



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/>

Grant Manager Information (Person responsible for Quarterly Reports, etc.):
Applicant: Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District
Vendor Code:
Name: Lizeth Gonzalez
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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	Plainridge Park Placemaking and Land Use Recommendations	This fund will support a study that explores recommendations for discrete planning projects in the region’s communities that support the direct implementation of the ongoing regional arts and culture project (CREATES) and <i>Mobility and Connectivity</i> study funded in previous years from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC).	\$75,000
B. Regional Public Safety			
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.

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.

Applicant Certification



 Signature

Lizeth Gonzalez,
 Director of Economic and Community Development

 Name and Title of Signatory

1/29/2026

 Date

Part A-Regional Planning - The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, requests for proposals, detailed scopes of work, drawings etc.

Project Name: Regional Mitigation Fund Implementation Projects	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
Project Contact	Additional Project Contact (if applicable)
Name: Lizeth Gonzalez	Name:
Title: Director of Economic and Community Development	Title:
Department: Economic and Community Development	Department:
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Telephone: 508-824-1367	Telephone:
Address: 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780	Address:
<p>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 and that the issue is regional in nature (i.e., surveys, data, reports, etc.)</p> <p>Gaming establishments provide both economic benefits and increased visits to their nearby communities. According to the communities surrounding Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), the casino serves as a magnet for patrons that may not otherwise visit the region.</p> <p>PPC arguably puts other competing local businesses at an advantage by attracting visitors and encouraging local spending. According to research undertaken by the Gaming Commission, the operation of PPC generated approximately \$176 -\$186 million annually, largely from Massachusetts residents who would have otherwise gambled out-of-state. Most of this revenue stayed in Massachusetts, resulting in 2,417 net new jobs, \$143.7 million in personal income, and \$362.4 million in economic activity.</p> <p>At the same time, the PPC and its neighboring communities are actively exploring the ways to take advantage of new trips on key roadways – a 9% increase in traffic volume and a 40% increase in traffic complaints in the years shortly after PPC’s opening (Christopher W. Bruce MGC Report Jan 14, 2018; SEIGMA Fact Sheet, June 2019). In fact, this is the focus of the ongoing <i>Mobility and Connectivity Study</i>.</p> <p>Communities in the PPC region have begun adapting to increased traffic, while also benefiting from increased patronage in their downtowns and cultural amenities, all resulting from the presence of the Plainridge Park 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>	

SRPEDD proposes a project meant to build on findings from both the *Mobility and Connectivity Study* and the *CREATES* (Arts and Culture) project to produce land use and public realm/placemaking recommendations for key sites located along highly frequented corridors leading to PPC. These recommendations will focus on placemaking and land use alternatives that will leverage the emerging tourism, arts and culture, and PPC-related market; strategies may include zoning recommendations, design guidelines, complete streets and other public realm interventions, and conceptual landscape architecture, public art, and design proposals (with illustrative renderings). In this way, the Gaming Commission can provide a well-rounded, comprehensive set of improvement strategies in partnership with area communities all leading to engaging places, convenient travel options, and positive outcomes associated with PPC. In other words, new and evolving land uses, placemaking strategies, and other key characteristics of the public realm (such as public art and open spaces) are equally critical to the way any location “looks and feels.” SRPEDD proposes adding this perspective to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s ongoing technical assistance and mitigation work around PPC.

In short, if awarded, SRPEDD will work with communities of the PPC region to develop a discrete list of locations and projects (up to four) stemming from both *CREATES* and the *Mobility and Connectivity Analysis*. SRPEDD will create a clear menu of implementation strategies and will visualize the potential outcomes. SRPEDD staff will develop the projects over the period of performance, providing one public meeting where necessary and/or meeting with a designated board or committee in order to ensure community input and buy-in.

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
SRPEDD Scope of Work			
	TOTAL:		\$75,000

DRAFT Price Proposal

Project: Gaming Commission Implementation
Client: MA Gaming Commission
Consultant: Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development

Task	Meeting, Task, or Deliverable	Cost
Admin and Project Meetings	SRPEDD shall schedule a kick-off meeting with all Communities from the PPC Region.	\$ 990
	Staff will create a PPC Implementation Website to share information and provide updates.	\$ 2,475
	SRPEDD shall prepare standard quarterly reports.	\$ -
Task 1: Project Solicitation	SRPEDD will compile a list of actionable recommendations from CREATES and the Mobility Analysis to guide Placemaking and Land Use recommendations.	\$ 990
	SRPEDD will develop a matrix demonstrating the criteria for the selection process.	\$ 1,485
	SRPEDD will draft a presentation of selected priority projects.	
	SRPEDD will host a meeting with communities of the PPC region to share selected projects (up to four) and solicit their feedback.	\$ 1,485
Task 2: Project Kick-Off	Staff will compile existing conditions information (including spatial and market data) as needed to establish context for selected projects (up to four).	\$ 3,960
	Staff will organize meetings with relevant town staff and state officials (MassDOT, Cultural Council, etc.) to discuss relevant requirements.	\$ 3,960
Task 3: Project Development	Pending the selected projects, staff will develop renderings and alternatives for identified sites, including potential public art or placemaking projects, site selection for community spaces or tourism amenities, and/or graphic materials	\$ 18,565
	Pending the selected projects, staff will produce draft zoning recommendations and/or benefit-cost indicator analysis.	\$ 17,325
	Pending the selected projects, staff will host one public engagement meeting for proposed public art or placemaking projects, site selection for community spaces or tourism amenities, and/or proposed zoning recommendations.	\$ 5,940
	Pending the selected projects, staff will attend one board/committee meeting in impacted communities (up to four) .	\$ 5,940
Task 4: Implementation	SRPEDD will compile findings from Tasks 1 to 3 for selected projects into memos for PPC Communities.	\$ 9,900
	SRPEDD will host a final meeting with all PPC Communities to share the final product implementation.	\$ 990
	SRPEDD will share findings at the regional SMMPO meeting.	\$ 495
Direct Costs	Travel and event supplies.	\$ 500
Total Project Cost		\$ 75,000