



## **FY 2026 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application**

### **Application Instructions:**

- I. All applications must be received by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by January 31st, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. to be considered for funding for the FY 2026 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. 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 for all projects identified in the application.
- VI. All applications must contain appropriate backup materials that support the application.
- VII. The Municipal Grant Manager will be the person responsible for compiling the information for the quarterly reports. The application must be signed by the municipal administrator or an individual with signatory authority. 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 BD25-1068- 1068C-1068L-109685

For more detailed instructions as well as the full FY 2026 Application Guidelines visit

<https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>

| <b>Municipal Grant Manager Information:</b>          |
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| Applicant: Town of Wilbraham                         |
| Vendor Code:VC6000192058                             |
| Name: Nick Breault                                   |
| Title: Town Administrator                            |
| Email Address: nbreault@wilbraham-ma.gov             |
| Telephone:413-596-2800                               |
| Address: 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 |

### Grant Budget Summary

Your community’s FY 2026 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.

| <b>Total FY 2026 Allocation:</b>      |                      |                         |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Application Totals by Category</b> | <b># of Projects</b> | <b>Requested Amount</b> |
| A. Community Planning                 |                      |                         |
| B. Public Safety                      |                      |                         |
| C. Transportation                     | 1                    | \$313,800               |
| D. Gambling Harm Reduction            |                      |                         |
| E. Specific Impact                    |                      |                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          |                      | <b>\$313,800</b>        |

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

### Budget Category 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.

| <b>Category</b>            | <b>Project Name</b>                       | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Amount</b> |
|----------------------------|---|--|---------------|
| A. Community Planning      |   |  |               |
| B. Public Safety           |   |  |               |
| C. Transportation          | Springfield St-Stony Hill Rd Intersection | Construction-Traffic signal upgrade with camera detection, pedestrian crossing, Opticom for emergency services, protected turning lanes, intersection realignment for buses and installation of sidewalks. | \$313,800     |
| D. Gambling Harm Reduction |   |  |               |
| E. Specific Impact         |   |  |               |

**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:

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

**Part A-Community 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.

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| <b>Project Name:</b>   |                 |  |               |
| Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant.   |                 |  |               |
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| <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 2026 Guidelines relevant to this category. 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>   |                 |  |               |
| <b>Proposed MGC Grant Budget</b>   |                 |  |               |
| 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> |
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|  | <b>TOTAL:</b>   |  |               |

**Part B- Transportation** 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, etc.

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| <b>Project Contact:</b>  | <b>Additional Project Contact</b> <i>(if applicable)</i> |
| Name: Tonya Capparello   | Name: Dena Grochmal                                      |
| Title: Town Engineer/DPW Director  | Title: Engineer/GIS Coordinator                          |
| Department: Public Works   | Department: Public Works                                 |
| Email Address:tcapparello@wilbraham-ma.gov   | Email Address: dgrochmal@wilbraham-ma.gov                |
| Telephone:413-596-2800 x 208   | Telephone: 413-596-2800 x 208                            |
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| <p>The environmental impact report prepared for the Mass Gaming Commission identified Springfield St (Wilbraham Road) as a main thorough way directly to MGM Casino carrying at least 1% traffic increase. The Town received a grant in FY25 to identify improvements for the intersection at Stony Hill Road and Springfield Street. The intersection has limited site distance, antiquated traffic signal infrastructure, a lack of pedestrian access and inadequate alignment to handle the additional traffic created by the casino. Residents currently have no pedestrian access through the intersection to the Wilbraham Town Hall, the Senior Center or the sidewalk network on Stony Hill Road and Springfield Street. Casino traffic has created additional congestion and safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians that need to be addressed.</p> <p>The Town provided documentation for the FY 25 grant that supported the determination that the operation of the gaming facility causes a negative impact to the Springfield St and Stony Hill Rd intersection. The Town was awarded the FY 25 grant in the amount of \$176,854 to evaluate the level of service of the intersection and redesign recommended improvements. The preliminary results of the FY 25 grant analysis concluded that the intersection does need significant improvements to mitigate congestion and safety problems exacerbated by the increased casino traffic. Improvements to the intersection will not only benefit the Wilbraham community but also Hampden, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson and Springfield. The intersection is a hub that connects major thoroughfares in surrounding communities within Massachusetts as well as Connecticut.</p> <p>The FY 25 Evaluation and Design Project is more than 50% complete and summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey along Stony Hill Rd and Springfield St-Completed</li> <li>• Traffic Study: Completed</li> <li>• Crash analysis: In-progress</li> <li>• Traffic Analysis: In-process</li> <li>• Meeting with abutting residents regarding easements/takings: In progress</li> </ul> |  |

