



APPENDIX E – RFR 1068-1068C-1068L-109685

MUNICIPAL BLOCK GRANT FY 2026 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 2026 Guidelines.

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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 find significant projects that would not otherwise be able to be funded under a municipality’s annual CMF allocation.

CMF Designated FY 2026 Grant Amount: 662,100.00

Requested Amount Over Designated: \$200,000.00

Basis of Waiver Request:

The City of Revere is the only of the seven communities that borders Everett, but it is not considered a Surrounding Community. Furthermore, including the communities in Region B, it is the only community in the Commonwealth that surrounds a Gaming Facility, but is not considered a Surrounding Community. 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 city was released from this exclusive agreement with the other applicant, in the Fall of 2024. Immediately upon removing this designation, City officials have made overtures to Winn to execute a Host Community Agreement, but we understand this to be a long-term goal. While neither the city nor this Commission can make up for years of lost mitigation payments, due to Revere’s past administration, the loss of funds impedes Revere’s efforts to mitigate the economic and social impacts Encore’s presence has had on this Community. This request is not just for Revere to receive the supplementary funding (\$200,000) currently received by all other communities that share a border with Everett and that are designated as a ‘Surrounding Community’, but to start the dialog that produces this designation.

Revere is a Surrounding Community—in impacts, if not designation--and has been recognized as one through this Commission. The MGC’s Mitigation Funding allocation distributed to Revere since 2017, though generous, is not enough for Revere to offer the appropriate services or mitigation needed to address the negative impacts of the casino at full build, related to traffic and traffic related incidents

that stems 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. With funding from CMF Designated FY2025, Revere piloted a program that conducts outreach and meets those struggling with gambling addiction where they are. Since the start of the program, the outreach team has assisted 14 individuals with direct assistance. It has also educated other individuals about the warning signs of problematic gambling and the resources available to combat this addiction.

Increasing Revere's funding allocation to be on par with Everett's other 'Surrounding Communities' will also allow the city to promote economic and workforce development in key commercial corridors of the city. Providing ample space for small businesses to grow increases their competitiveness in the marketplace and job opportunities for our residents. Business growth for Revere businesses that can provide intermediate goods and services to Encore, its patrons and its employees will increase these entities' ability to capture new or recapture spending or benefit from the secondary or tertiary 'spin off' effects of Encore's economic footprint in the local economy of Region A.

The additional funding from MGC will allow the city to continue to provide the services, opportunities and training needed for our community to continue to thrive and grow. The City has already lost out on millions in mitigation payments, compared to its peers, by lacking the formal designation, but will continue to work with this Commission to be recognized as such. The City of Revere asks that this request be considered by the MGC, forging the path towards receiving its much-deserved designation of becoming a 'Surrounding Community'

II. Programmatic Requirement Variance Request:

A municipality may request a waiver from any application requirement. Municipal waivers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and applicants will be notified of the Commission's decision.

Basis of Waiver Request: