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COMMUNITY
MITIGATION
FUND

EMERGENCY IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

BD-21-1068-1068C-1068L-56499

Please complete entire the Application

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

a) NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT

Town of North Attleborough, MA

b) PROJECT NAME (LIMIT 10 WORDS)

Funding for Kelley Boulevard Traffic Study

c) BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 WORDS)

Kelley Boulevard (part of Rt 152) runs about two miles through North Attleborough from the Attleboro border to the Plainville border. When in Plainville, it intersects with Rt. 1 almost adjacent to the entrance to Plain Ridge Casino. Since the casino opened, traffic on Kelley Boulevard has increased substantially, to the point where a study needs to be done on how to make the road safer and easier to travel on.

d) CONTACT PERSON(S)/TITLE (Persons with responsibility for this grant)

Lyle Pirnie, Housing and Economic Development Coordinator, Town of North Attleborough

e) PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

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2. EMERGENCY IMPACT DESCRIPTION

a) Please describe in detail the emergency impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility.

Since Plain Ridge Casino opened, the amount of traffic on Kelley Boulevard has increased dramatically. It's at the point where delays on Kelley Boulevard are excessive, and entrance and exit from Kelley Boulevard is becoming dangerous. An engineering study is necessary to determine the best way to mitigate this situation.

b) Please provide documentation, specificity or evidence that gives support for the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused or is causing the emergency impact (i.e surveys, data, reports)

Data kept by NAPD substantiates that Kelley Boulevard has become one of the most incident prone roads in the town. Also, North Attleborough is working with SRPEDD on a new Master Plan. In a preliminary survey, residents said that their highest priority in the Transportation and Circulation section is solving the dangerous traffic issues on Kelley Boulevard.

3. How do you anticipate your proposed remedy will address the impact.

The traffic engineering study will analyze the congestions issues in detail. It will determine the best solutions for minimizing dangerous conditions, and will recommend whether or nor Kelley Boulevard should be expanded from being a two lane road to a four lane road.

4. PROPOSED USE OF EMERGENCY IMPACT MITIGATION FUNDS. (Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.)

a) Please identify the amount of funding requested.

\$100,000

b) Please identify below the manner in which these emergency funds are proposed to be used.

We have spoke with SRPEDD, who has estimated the cost of the study if they were to perform it. SRPEDD would use several of their transportation planners to do perform traffic studies, analyze the potential use of adjacent side roads, calculate the benefits of adding one or more traffic lights, and recommend how to proceed with courses of action: road construction, traffic light installation, side road configuration, etc.

c) Please provide detailed scope, budget and timetable for the use of these emergency funds.

The scope of the project is to perform a detailed traffic engineering study for the portion of Kelley Boulevard which is in North Attleboro. One of the potential engineering and planning professional organizations has estimated that the study will cost \$100K for detailed studies, report preparation and presentation. Once the funds are received, the town will follow state procurement regulations to pick an engineering professional, and then schedule the traffic study.

c) Please provide documentation (e.g. - invoices, proposals, estimates, etc.) adequate for the Commission to ensure that the funds will be used for the cost of mitigating the emergency impact from the operation of a proposed gaming establishment.

SRPEDD has indicated that they will provide a written estimate for the project upon request. They are reluctant to do so now because there is no guarantee they will be awarded the

d) Please describe how the emergency mitigation request will address the impact indicated.

Once we receive the funding, we will hire a firm capable of performing the detailed study explained above. Because of the size of the project, we will have to follow state procurement practices to hire a firm. There is no guarantee that SRPEDD will be awarded the project.

5. EMERGENCY IMPACT CONNECTION TO GAMING FACILITY

a) Please provide specificity/evidence that the requested funds will be used to address emergency issue or emergency impacts directly related to the gaming facility.

One of the purposes of the study will be to sequester the impact of the casino from other possible causes of traffic increase. Understanding this is a key element to finding an acceptable solution for the traffic issues.

6. INTERNAL CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

a) Please provide detail regarding the controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to address the emergency impact.

Grant funds are paid to the North Attleboro town treasurer, who uses accepted and audited control procedures to manage the funds. It is our practice to account for fund expenses ongoing, and to report on their use to the funder on a quarterly basis.

b) If non-governmental entities will receive any funds, please describe what reporting will be required and how the applicant will remedy any misuse of funds.

Our control procedures are identical for all entities contracted for specific projects. We require detailed invoices for all work performed, and account for the fund expenses ongoing.

7. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

a) Please describe and include excerpts from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement

N/A

b) Please explain how this emergency impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement.

N/A

8. CERTIFICATION BY MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

On behalf of the aforementioned municipality/governmental entity I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this Application.

Date: _____

**Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity**

Lyle Pirnie

(print name)

Housing and Economic Development Coordinator

Title:

