

## City of Chelsea

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## Final Report from City of Chelsea, MA on Community Compact Grant for Public Dashboard

The City of Chelsea pursued this Community Compact Grant because it desired to create a public dashboard to benchmark, monitor and, most importantly, communicate to the general public and its employees information on various financial, housing and economic development performance measures. The goal was to increase transparency as well an enhance coordination and efficiency among City Departments. Prior to the dashboard, there were very few user-friendly data sets easily available, on the City's website or otherwise, for use by City Departments or members of the public.

The Grant provided \$20,000 in funding to support the creation of the public dashboard. The City put out an RFP and selected OpenGov as its vendor. The City expended a total of \$54,445.00 to acquire and implement the dashboard product from OpenGov. The purchase was made in January of 2018. The grant provided a portion of the funding related to the actual installation and setup of the system. The City provided the balance of funding, most of which pertained to the actual software cost. The City is also supporting the annual renewal cost, which is approximately \$36,000 annually. (A printout of the most recent MUNIS Report showing expenditures to OpenGov is attached.)

The portal has been fully implemented in Chelsea and is available to the public on our website. The web address is <a href="https://chelseama.ogopendata.com/">https://chelseama.ogopendata.com/</a>. The portal contains information on the City's finances, information on housing and economic development and many other date sets of interest to the general public. Both members of the public and Department Heads have commented favorably on the ease of use and the ability to quickly find helpful information.

The City believes the project has fully met its goal of increasing transparency and improving efficiency.

I hereby certify that the project was undertaken in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and that the project is fully complete.

Thomas G. Ambrosino, City Manager

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