



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Public Housing Notice 2015-27

To: Local Housing Authority (LHA) Executive Directors
From: Sarah Glassman, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing & Rental Assistance
Date: October 8, 2015
Re: Urban Agenda Grant Program

On Monday, October 5th, Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito announced the Urban Agenda Grant Program that will distribute \$3 M in grants to support local economic development, planning, and multi-family housing production.

LHAs that are located in eligible municipalities may apply to the Urban Agenda Housing Grant Program that aims to increase the supply of multi-family housing across the Commonwealth for a range of incomes. Grants will assist communities in expanding housing opportunities, particularly those that leverage vacant or under-utilized publicly-owned land, and by supporting predevelopment and soft costs related to multi-family housing construction.

“These grants will drive community development by empowering residents and municipalities to use housing development to transform their neighborhoods,” said Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development Chrystal Kornegay. “Leveraging under-used land to expand housing opportunities and offer homes for families of all income levels will help drive economic development and quality-of-life improvements across Massachusetts.”

For a list of eligible municipalities and details about how to apply, please visit the Urban Agenda Grant website at:

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/community/funding/urban-agenda-grant-program.html>

Applications will be accepted until December 11, 2015.