



FY 2025 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application

Application Instructions:

- I. All applications must be received by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by January 31st, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. to be considered for funding for the FY 2025 grant round.
- II. Each Municipality may only submit ONE application as a Word Document.
- III. Each project must have its own form within the appropriate category. Forms can be found below as Parts A-E. If there is more than one project in a category, please copy the form. Provide a form and attachments for each project. All attachments should directly follow the relevant project form.
- IV. Be sure to fill in all the information requested on the application. Applications that are left incomplete will not be accepted.
- V. The application must be signed by the municipal administrator or an individual with signatory authority.
- VI. Submit this completed form as well as any relevant attachments to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov or as a response to the COMMBUYS BID BD24-1068-1068C-1068L-95061

For more detailed instructions as well as the full FY 2025 Application Guidelines visit <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>

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Grant Budget Summary

Your community's FY 2025 proposed allocation can be found at <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>. Use the space below to total all requests by category. Please clarify how many discreet projects your community plans to undertake per category.

Total FY 2025 Allocation:		
Application Totals by Category	# of Projects	Requested Amount
A. Community Planning	2	\$231,125
B. Public Safety	2	\$105,920
C. Transportation	1	\$325,055
D. Gambling Harm Reduction	1	\$165,000
E. Specific Impact	1	\$35,000
TOTAL	7	\$862,100

- I. Are you requesting a waiver for any program requirement?
 Yes X
 No
- II. If yes, you must fill out a CMF Municipal Waiver Form. The Waiver form can be found as Appendix E to the RFR on COMMBUYS or online at <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/>. Applications without a completed waiver form will not be considered for a waiver.

Budget Category Summary

Use the below space to provide an overview of all projects to be covered by this funding. You may add as many items as is pertinent to your application (you can add rows by right clicking on the row and selecting "add row"). Please provide a category, name, brief description, and amount for each item.

Category	Project Name	Description	Amount
A. Community Planning	Revere History Museum Strategic Plan	The project would serve to complete a short- and long-term strategic plan for the Revere History Museum.	\$64,500
A. Community Planning	Broadway Small Business Planning Supports	To support businesses in the Broadway Business District with in-kind design services and construction funds to implement improvements to their facades and offer them in-kind technical assistance/consulting services.	\$166,625

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B. Public Safety	Vehicular Extraction	The project involves the purchase of the latest technology in vehicular extrication equipment.	\$52,000
B. Public Safety	EMT Training	Revere will partner with Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) to offer their EMT course to 12 Revere residents.	\$53,920
C. Transportation	Revere Beach Connector	The City of Revere would use funding from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to advance the planning of the Revere Beach Connector.	\$325,055
D. Gambling Harm Reduction	A Harm Reduction and Holistic Approach to Reducing the Harmful Effects of Problematic Gambling in the City of Revere	To create a strong partnership between the Haas Health and Wellness Center, the City's Harm Reduction Specialists/Outreach Workers, and those populations identified as at high for gambling-related harms or those at most risk for problematic gambling behaviors.	\$165,000
E. Specific Impact	Project Administration	Project funds will provide for the necessary administration of MGC programs.	\$35,000

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Applicant Certification

On behalf of the aforementioned applicant, I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this application.

January 31, 2024

Signature:

Date:

Patrick M. Keefe Jr., Mayor

Name and Title of Signatory:

Part A-Community Planning

Project Name: Revere History Museum Strategic Plan	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
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<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 8-9). 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 Community Planning grant category takes advantage of opportunities that the Winn gaming establishment presents. Since the casino draws thousands of visitors to the area there is a great opportunity for Revere to market this historic gem to attract visitors to the Revere History Museum in the heart of Revere’s Broadway Business District.</p> <p>The grant would support the development of a marketing plan for the Revere History Museum, to allow the Museum to better position itself to attract patrons from the Encore Casino.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>The proposed project would provide guidance to the Revere Planning and Community Department and the Revere Society for Cultural and Historic Preservation (RSCHP) to market the Revere History Museum and enhance its exhibits to draw more travelers and locals to visit this hidden gem. The Museum is a historic building located at 108 Beach Street, built in 1901 as the former rectory of the Immaculate Conception Church. Just over 25-years ago the building was repurposed to serve as a local house style Museum with 14 exhibit rooms filled with historic memorabilia and artifacts of Revere. Through this time RSCHP, a volunteer organization, has maintained the facility and facilitated events for the public to preserve and educate people about the culture and history of Revere.</p> <p>The project would serve to complete a short- and long-term strategic plan for the Revere History Museum to promote this hidden gem through professional marketing and to support the purchase of museum display cases and lighting for the exhibit rooms providing aesthetic enhancements for the visitor’s experience. We seek to hire a consultant to support the RSCHP and the Revere Planning Department in completing a strategic plan to market this facility. The city has made investments over the past few years to renovate the exterior and interior of the building and preform essential deferred maintenance including a new HVAC system and conversion from knob and tube electrical to standard electrical the work is scheduled to be completed June of 2024. Our end goal is to put the Revere History</p>	

