



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Dear South Coast Rail Community,

The Patrick-Murray Administration is pleased to announce the Technical Assistance Grant Application Round for FY13. Technical assistance funding has been provided to communities over the past four years to implement the goals and objectives of the South Coast Rail Land Use and Economic Development Corridor Plan. Working in concert with the three Regional Planning Agencies in the region (the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, the Old Colony Planning Council and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council), communities have utilized technical assistance funds to implement the smart growth principles of the Corridor Plan through efforts that include transit oriented development bylaws, riverwalk planning, mixed-use bylaws in town centers and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity studies. Applicants for FY13 technical assistance funds are encouraged to submit proposals for projects that support the advancement of economic development opportunities in Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and preservation in Priority Protection Areas (PPAs).

The application and fact sheets for FY13 technical assistance funds can be accessed through the [South Coast Rail Website](#). Applications will be accepted through July 31, 2012. South Coast Rail communities should contact their Regional Planning Agency to discuss their proposed project prior to submitting an application and may submit two applications; however, a maximum of one award will be made per community.

As outlined in Executive Order 525 issued by Governor Deval Patrick in 2010, state agencies are required to ensure investment commitments in the South Coast region are made in a manner that is consistent with the Corridor Plan. All applications submitted will be required to demonstrate the proposed project's consistency with the Priority Development Areas and Priority Protection Areas identified in the Corridor Plan and the project's overall consistency with the Corridor Plan's smart growth objectives. To view the priority areas identified for your community, please refer to the Corridor Plan: [www.southcoastrail.com](http://www.southcoastrail.com).

We have enclosed a fact sheet you can share with your community's officials as you begin the application process.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jean Fox in black ink.

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