



FY 2027 Regional Agency Mitigation Fund Grant Application

Application Instructions:

- I. All applications must be received by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by January 31st, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. to be considered for funding for the FY 2027 grant round.
- II. Each Agency may only submit ONE application as a Word Document.
- III. Each project must have its own form within the appropriate category. 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. All applications must submit a detailed scope of work and timeline for implementation of the project identified in the application.
- VI. All applications must contain appropriate backup materials that support the application.
- VII. The Grant Manager will be responsible for compiling the information for the quarterly reports and the submittal of the quarterly reports.
- VIII. The application must be signed by the agency’s CEO or an individual with signatory authority.
- IX. The Regional Agency Grant is broken into three segments. Please only fill out the section relevant to your application.
 - a. Part A – Regional Planning
 - b. Part B – Regional Public Safety
 - c. Part C – Regional Workforce Development
- X. Submit this completed form as well as any relevant attachments to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov or as a response to the COMMBUYS **BD-26-1068-1068C-1068L-121911**. For more detailed instructions as well as the full FY 2027 Application Guidelines visit <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>

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Budget Summary

Use the space below 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. Please use the appropriate category below for your agency.

Category	Project Name	Description	Amount
A. Regional Planning			
B. Regional Public Safety	Safe Neighborhoods Initiative: Targeted Prosecution of Casino-Related Public Safety Impacts	The proposed project supports continued operation of a Safe Neighborhoods Initiative prosecutor to identify, track, and prosecute high-impact, casino-adjacent offenses while strengthening regional coordination and data-driven public safety response.	\$75,000
C. Workforce Development			
Total Request			\$75,000

Are you requesting a waiver for any program requirement? Yes No

- I. If yes, you must fill out a CMF Regional Agency Waiver Form. The waiver form can be found as Appendix F 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.

Applicant Certification

II. 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.

III.

/s/ Melissa Mangini - Grants Manager

 Signature:

January 30, 2026

 Date:

 Name and Title of Signatory:

Part B – Regional Public Safety - The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, catalog cuts of proposed equipment purchases, quotes, training course syllabus, etc.-

Project Name: Safe Neighborhoods Initiative: Targeted Prosecution of Casino-Related Public Safety Impacts

Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.

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I. Please use the space below to identify the impact of the gaming establishment on your region. You may use the impacts identified in the FY 2026 Guidelines relevant to this category. 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., casino-related crime statistics, other relevant data, reports, etc.)

The operation of Encore Boston Harbor continues to create regional public safety impacts extending beyond the physical footprint of the gaming establishment and into neighboring municipalities, including the city of Chelsea. As an immediate neighboring community, Chelsea experiences spillover criminal activity associated with the volume of casino patrons, employees, and related hotel usage in the surrounding area.

Consistent with impacts identified in the FY2026 and FY2027 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines for Regional Public Safety, Chelsea and nearby communities continue to experience pressures related to:

- Narcotics trafficking and drug-related offenses,
- Illegal firearms possession and violent crime,
- Operating under the influence (OUI),
- Human trafficking and other exploitation-related offenses, and
- Increased calls for service associated with casino-adjacent activity.

Casino-related public safety impacts are not limited to incidents occurring on casino property. In this region, such activity frequently manifests in hotel-adjacent locations, transportation corridors, and surrounding neighborhoods, where patrons and employees stay, travel, or congregate. These patterns complicate traditional incident coding but nonetheless result in increased investigative, prosecutorial, and court burdens on local and regional public safety agencies. From 2023 to 2024 alone, Chelsea Police Department reported a 37% increase in hotel-related incidents.

While law enforcement agencies recognize these patterns through operational experience and intelligence, casino-related cases have historically not been consistently flagged in existing data systems, creating challenges in quantifying the full scope of the impact. This data limitation underscores the need for a focused, coordinated prosecutorial response capable of both addressing the high-impact cases and improving

longer-term understanding of casino-related crime trends.

The continuation of these impacts demonstrates that casino-related public safety concerns remain ongoing, and that sustained mitigation efforts are necessary to protect community safety and support effective regional prosecution.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) award for FY26 made possible the personnel and process infrastructure necessary to begin addressing the critical gap in data around casino-related crimes. During the current award period, case tracking efforts are being implemented in two parts: a retrospective review of relevant historical cases, followed by prospective identification and tracking of new cases as they enter the system. This approach reflects both the complexity of casino-adjacent activity and the need to establish a reliable baseline against which future trends can be evaluated. While implementation was initially affected by staffing transitions, the project is now positioned to move beyond simple or anecdotal identification toward more consistent documentation and analysis of casino-adjacent incidents. This ongoing work reinforces that the absence of complete data reflects the complexity of casino-related spillover crime and how to track it, rather than an absence of impact.