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Museum on the map as a top 10 place to visit in Revere, a place to celebrate the city’s historic culture.

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
Strategic Plan	FY 2025	1	\$60,000
DPCD Coordination	FY 2025	.0579 FTE	\$4,500
	TOTAL:		\$64,500

Part A-Community Planning

Project Name: Broadway Small Business Planning Supports	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
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<p>The City of Revere wishes to capitalize on the positive benefits offered by Encore's proximity, which encourages visitors and consumers to the nearby Broadway Business District. Encore is a short drive to Broadway; Broadway is a 1 mile-long commercial corridor that features a variety of shops, cuisine, recreation and history. Broadway is centrally located, connects Route 16 to Route 60, and is well served by four popular MBTA bus routes.</p> <p>To capture the interest of casino patrons and visitors that are present in the area that would not be otherwise if Encore was not operational, the city has been concentrating on making Broadway more economically viable and attractive. The Community Planning Grant Award from 2022 by this Commission, has allowed the city to develop a wayfinding and branding campaign for Broadway as well as launch a full master planning process for the district that will focus on the corridor's economy, amenities and commercial/residential development opportunities.</p> <p>This application aims to build upon that work, to better support businesses with the tools they need to thrive, and to attract new patrons from the Encore Casino.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>One of the projects that the city has implemented to make Broadway more attractive to consumers is the revised Storefront and Signage Program. The city has an on-call contract with Gamble Associates and Omloop Designs to provide one-on-one design consultation services with small businesses and property owners of this commercial corridor.</p> <p>Changes to the program has shown an increase in participation by the small business and property owners of Broadway. Currently there are 15 entities that have received in-kind design services to enhance their exterior facades and signage. The design services have helped 8 small businesses apply for funding to implement these design improvements. With the assistance of Gamble Associates and</p>	

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Omloop, Design guidelines have been developed for Broadway and are illustrated in the [City of Revere's Commercial District Design Guidelines](#).

Another tool offered by the city is a loan program for small businesses seeking capital for business expansion, employee training and retention, and equipment purchases. Special rates and terms are provided for businesses on Broadway, to further revitalize the corridor and support the business community. A prerequisite of the program is that the small business has a current business plan that lists strategic goals and outcomes. Development of a business plan can be costly but an informative tool for which a business or entrepreneur can assess whether they have the capacity and financial stability to expand. For the lender, it provides a detailed look into the small business readiness and credit risk if provided a loan. The City has been providing in-kind small business technical assistance in Financial Management, Marketing and Business Planning, and has found it to be a useful tool to cultivate a thriving small business climate on Broadway.

This Community Planning Funding request will be used by the city to advance both of these programs. For one, the City will offer more small businesses in-kind design services and construction funds to implement improvements to their facades increasing their curb appeal to potential consumers. The city will also use the allocation to assist twenty small businesses city-wide to advance their workforce, products, and services by providing small business consulting services through an existing on-call contract with Roads Consulting Group.

