, staff will need to ensure that projects are not duplicating the efforts of previous projects.

There were no significant changes to the Regional Agency grants.

Mr. Delaney then noted that the status of the state budget next year will be the deciding factor in how this program moves forward.

Mr. Hogan commented that these efforts amount to second year tweaks to make the program more effective in year 2.

Mr. Delaney then went over the next steps in the process, which include going to the Commission to approve the changes to the Guidelines and then going out for public comment for 2-3 weeks. It is expected that the final Guidelines will go before the Commission in the first

meeting in November for final approval. Once final approval we put the RFR out on the street before Thanksgiving.

Ms. Thurlow requested communities to set up a meeting regarding their application before the deadline.

Mr. Delaney noted that there will be more working meetings to assist municipalities with their application. We want to get all the money out to the communities and avoid pitfalls. More collaborative process.

There being no further comments,

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. DePriest and seconded by Mr. Bancroft.

Ms. 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 9/24/24 Meeting
2. Minutes from the meeting in August 2024
3. FY 2026 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines

/s/ Mary Thurlow, Secretary