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COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND

2023 Public Safety Grant Application

Bid No. BD-23-1068-1068C-1068L-81256

All completed applications must be sent by January 31st to be considered for funding for the 2023 Grant Round. Please submit this completed form as well as any relevant attachments to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov.

For more detailed instructions as well as the 2023 Application Guidelines please visit <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>

I. Project Summary

Legal Name of Applicant: Town of Plainville - Plainville Police Department

Project Name (Please limit to 5 words): Force Science Certification

Amount Requested: \$123,750

Brief Project Description (approx. 50 words):

The proposed training project expands upon this year's training. The proposed Force Analyst Certification Course is comprised of five days (40 hrs.) certification course <https://www.forcescience.com/training/force-science-certification-course/>.

The primary objective of this intensive course is to prepare law enforcement professionals to understand human factor dynamics more thoroughly and completely while investigating cases involving the use of force. Participants will learn to promote peak performance in pressurized situations and understand what actually occurs in tense and emotionally charged use-of-force events. This preparation allows graduates to draw clear, accurate, and concise conclusions in their investigations.

II. Applicant Contact Information

Please provide below the manager for this grant and any other individuals you would like to be copied on all correspondence.

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III. Detailed Project Description & Mitigation

1) Please describe in detail the impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility. 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).

The Town of Plainville is a suburban community located approximately thirty-five miles south west of Boston, MA and twelve miles north east of Providence, RI. The town is approximately eleven square miles and its residential population is approximately 9,900 and transient population can grow to 25,000 to 30,000 during the day. Plainville is home to several retail establishments, and The Plainridge Park Casino. Despite our rural tone, the community has not escaped the realities of life and suffers from the fiscal and social ills shared by other surrounding communities. Law enforcement is continually challenged with calls regarding mental health, substance abuse and other addictions.

As a mixed-use facility, a casino like Plainridge Park can attract patrons from diverse social, economic, and cultural backgrounds, which can present several challenges. Some of these challenges include. Different expectations and behaviors: Patrons may have different expectations and behaviors, which can lead to misunderstandings, conflicts, and even incidents. Language barriers: Some patrons may not speak the same language as the casino staff, which can make communication and customer service more difficult. Financial disparities: Some patrons may have limited financial resources, while others may have significant wealth. This can create issues such as disputes over debts or gambling losses. Cultural differences: Different cultural backgrounds can result in misunderstandings, miscommunications, and conflicts over issues such as dress codes, behavior, and social norms. Vulnerability to problem gambling: Some patrons may be more vulnerable to problem gambling, including those with lower socio-economic status, and those who have experienced stress or trauma.

Force Analyst Certification is a training program that provides law enforcement officers with the skills and knowledge needed to understand and analyze the use of force in their interactions with the public. By being certified in Force Analyst, an officer would have a deeper understanding of the dynamics of use-of-force situations and would be better equipped to make informed decisions in these situations.

This training can improve interactions with patrons and the public in our communities and around the casino in several ways:

1. Improved Decision Making: Force Analyst training emphasizes the importance of considering multiple factors in use-of-force situations, including the individual's behavior, the officer's tactical options, and the presence of any alternative means of resolving the situation. By having a more comprehensive understanding of these factors, an officer can make more informed decisions that prioritize safety and respect for human life.
2. Better Communication: Force Analyst training also emphasizes the importance of clear and effective communication in use-of-force situations. This can help officers to de-escalate situations and resolve conflicts in a calm and professional manner.

<p>3. Enhanced Transparency: Force Analyst training encourages officers to document their use-of-force incidents in a manner that is transparent, objective, and understandable to the public. This can increase accountability and help to build trust between the officers and the community.</p> <p>By having an officer with Force Analyst Certification in a community that is impacted by, Plainridge Park Casino would have trained professionals who can handle use-of-force incidents in a manner that prioritizes safety and respect for human life, and that is transparent and accountable to the community.</p>
<p>2) (If applicable) Please explain how this impact was not anticipated in the Applicant's Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.</p>
<p>The impact to training cannot always be anticipated, most recently POST has identified several areas where additional training is required along with:</p> <p>Unpredictable events: Unforeseen incidents, such as natural disasters, terrorist attacks, or new threats, may require new or updated training protocols.</p> <p>Evolving laws and regulations: Changes in laws and regulations, particularly in areas related to the use of force, can have a significant impact on police training.</p> <p>Shifting public perception: Changing public opinion, including the increase in scrutiny of law enforcement practices, can also impact training and necessitate changes in the way officers are trained.</p> <p>Emerging research: Ongoing research in fields such as psychology, neuroscience, and biomechanics can provide new insights into the human response to force and inform changes in training practices.</p> <p>Limited resources: Training and professional development programs can be impacted by limited resources, such as budget constraints or the availability of instructors.</p> <p>Due to these unpredictable factors, it can be difficult to fully anticipate changes in training needs and to ensure that officers are adequately prepared to handle emerging threats and changing circumstances.</p>
<p>3) Please describe what the Applicant is proposing and how the mitigation request will address the impact indicated.</p>

<p>IV. Scope, Budget, and Timeline</p>	
<p>Applicant: Plainville Police Department</p>	<p>Vendor Code:</p>
<p>Total Amount Requested: \$123,750</p>	<p>Estimated Total Project Cost: \$123,750</p>

Scope of Work

Please include below a breakdown of the proposed work. The project scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.

- a. Eighty-Five Seats would be available for officers to be certified as Force Analyst
- b. Twenty-three seats would be occupied by Plainville officers and GEU members
- c. Remaining seats would be made available to agencies bordering Plainridge and extend further until the course is full.

Proposed MGC Grant Budget

Please use the following table to outline the budget of your project. Include any requests for proposals, quotes, or estimates that would quantify the costs associated with the mitigation as an attachment. In determining the funding request, please round up to the nearest hundred dollars.

Timeline	Description of Purchase/Work	QTY	Budget
Feb 2024	Closed registration 40-hour Force Analyst Certification course	1@75 seats	\$123,750
	TOTAL:		
Funding Source	Description of Purchase/Work	QTY	
In Kind Services	Closed registration 40-hour Force Analyst Certification course	10 seats	NO Charge
Federal	N/A		
State	N/A		
Local Match	Training time required for agency to send officer(s) (based on straight time hourly rate of \$41.00 hr.)	85	\$139,400

V. Regional Incentive Award

Are you applying for a Regional Incentive Award?

___ Yes	X No
Partner Community Contact-	
Name:	
Role:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Address:	

VI. Waiver If you are applying for a waiver, please submit the Waiver Form with your application. The form can be found at www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/	
Are you applying for a waiver?	
___ Yes	X No

VII. Please provide a brief description of each attachment.	
Force Science - Course overview, schedule, objectives, program information, Instructor biography's.	

VIII. Applicant Certification	
<p>On behalf of the aforementioned Applicant/municipality/governmental entity I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this Application.</p>	
 <hr/> Signature of Responsible Municipal Official/Governmental Entity	January 31, 2023 <hr/> Date:
James S. K. Floyd <hr/> (print name)	
Chief of Police <hr/> Title:	