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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Gamble Associates/Design Consulting	FY 2025	17	\$31,250
Storefront & Signage allocation	FY 2025	17	\$93,750
Business Planning Supports: 10 hours/per business @ \$150/hour (Roads Consulting Group)	FY 2025	20	\$30,000
Business Liaison coordination supports	FY 2025	.1 FTE	\$11,625
	Total		\$166,625

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Part B- Transportation

Project Name: Revere Beach Connector	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant. If there are multiple people involved in the grants management, please add more lines to accommodate their information.	
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<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 10-11). 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 City of Revere is one of six communities on the North Shore that has been gifted with a beautiful 11 mile off road bike and pedestrian path locally known as the Northern Strand Trail. The trail, since its installation, is heavily utilized by pedestrians, cyclists, and scooter riders during all hours of the day. The trail begins in Everett and ends in Lynn. The trailhead beginning in Everett is directly linked to Encore’s Riverwalk. This connection is a safe and accessible off-road connection, eliminating conflicts between drivers and these road users.</p> <p>To access the Northern Strand in Revere by bike or scooter, riders must travel through the intersection of Route 60 at Squire Road and Beach Street to reach the Wesley Street trailhead. Washington Avenue, the local roadway leading to this intersection, lacks safe accommodations for these vulnerable road users. Due to the roadway’s high traffic volumes and narrow widths, conflicts between cyclist and scooter riders are increasing. The heavy use streaming to and from the trail from Washington Avenue is a result of two factors. Washington Avenue along with Malden Street, the minor arterial that leads to Washington Avenue, lacks reliable transit service and last-mile connections. Bicycles and scooters alleviate this gap in transit services and provide reliable and convenient transportations options for residents.</p> <p>Recognizing the importance that improved infrastructure can have on multimodal transportation offerings and residents’ economic mobility, planning efforts to connect these users to the Northern Strand have begun. City Planners and the Bike to the Sea Executive Board have engaged in discussions and planning exercises resulting in preliminary concepts for the Revere Beach Connector.</p> <p>The Bike to Sea connection, once complete, will provide a link for Encore patrons and employers from the Casino to Revere Beach. Yet barriers exist to safely traverse from Revere’s Northern Strand Trailhead to the Beach.</p> <p>First and foremost, there is significant vehicle traffic in West Revere, near the entrance to the trail, much of it stemming from Route 1. Based on the “Trip Distribution Maps” produced for the Wynn Everett</p>	
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Environmental Impact Report of 2013, RT 1 North trips composite percentage is 9% for patrons and employees while local roads account for 4% of total trips. The 2013 EIR did not list the percentage of trips for RT 60 Squire Road in Revere, yet even if it did those figures would be obsolete. In MassDOT’s 2019 “Congestion in the Commonwealth” Report to the Governor, Route 1 from Copeland Circle to Route 16 was one of the 15 sections cited that had increased at least 50% in congestion from 2013 to 2018, a number that has only increased since that study. This has cascading impacts on local traffic, particularly with an increasing reliance of navigational applications that are constantly rerouting drivers to the quickest route to their destination.

Secondly, the initial study identified one of the largest barriers along Route 16/1A, identified in the MGC Report as a road that receives larger than 1% of the traffic volume from Casino employees and patrons. The study examined on-road alternatives only, and while an on-road proposal through that roadway was proposed, it was widely shared belief that off-road connections, if feasible, would be a safer and more family-friendly alternative to traversing this busy roadway.

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The City of Revere would use funding from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to advance the planning of the Revere Beach Connector. The Connector is made up of three distinct routes that traverse the right of way of Malden, Revere, DCR and MassDOT. The planning analysis would develop a 25% design plan to determine the best facility options to install along each leg of the route, evaluate existing conditions, and develop detailed concepts, and cross-sections.

This Project will also examine off-street alternatives to improve access for residents, employees, and visitors. The options could range from improvements to the existing pedestrian infrastructure—including improved crossings, off-road shared-use paths, and other pedestrian enhancements—or could encompass bolder action, such as pedestrian bridges. The importance will be a solution that acknowledges the reality of this corridor—and the important economic and transportation role it plays regionally—while giving residents and visitors the freedom to utilize alternative modes of travel.

The objective of the project will be to design separate on and off-road accommodations that lead from Revere roadways to the Northern Strand and Encore. The Revere Beach Connector will reduce the conflicts between these road users and motorists at the RT 60 Squire Road – Beach Street Intersection by rerouting riders through Griswold Fields in Revere. It will also examine safer connections across Route 16/1A to access the beach itself. This bypass will separate these road users from the high traffic volumes of the intersection, where possible. The roadway improvements will make it more convenient for these road users to access employment opportunities at Encore Casino. In addition, staff time is requested to help oversee the development of designs, and coordinate feedback amongst the various municipal and state agencies involved in this planning process.

