



## **FY 2025 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application**

### Application Instructions:

- I. All applications **must** be received by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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/>

Municipal Grant Manager Information:
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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	3	\$365,500
B. Public Safety	1	\$165,000
C. Transportation	1	\$579,500
D. Gambling Harm Reduction	0	0
E. Specific Impact	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$1,110,000</b>

- I. Are you requesting a waiver for any program requirement?  
 Yes   
 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.

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### 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	Transit Pass Pilot Program	Provide MBTA passes to employees of East Somerville small businesses	\$215,000
A. Community Planning	Outdoor Dining Fund	Establish an Outdoor Dining Fund that will assist East Somerville restaurants	\$123,625
A. Community Planning	Hot Meal Voucher Program	Provide reimbursement to East Somerville restaurants so they can serve hot meals to low-income and unhoused residents	\$26,875
B. Public Safety	Traffic Signal Pre-emption for Emergency Services	Install GPS-based traffic signal pre-emption capabilities on fire apparatus and signalized intersections	\$165,000
C. Transportation	Middlesex Avenue/Mystic Avenue Intersection Project	Reconstruct the intersection to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety for all road users	\$579,500
D. Gambling Harm Reduction			0
E. Specific Impact			0

### 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Signatory:

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## Part A-Community Planning

<b>Project Name: Transit Pass Pilot Program</b>	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
<b>Project Contact</b>	<b>Additional Project Contact (if applicable)</b>
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Address: City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143	Address: City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143
<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>East Somerville is the Somerville neighborhood closest to Encore Boston Harbor and is home to a diverse range of residents and businesses. There are three commercial areas within the district: (1) Assembly Square, which is just over the river from Everett, (2) Broadway, a traditional main street corridor, and (3) Washington Street, a mixed retail and industrial corridor. The district has a high concentration of hospitality businesses: three hotels, dozens of restaurants, and multiple businesses, such as commercial laundries, that support the hospitality industry.</p> <p>As noted in the CMF guidelines, competition from the gaming establishment can adversely impact other businesses in the hospitality and entertainment sector. Because Encore Boston Harbor is in such close proximity to East Somerville, smaller hospitality businesses in this area are challenged to compete for employees. In particular, the casino’s ability to support a more competitive package of employee benefits than the East Somerville hospitality companies makes it difficult for these companies to recruit and retain workers.</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>To help match the benefits that Encore Boston Harbor gives its employees and to assist in reducing traffic on the roads in and around Sullivan Square, the City of Somerville proposes to partner with East Somerville Main Streets (ESMS), an organization that promotes and assists</p>	

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the local small business community, to implement a new Transit Pass Pilot Program. Providing transit passes to employees of small businesses in this area not only gives them a new benefit but also helps support those who are commuting without adding to the traffic in the region. Through this new program, we will provide MBTA passes to 200 employees of small hospitality businesses in East Somerville.

Because it currently runs three other transit pass programs, the City has the necessary experience to successfully implement this initiative in collaboration with ESMS, which actively manages programs focusing on a range of economic development initiatives. With the MBTA Green Line Extension now open and bus network redesign launching this year, FY25 is an optimal time to encourage greater use of the MBTA to get to and from work. Accordingly, the City and East Somerville Main Streets propose to identify a select number of participating businesses and administer the Transit Pass Pilot Program to eliminate cost barriers to mobility for members of the local hospitality industry workforce.

#### **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.

<b>Description of Purchase/Work</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Transit Pass Pilot Program	FY25	200 MBTA passes at \$1,000 each	\$200,000
Administrative Costs (7.5%)	FY25		\$15,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$215,000

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## Part A-Community Planning

<b>Project Name: Outdoor Dining Fund</b>	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
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<p>III. 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>As identified in the CMF guidelines, the scope and scale of Encore Boston Harbor’s marketing efforts put local businesses at a competitive disadvantage. This is especially true in terms of the number and variety of restaurants the casino offers. While the casino’s wide range of lively and unique dining and nightlife experiences is an overall benefit to the region, East Somerville restaurants need support in differentiating themselves to attract and retain customers. The majority of these restaurants are immigrant-owned and add to the vibrancy of the neighborhood surrounding Encore Boston Harbor.</p> <p>Since 2020, outdoor dining has provided an additional source of revenue for these small, immigrant-owned businesses. Now transitioning to permanent licensure and post-pandemic standards for outdoor dining, these businesses need support in retaining and strengthening this new means of bringing in customers. Outdoor dining has become vital to these immigrant-owned businesses, which are an integral part of the neighborhood fabric, and its continuation is vital to ensuring they are not displaced.</p>	
<p>IV. 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>	

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The City of Somerville proposes to create an Outdoor Dining Fund to help East Somerville restaurants cover annual permit fees and winter storage costs. Through this program, East Somerville Main Streets will distribute an average of \$5,000 to each of the 23 East Somerville restaurants that currently offer outdoor dining.