- Land Acquisitions – In progress. May 11, 2025 Town Meeting completion date
- Preliminary Design- In progress
- Final design and bid package to be completed 7-2025

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.

The Town requests to use the Community Mitigation Funds to construct the intersection design improvements funded in FY 25. There are three major design improvements recommended to reduce congestion and improve safety. These improvements include a traffic control system upgrade, intersection widening and realignment, and the installation of a sidewalk with a pedestrian crossing signal.

Traffic Control System Upgrade: The traffic control system will be upgraded with camera detection allowing the traffic light to change accordingly based on the detected vehicles. The traffic control system will adjust signal timing to optimize traffic flow.

Intersection Widening and Realignment: The intersection widening and realignment includes a larger turning radius for buses and larger vehicles, the installation of protected left turn lanes and realignment of traffic lanes to improve visibility.

Sidewalks: The installation of sidewalks and pedestrian crossing signal is a critical component that will provide pedestrian access to and through the intersection for thousands of residents to local bus stops, pharmacies, grocery stores, urgent care facilities, pediatricians, optometrists, health food stores, Town Hall, the Senior Center, Veteran’s Services and employers outside of Wilbraham such as the Casino

The intersection improvements include the following work:

- Upgrade traffic signal to with camera detection to reduce congestion.
- Upgrade and relocate control box.
- Road realignment and widening to allow for a larger turning radius for buses and larger vehicles, increased sight distance and protected turning lanes.
- Install granite curb and sidewalk on Stony Hill Rd to allow for a connection to the existing sidewalk system on Stony Hill Road near the Stony Hill Grammar School.
- Install granite curb and sidewalk from the intersection along Springfield St to the entrance of the Wilbraham Town Hall and Senior Center.
- Install pedestrian crosswalks, signals and ADA ramps.
- Install rapid rectangular flashing beacons and crosswalk on Springfield St at Town Hall.
- Catch basin and man holes relocation, water gate adjustments, vegetation removal and replacement, pavement removal and replacement, line painting and traffic control.

The town has applied for a waiver in hopes to receive the full benefit amount of \$313,800, plus any additional funding available. The Town intends to use local funding and the Complete Streets Program to supplement funding not provided by the Community Mitigation Fund. If approved the project will be constructed in the Summer of 2026 after school is completed.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Wilbraham Select Board and Traffic Safety Team fully support this project.

Attachment A - Locus Map  
 Attachment B - Arial photo site location  
 Attachment C - Preliminary Estimate  
 Attachment D - Preliminary Design  
 Attachment E - PVPC Letter of Support

**Proposed MGC Grant Budget**

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| Excavation and installation of curb, sidewalks, drainage, road widening, pavement restoration, line painting and treebelt restoration. | 4-6 months (Summer 2026) | 1   | \$777,600          |
| New traffic signal, control panel, mast arms, pedestrian crossing signal and rapid rectangular flashing beacons.                       | 4-6 months (Summer 2026) | 1   | \$362,400          |
|  | <b>TOTAL:</b>            |     | <b>\$1,140,000</b> |

**Part C - 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.

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**Part D- Gambling Harm Reduction-** The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include other relevant research, Requests for Proposals, etc.

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**Part E- Specific Impact** If you are applying for a SI grant you should reach out in advance to MGC Staff to ensure project eligibility. A community may also use this Specific Impact Grant to break out administrative and staffing costs associated with the grant as a whole. -

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