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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Alternatives Development	FY 2025	1	\$100,000

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Revere Beach Connector 25% Design	FY 2025	1	\$200,000
Staff Support, DPCD Transportation Manager	FY 2025	.33 FTE	\$25,055
	TOTAL:		\$325,055

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Part C- Public Safety

Project Name: Emergency Medical Technician Training	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant	
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<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>As outlined in the FY2025 Guidelines, this program aims to address the following casino impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presence of casinos has been demonstrated to cause an increase in cases of operating under the influence. • Increases in traffic can cause increases in congestion, accidents, and vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian conflicts • The influx of visitors to a casino can result in an increase in calls for service and put pressure on local emergency services including emergency responders like fire departments and EMS. This could lead to increased needs for mutual aid. 	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>The City of Revere plans to address the increased demand on local EMS by offering an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program. Revere will partner with Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) to offer their EMT course to 12 Revere residents free of cost. The EMT course at BHCC is a 180-hour, seven credit course that meets the standards set forth by the office of Emergency Medical Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As part of the program, Cataldo Ambulance will come on as an employer partner. They have agreed to interview all 12 program participants for vacancies serving towns impacted by the Casino. Additionally, Revere will contract with The Neighborhood Developers to provide program participants with relevant job skill assistance, including resume and interview preparation. In order to ensure that traditional barriers often faced by participants in training programs are removed, this project also intends to provide participants with MBTA passes to cover the cost associated with getting to class and a childcare assistance fund. The proposed program will also cover a portion of the salary of the DPCD’s CDBG Program Coordinator, who also serves as project lead on several City-led workforce development initiatives, and is the City Liaison to RevereWorks, a partnership which aims to connect Revere residents with the resources they need to find job opportunities.</p>	

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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Emergency Medical Technician Training and course books (\$2,175pp)	FY2025	12	\$26,100
Exam and State Certification Fees (\$400pp)	FY2025	12	\$4,800
Transportation assistance (\$90 x 4 months)*12 participants	FY2025	48	\$4,320
Childcare assistance fund	FY2025		\$5,000
Job skill support – The Neighborhood Developers (recruitment, resume/interview prep, etc)	FY2025	1	\$10,000
Staff Supports, DPCD CDBG Program Manager	FY2025	.05 FTE	\$3,700
	TOTAL		\$53,920

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Part C- Public Safety

Project Name: Vehicular Extraction			
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant			
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<p>We are located less than 4 miles from Encore Boston Harbor Casino in Everett. Since the casino opened, the volume of traffic passing through the City of Revere has increased. Three major roadways funnel traffic through the city. Route 1, Route 1A and Route 16. All three of these highways are heavily travelled routes from the North Shore to the casino. The increase in volume has exponentially increased the incidents of motor vehicle collisions. These collisions can cause serious injury and death due to occupants being entrapped in or under the vehicles. Rapid extrication is the key in getting occupants suffering serious injuries to a Trauma Center in what is termed the "Golden Hour". This universally accepted concept requires critically injured patients to receive definitive trauma care within 60 minutes from the occurrence.</p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p>The project involves the purchase of the latest technology in vehicular extrication equipment. The equipment is portable and battery powered, allowing for rapid deployment and use so that seriously injured occupants can be removed from the wreckage, and transported to a Trauma Center within the "Golden Hour". This will lead to better medical outcomes for these patients.</p>			
Proposed MGC Grant Budget			
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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Purchase complete set of Holmatro Extrication Equipment to include Cutters, Spreaders and Ram.	6-12 months	1	\$52,000
	TOTAL:		\$52,000

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Part D- Gambling Harm Reduction