As data development progresses, SCDAO anticipates that we will gain a clearer and more complete assessment of casino-adjacent activity, hotel safety dynamics, and related enforcement needs. This will support more robust evaluation of project effectiveness during the remainder of the grant period and into FY27.

As part of broader community engagement efforts, SCDAO anticipates sharing information at its "Chelsea Engage" town hall forum about ongoing work to identify, track, and analyze casino-adjacent public safety trends. This outreach will help ensure transparency around public safety concerns affecting residents and patrons and will support a feedback loop between the community, law enforcement, and prosecutorial decision-making.

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.

SCDAO proposes continuation funding for a Safe Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) prosecutor assigned to Chelsea District Court to address ongoing casino-related public safety impacts associated with Encore Boston Harbor.

The FY26 CMF award enabled SCDAO to establish and implement a targeted prosecutorial approach focused on high-impact offenses linked to casino-adjacent activity. The funded project is currently at the midway point and is in the implementation phase. Minor delays occurred during the onboarding of a new administrative staff member to handle case tracking and documentation. With final approvals now in place, the project has become fully operational, allowing the team to shift from setup activities to data tracking and analysis.

The assigned SNI prosecutor has been in place since the early stages of the project and has consistently

monitored and flagged potential casino-related cases as they arise. The addition of the administrative staff member will allow consistent, uniform tracking of these cases moving forward, as well as a historical review and analysis of previous cases. These include prior references to casino-related activity and broader public safety concerns, such as hotel-adjacent incidents that compromise or impact the safety of visiting patrons. An historical analysis, combined with future tracking, is the key to producing a more comprehensive understanding of public safety trends affecting Chelsea and surrounding areas.

FY27 funding will allow SCDAO to continue and refine this mitigation strategy, ensuring that serious offenses contributing most directly to public safety receive prioritized attention and that casino-related case patterns are more consistently identified and tracked.

This project supplements—and does not supplant—SCDAO’s baseline prosecutorial operations and supports functions that would not otherwise be sustained absent CMF funding. This year, due to lower funding availability, SCDAO is committed to maintaining administrative staff in-kind, with awarded funds applied to the SNI prosecutor.

SCOPE OF WORK

The project will be implemented through the following ongoing activities:

1. Targeted Prosecution of High-Impact Offenses
 - Prioritize prosecution of cases involving serious narcotics offenses, firearm violations, violent crime, OUI, and human trafficking that are linked to casino-adjacent activity.
 - Focus on repeat and high-impact offenders whose conduct presents elevated public safety risk.
 - Coordinate charging and case strategy with local law enforcement to ensure consistent and effective responses.
2. Interagency Coordination and Intelligence Sharing
 - Maintain regular coordination with the Chelsea Police Department and neighboring law enforcement agencies.
 - Share information related to emerging crime patterns, repeat offenders, and casino-adjacent activity.
 - Support regionally informed enforcement and prosecution strategies.
3. Case Identification and Tracking
 - Identify cases with a nexus to casino operations, including those originating in hotel-adjacent locations or involving casino patrons or employees.
 - Flag and track these cases using available internal tools to support analysis and reporting.
 - Develop and refine a structured approach to documenting casino-related public safety impacts over time.
4. Reporting and Accountability
 - Track cases by offense type.
 - Provide quarterly and final reports documenting prosecutorial activity, case categories, and observed trends.

- o Use collected information to inform ongoing mitigation strategies.

The project will be implemented over the full FY27 grant period. Throughout the grant term, SCDAO will continue the assignment of a SNI prosecutor dedicated to addressing casino-related and casino-adjacent public safety impacts. The prosecutor will engage in ongoing targeted prosecution of high-impact offenses and will continue refining case identification and tracking practices to better capture casino-related trends. SCDAO will submit required quarterly reports to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission documenting project activities and case categories, and will complete a final report and assessment at the conclusion of the FY27 grant period.

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
SNI Prosecutor - Chelsea District Court	Ongoing	1	75,000.00
	TOTAL:		75,000.00