The fees and other expenses that these restaurants incur increase with the size of the outdoor dining area, so the funds will be provided on a sliding scale based on the square footage of each restaurant's outdoor dining space. Since permit fees are higher for restaurants located on public property, we will prioritize these establishments and other business owners who face systemic disadvantages. The City of Somerville has successfully utilized these same criteria in the distribution of COVID-specific funding and is well prepared to utilize them in the implementation of this new program.

#### Proposed MGC Grant Budget

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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Outdoor Dining Fund	FY25	23 restaurants at \$5,000 each	\$115,000
Administrative Costs (7.5%)	FY25		\$8,625
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$123,625

## Part A-Community Planning

<b>Project Name: Hot Meal Voucher Program</b>	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.	
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<p>V. 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>As identified in the CMF guidelines, the scope and scale of Encore Boston Harbor’s marketing efforts put local businesses at a competitive disadvantage. This is especially true in terms of the number and variety of restaurants the casino offers. While the casino’s wide range of lively and unique dining and nightlife experiences is an overall benefit to the region, East Somerville restaurants need support in differentiating themselves to attract and retain customers. The majority of these restaurants are immigrant-owned and add to the vibrancy of the neighborhood surrounding Encore Boston Harbor.</p>	
<p>VI. 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 way in which East Somerville restaurants can differentiate themselves from Encore Boston Harbor is by serving low-income and unhoused residents who struggle with food insecurity and are not able to access the casino’s dining options. The City of Somerville therefore proposes to implement a Hot Meal Voucher Program to reimburse local restaurants for providing meals to these populations.</p> <p>East Somerville Main Streets will sign up restaurants, and service organizations like the Somerville Homeless Coalition will distribute vouchers to residents who meet the program</p>	

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criteria. Each month, the participating restaurants will bring redeemed vouchers to East Somerville Main Streets, which will issue them a check for the value of the vouchers and document the distribution. Through this program, the City expects to fund 2,000 meals annually at \$12.50 per meal.

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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Hot Meal Voucher Program	FY25	2,000 meals at \$12.50 each	\$25,000
Administrative Costs (7.5%)	FY25		\$1,875
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$26,875

## Part B- Transportation

<b>Project Name:</b> Middlesex Avenue/Mystic Avenue Intersection Project	
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.	
<b>Project Contact</b>	<b>Additional Project Contact (if applicable)</b>
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Address: City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Somerville, MA 02143	Address: City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Somerville, MA 02143
<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 Somerville’s Middlesex Avenue/Mystic Avenue Intersection project will mitigate the safety risks associated with increased traffic to and from the Encore Boston Harbor gaming establishment. Mystic Avenue is a heavily traveled route to and from the casino and is identified as a high-crash corridor on Somerville’s High-Crash Network. This roadway experienced 246 crashes per mile from 2018 to 2022, making it one of the most crash-prone roadways in Somerville. Our project will reduce congestion at this critical, high-volume intersection to improve safety, vehicular flow, and overall transportation efficiency in Somerville’s Assembly Square neighborhood.</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 City of Somerville’s proposed Middlesex Avenue/Mystic Avenue Intersection project will completely reconfigure and reconstruct the intersection to enhance safety for all road users and incorporate new multimodal improvements. Middlesex Avenue will be realigned from its current shallow angle off of Mystic Avenue to meet Mystic Avenue at a perpendicular angle, significantly reducing the speed at which Mystic Avenue vehicles can exit onto Middlesex Avenue and decreasing the risk of vehicular crashes. This reconfiguration will result in a larger landscaped area and a new raised intersection where Middlesex Avenue will meet a connecting road to Mystic Avenue.</p>	

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The project scope of work includes a significant upgrade to the existing pedestrian crosswalk and the addition of new crosswalks across and along Middlesex Avenue. It also involves the implementation of sidewalk-level separated bicycle facilities, which will connect into forthcoming separated bicycle facilities on both Middlesex Avenue and Mystic Avenue in 2025, making this intersection a node in a high-quality bicycle connection being developed from Assembly Square to Sullivan Square and points North and South. Additionally, the project will provide a safe connection into Assembly Square streets that are currently under construction by a development partner. Taken together, these improvements will reduce congestion on major routes leading from the Encore Boston Harbor gaming establishment, decrease localized air pollution due to congestion, and provide an alternative to overburdened public transit services.