Project Name: A Harm Reduction and Holistic Approach to Reducing the Harmful Effects of Problematic Gambling in the City of Revere	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant	
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<p>The City of Revere is not immune to the harmful impacts of a nearby gaming establishment. Various studies have identified that there are certain groups of people who are disproportionately at-risk for gambling-related harms. Revere’s unique population composition puts many of its residents and community members squarely in the at-risk category for problematic gambling behaviors. Co-occurring social determinants of health disparities, like having a low educational attainment, having a mental health issue, or having a substance use issue, contribute to the burden experienced by those demonstrating problematic gambling behaviors. The City of Revere aims 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.</p> <p>In one study, <i>Gambling and Problem Gambling in Massachusetts: Results of a Baseline Population Survey</i>, it was identified that “In order of importance, people who were Problem/ Pathological Gamblers were significantly more likely to: ... have other behavioral addictions, have lower educational attainment, be born outside the United States, and have lower childhood happiness.” This same study also found that “individuals with only a high school diploma are 3 times more likely to have a gambling problem than individuals with a college degree” and “initial survey results show that, compared to recreational gamblers, at-risk and problem gamblers are more likely to report serious problems with depression, anxiety, and other mental health problems, use tobacco, and consume large amounts of alcohol at one time”.</p> <p>According to DataUSA which complies with US Government records, including the last comprehensive Census Report, Revere is particularly susceptible to problematic gambling behaviors. As of 2021, only 76.8% of Revere residents were US Citizens. This is significantly lower than the national average of 93.4%. In a similar statistic, Revere has a significantly higher than the national average percentage of foreign-born people, at 41%, compared with the national average of 13.6%.</p>	

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According to the City's own data compilation, Revere has relatively lower rates of educational attainment compared to the region. Nearly one in five residents have not graduated high school.

Finally, Revere is heavily impacted by opioid use disorder and other substance use issues. Data from the Massachusetts Department of Health shows that of people who suffer from substance use in Revere, 67.2% of them use opioids and 21.6% use alcohol.

Together, this data shows that Revere is a city that is particularly susceptible to the harmful effects of a neighboring gambling establishment.

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.

With our proposed project, A Harm Reduction and Holistic Approach to Reducing the Harmful Effects of Problematic Gambling in the City of Revere, the Revere Public Health Department aims to address the impacts discussed above by creating a new program in conjunction with the newly opened Haas Health and Wellness Center. Our focus is to implement a program specifically designed to create a strong partnership between the Haas Health and Wellness Center, the City's Harm Reduction Specialists/Outreach Workers, and those populations identified above as at high for gambling-related harms or those at most risk for problematic gambling behaviors.

The program will run in the following way:

- At-risk individuals will be referred into the program through harm reduction specialists, outreach workers, case managers, or social workers through the City's Public Health Department who also have strong partnerships with addiction recovery programs (Gambler's Anonymous, etc.)
- The program will include an annual membership at the Health and Wellness Center as a method to assist those individuals identified as at-risk, in active recovery, and/or prevention of increased addiction by providing positive, healthy alternative activities including walking, yoga, and other exercise programming.
- We will also create special programming including yoga programs, breath work classes, recovery groups and classes specifically designed to address the needs of our vulnerable populations mentioned above. For example, classes in multiple languages and specifically targeted to those with mental health or substance use issues.
- Finally, the program will include regular check-ins and referrals to social service programs including housing support, English-proficiency classes, etc.

This program is designed to target holistic health and encourage people at-risk for problematic gambling or in active recovery of all kinds to develop healthy behavior change and social support networks. Our budget consists of the following:

- The cost of approximately 30 memberships to the Haas Health and Wellness Center which will be the focal point of our new program to incentivize healthy behavior change and link people with resources for support.
- A portion of the cost of Harm Reduction Specialist/Outreach Workers and Substance Use Program Manager to focus on making referrals into the program and creating programming for problematic gambling behaviors
- A portion of the cost of the Wellness Program Manager to help coordinate new programming at the Haas Health and Wellness Center which specifically focuses on our target population.

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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
Special Harm Reduction-Recovery Haas Wellness Center Annual Memberships – Programing	FY 2025	30	\$10,000
Harm Reduction Specialists/Outreach Workers	FY 2025	1	\$80,000
Substance Use and Homelessness Program Manager	FY 2025	0.5	\$50,000
Wellness Program Manager	FY 2025	0.25	\$25,000
	TOTAL		\$165,000

