

Monthly Local Aid Program Descriptions

Program	Type	Description
Chapter 70 Aid	Actual Payment	The Chapter 70 program is the major program of state aid to public elementary and secondary schools. In addition to providing state aid to support school operations, it also establishes minimum spending requirements for each school district and minimum requirements for each municipality's share of school costs.
Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA)	Actual Payment	Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) provides general-purpose financial assistance to municipalities.
School Choice Receiving Tuition (Sch Choice Rcvng Tuition)	Actual Payment	The school choice program allows parents to send their children to schools in districts other than the district in which they reside. Tuition is paid by the sending district to the receiving district. Districts may elect not to enroll school choice students if no space is available.
Charter Tuition Assessment Reimburse (Charter Tuition Reimburse)	Actual Payment	Through the Charter School Tuition Assessment Reimbursement the state provides partial reimbursement to the sending districts for the tuition costs incurred. Charter schools are independent public schools designed to encourage innovative educational practices. Charter schools are funded by tuition charges assessed against the school districts where the students reside.
Suffolk County Retirement (Suffolk Cty Retire Receipt)	Actual Payment	Transfers money from the City of Boston into the Suffolk County Retirement System.
State Owned Land	Actual Payment	The State-owned Land program reimburses communities for forgone tax revenues due to certain types of tax-exempt state-owned land.
Elderly Person Exemptions (Exemp: VBS and Elderly)	Actual Payment	The property tax exemption program reimburses municipalities for property tax exemptions granted to qualifying people at least 70 years of age who meet certain "whole estate or total assets," annual income, and residency requirements, and for property tax exemptions granted to qualifying veterans, blind persons, surviving spouses and elderly persons. (Only the Elderly portion is done monthly)
Choice Assessment	Actual Assessment	The school choice program allows parents to send their children to schools in communities other than the city or town in which they reside. Tuition is paid by the sending district to the receiving district. Districts may elect not to enroll school choice students if no space is available.
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RMV Non-Renewal	Actual Assessment	Assessment for cities and town that request the Registry of Motor Vehicles to "mark" a license or registration for non-renewal due to: 1. non-payment of parking violations, 2. non-payment of motor vehicle excise and 3. non-payment of abandoned vehicle costs.

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Retired Employee Hlth Ins	Actual Assessment	To reimburse the state for the costs of providing a health insurance plan for governmental retirees who were pensioned prior to the implementation of Chapter 32B by their local governmental unit. Chapter 32B enabled municipalities to establish a mechanism for group insurance for retirees.
Retired Teachers Hlth Ins	Actual Assessment	To reimburse the state for the costs of providing a life and health insurance plan for retired municipal teachers.
Mosquito Control	Actual Assessment	To assess municipalities for the costs of mosquito control services.
Air Pollution	Actual Assessment	To assess municipalities for a portion of the costs incurred by the Department of Environmental Protection in monitoring air pollution levels and enforcing air quality standards at industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)	Actual Assessment	To assess municipalities in order to finance a Metropolitan Boston area planning district to promote urban planning and respond to the common urban problems of Boston and outlying municipalities.
Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)	Actual Assessment	To assess municipalities in order to finance a regional planning body for the Brockton Metropolitan area to promote social and economic improvement.
Boston MDC	Actual Assessment	To assess municipalities for the administrative costs and charges incurred by the Boston Metropolitan Transit District, also known as the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).
MBTA	Actual Assessment	For services rendered to those cities and towns that are part of the Authority, an assessment will be administered in order to maintain and operate regional public transportation.

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Regional Transit	Actual Assessment	To assess municipalities in order to provide for a system of regional transportation authorities to develop, finance, and contract for the operation of transportation facilities and service outside the Metropolitan Boston area.
Suffolk County Retire Charge	Actual Assessment	Transfers money from the City of Boston into the Suffolk County Retirement System.
Special Education	Actual Assessment	To partially reimburse the state for providing special needs education to children enrolled in state hospital schools.
STRAP	Actual Assessment	To reimburse the state for a portion of road assistance program grants made to municipalities with populations of fewer than 3,500 for capital construction projects promoting public safety and economic development.
Essex Emerg Response (Essex REG Comm)	Actual Assessment	The mission of the Essex County Regional Emergency Communications Center is to serve as the communications link between all of our member community's citizens and their public safety agencies. Our vision is to exceed national standards and best practices by providing high-tech up to date 9-1-1 services in the most fiscally reasonable method. Member communities are assessed for this service.
Multi-Year Repayment	Actual Assessment	Ten year repayment of certain loans.

Questions regarding monthly local aid can be directed to the Municipal Databank at (617) 626-2384 or databank@dor.state.ma.us.

Municipal Databank issues an annual IGR showing the payment schedule for all cherry sheet programs which can be found here: <http://www.mass.gov/dor/docs/dls/publ/igr/2015/igr15-501.pdf> all other payments administered by the Commonwealth can be found on the Office of the Comptrollers site (<http://www.mass.gov/osc/>), under vendor code (<https://massfinance.state.ma.us/VendorWeb/vendor.asp>).