Awarded a \$150,000 Community Mitigation Fund grant in 2017 with an extension to February 1, 2025, the project is currently at the 100% design phase, with plans and cost estimates provided. While the vast majority of the intersection project is on locally controlled City of Somerville right-of-way, the portion that connects into Mystic Avenue is in state jurisdiction, which will require a MassDOT access permit. The City has applied for this access permit and is actively advancing the project to a full MassDOT Plans, Specs, and Cost Estimate (PSE) submission, utilizing both the remaining 2017 Community Mitigation Fund grant dollars and local supplementary funding. The City anticipates an access permit will be issued for a final PSE submission prior to June 30, 2024, which would allow for bidding and contracting to take place in the second half of 2024 and construction to start as soon as Spring 2025.

Our attached project cost estimate totals \$828,838 but was developed nine months ago in April 2023. Since that time, there has been considerable volatility in the cost of construction materials. In the budget table below, we have therefore raised the contingency to 35%, which increases the project cost to \$972,983. We are also attaching a waiver that requests a variance from the application requirements for transportation construction costs.

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<b>Description of Purchase/Work</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Construction Cost	Spring 2025		\$720,728
Contingency (35%)	Spring 2025		\$252,255
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$972,983

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## Part C- Public Safety

<b>Project Name:</b> Traffic Signal Pre-Emption for Emergency Services	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant	
<b>Project Contact</b>	<b>Additional Project Contact</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>
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Title: Mobility Division Director	Title:
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Telephone: 617-625-6600 ext. 2518	Telephone:
Address: City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Somerville, MA 02143	Address:
<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>Casino-related traffic congestion adversely impacts emergency response times in the eastern neighborhoods of Somerville. For example, Somerville Fire Department data (attached below) shows that in 2023 the Assembly Square District response time for fire vehicles was 4.12 minutes compared to 3.36 minutes citywide. In 2024 to date, the Assembly Square response time is 4.18 minutes compared to 3.39 minutes citywide.</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 City of Somerville proposes to improve response times for emergency services in areas impacted by Encore Boston Harbor traffic by installing GPS-based traffic signal pre-emption capabilities on fire apparatus and traffic signal equipment. The GPS-activated system will turn traffic lights green in the direction in which fire vehicles are traveling while turning other signals red.</p> <p>We estimate that our proposed budget of \$165,000 will allow for installation of GPS equipment on 11 fire apparatus and GPS-based signal pre-emption equipment at 13 signalized intersections. This investment will reduce emergency service response times in our eastern neighborhoods, which are most significantly impacted by traffic congestion associated with the gaming facility.</p>	

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**Proposed MGC Grant Budget**

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Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Install GPS equipment on fire vehicles and traffic signals	FY25	11 vehicles and 13 signalized intersections	\$165,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$165,000

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## Part D- Gambling Harm Reduction

<b>Project Name:</b>			
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant			
<b>Project Contact</b>		<b>Additional Project Contact (if applicable)</b>	
Name:		Name:	
Title: Senior Project Manager		Title:	
Department:		Department:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
Telephone:		Telephone:	
Address:		Address:	
<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 14-15). 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>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>			
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	<b>TOTAL:</b>		

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## Part E- Specific Impact

<b>Project Name:</b>			
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Name:		Name:	
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<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>			
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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.

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<p><b>I. Financial Variance Request:</b>  <i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> 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.</p>
<b>CMF Designated FY 2025 Grant Amount:</b>
<b>Requested Amount Over Designated:</b>
<b>Basis of Waiver Request:</b>

<p><b>II. Programmatic Requirement Variance Request:</b>  <i>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.</i></p>
<p><b>Basis of Waiver Request:</b> The City of Somerville is asking for a waiver of the transportation construction request amount requirement for our Middlesex Avenue/Mystic Avenue Intersection project. The City would like to request a total of \$579,500 in allocated CMF formula funding for this project due to its importance. The Middlesex Avenue/Mystic Avenue intersection is a common entry and exit point for the section of Interstate-93 running through Somerville and a high-volume, high-crash site along a heavily-traveled route to Encore Boston Harbor. According to the vehicle trip distribution table provided in the CMF guidance, the Interstate-93 North travel corridor has a 15% patron and 12% employee trip distribution, meaning that there is a significant increase in vehicular traffic along this roadway due to the casino. As casino traffic continues to increase, the incidence of crashes is also likely to rise. It is therefore essential for the City to complete the proposed upgrades as soon as possible to reduce traffic congestion and mitigate crash risk.</p>