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Part E- Specific Impact

Project Name: Project Administration, Department of Planning & Community Development			
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.			
Project Contact		Additional Project Contact (if applicable)	
Name: Danielle Osterman		Name:	
Title: Community Development Program Manager		Title:	
Department: Planning & Community Development		Department:	
Email Address: dosterman@revere.org		Email Address:	
Telephone: (781)286-8181 x20319		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. This category is for projects that do not fit in any other category but may use any impacts identified in the FY 2025 Guidelines that are relevant. 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>Program administration of this block grant is complex and requires dedicated administrative capacity. As a point of reference, the Revere’s Community Development Department administers the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. Last year, that allocated was \$658,597. 20% of that funding can be set aside for administrative costs. This is above-and-beyond funding that City staff can charge to CDBG-eligible programs being administered by the City. The MGC Block Grant is greater than the City’s CDBG entitlement. Admittedly, it lacks the federal complexity of the CDBG program, but it involves significant administrative support that should be accounted as an eligible activity.</p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p>Project funds will provide for the necessary administration of MGC programs and sub-recipient contracts in accordance with MGC guidelines, including staffing, technical services, and planning activities. This also includes the cost of various activities such as the collection, coordination and budgeting necessary to submit a citywide budget that encompasses several municipal departments.</p>			
Proposed MGC Grant Budget			
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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Community Development Program Manager	FY 2025	.33 FTE	\$25,000
Administrative Assistant	FY 2025	.08 FTE	\$5,000
DPCD Cheif	FY 2025	.03 FTE	\$5,000
	TOTAL		\$35,000

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MUNICIPAL BLOCK GRANT FY 2025 WAIVER FORM

Applicants may request a waiver of a condition set forth in the Application for the Commission’s consideration. All requests for waivers or variances shall be submitted with the Application. The Commission may in its discretion waive or grant a variance from any provision or requirement contained in the FY 2025 Guidelines.

Applicant: City of Revere
Program Manager: Danielle Osterman
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Address: 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151

I. Financial Variance Request:
If your municipality’s proposed allocation is insufficient to mitigate identified casino related impacts, you may use the space below to request additional funds. Municipal waivers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and award decisions will be based on available funding.

Please Note: The intent of this waiver is not to fund routine expenses but to fund significant projects that would not otherwise be able to be funded under a municipality’s annual CMF allocation.

CMF Designated FY 2025 Grant Amount: 662,100.00
Requested Amount Over Designated: 200,000.00

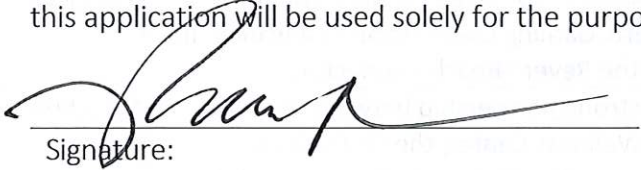
Basis of Waiver Request:
 During the highly competitive municipal selection process for the Region A Casino License in 2013, the City of Revere signed an exclusive agreement with another provider, which prohibited Revere from being considered a Surrounding Community. The decision not to enter into this agreement was made by an administration that is no longer serving the city or its residents, and the impacts have already been felt through years of lost mitigation payments. Revere is one of eight communities that borders Everett, and the only one that is not considered a Surrounding Community. While a technicality may prohibit such a designation, the impacts that Encore Casino brings to this Gateway City is no different than neighboring communities like Chelsea, Malden and Somerville. This request is for Revere to receive the supplementary funding (\$200,000) currently received by all other communities that share a border with Everett.

Public opinions captured from residents from the eight surrounding communities including Revere, for the Institute for Community Health ‘Community Perspectives on Encore Boston Harbor Casino’ a research study funded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) to obtain data on how casinos impact the communities surrounding them, 18% of the panel’s members were Revere residents. Despite the city’s non-surrounding community status, these residents shared their impression of Encore and the negative and positive impacts this gaming establishment has on the Revere community, such as increase of traffic and traffic related incidents, problem gambling and other public safety concerns business growth and employment opportunities.

The MGC’s Commission Block Grant Funding allocation, though generous, is not enough for Revere to offer services to mitigate the negative impacts of the casino related to traffic and the increase of drunk driving incidents stemming from the Casino. The funding is insufficient to tackle the socioeconomic impacts of problem gambling among our underemployed or unemployed populations, where gambling behaviors have become normalized because of the Casino’s presence.

Applicant Certification

On behalf of the aforementioned applicant, I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this application.


Signature:

January 31, 2024

Date:

Patrick M. Keefe Jr., Mayor
Name and Title of Signatory: