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## **General Overview**

### **Executive Summary**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) (ARPA) allocated approximately \$5.3 billion to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF). This 2024 Recovery Plan Performance Report summarizes the Commonwealth's response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, describes programs or projects supported or proposed to be supported with CSFRF resources, and provides information about the methods, processes, and procedures used to deploy these funds.

The Commonwealth experienced approximately 2.1 million confirmed cases, 23,687 confirmed deaths, and a further 2,190 probable deaths due to COVID-19 per data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) as of June 29, 2024. To date, approximately 97 percent of the Commonwealth's population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Following the initial passage of ARPA, the Commonwealth began investing CSFRF funds into programs that addressed the immediate needs of residents. These programs, which commenced in the Spring of 2021, provided additional aid to disproportionately impacted communities, funded paid sick leave for workers to recover, quarantine, and be vaccinated against COVID-19, and encouraged adult and adolescent residents to receive a vaccine through the VaxMillions program, an initiative that awarded adults and children who received vaccines.

The Massachusetts General Court made \$4.9 billion of the CSFRF award subject to legislative appropriation on June 28, 2021. The Governor signed a \$4 billion spending plan, Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, "An Act relative to immediate COVID-19 recovery needs" (hereafter, "Chapter 102") in December 2021 to support continued recovery across key priority areas in the Commonwealth. The bill authorized \$2.6 billion in spending from the CSFRF allocation and a further \$1.5 billion from the state's fiscal 2021 budget surplus. The Commonwealth's executive agencies and their partners continue to work to implement programming that aligns with Chapter 102.

On November 10, 2022, the Governor signed a \$3.8 billion spending plan, Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022, "An Act Relating to Economic Growth and Relief for the Commonwealth" (hereafter, "Chapter 268") to promote economic development, strengthen health and human services, advance clean energy, expand affordable housing, and invest in local communities, businesses, and workers. The bill authorized spending from both the CSFRF allocation and from the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Additional bills authorizing spending from the CSFRF allocation include Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2023, which allocated additional funding for grants to fiscally strained hospitals, and Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, which allocated funding for municipal flood relief and educational services.

## **Uses of Funds**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) (ARPA) allocated approximately \$5.3 billion to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF).

### ***Period 1: Executive Action***

The Commonwealth received approximately \$5.3 billion as a single payment on May 19, 2021 and moved quickly to use these funds to support immediate needs. These efforts included Aid to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave, and VaxMillions.

On June 28, 2021, the Massachusetts Legislature made approximately \$4.9 billion of the CSFRF allocation subject to legislative appropriation.

This action left approximately \$200 million available to the Governor for critical initiatives. These programs included: HireNow Grant Program; Health & Human Services Workforce Stabilization Payments; Chapter 766 Schools; Administrative Use; and Future of Work/Document Digitization.

### ***Period 2: Chapter 102***

The Governor recommended \$2.9 billion in CSFRF-supported spending for a range of COVID-19 response and recovery initiatives on June 28, 2021. The Legislature held a series of six public hearings related to this proposal from July 2021 until October 2021.

On December 13, 2021, the Governor signed Chapter 102, a \$4 billion spending plan to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic with direct funding to health care, housing and homeownership, workforce development, and other key priorities. The spending plan authorized up to \$2.6 billion in spending from the Commonwealth's total CSFRF allocation. The remaining \$1.5 billion was appropriated from the state's fiscal year 2021 budget surplus.

Chapter 102 requires the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to assign spending programs to federal or state revenue based on federal grant eligibility guidelines and regulations. These programs and projects continue to be designed and implemented across the Commonwealth.

### ***Period 3: Chapter 268***

On November 10, 2022, the Governor signed Chapter 268, a \$3.8 billion spending plan to promote economic development, strengthen health and human services, advance clean energy, expand affordable housing, and invest in local communities, businesses, and workers. The bill authorized spending from both the CSFRF allocation and from the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Similar to Chapter 102, Chapter 268 requires the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to assign spending programs to federal or state revenue based on federal grant eligibility guidelines and regulations. These programs and projects continue to be designed and implemented across the Commonwealth.

#### ***Period 4: Chapter 26 and Chapter 77***

On July 31, 2023, the Governor signed Chapter 26, a \$200 million spending plan. \$88.5 million was allocated from the CSFRF to provide hospital relief grants to hospitals experiencing fiscal strain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining funding was appropriated from the state fiscal year 2021 budget surplus. Over half of the hospital relief funding has been distributed and has enabled hospitals throughout the state to continue to provide essential services.

On December 4, 2023, the Governor signed Chapter 77 into effect. An additional \$80 million was allocated from the CSFRF: \$15 million for municipal flood relief and \$75 million for student enrollment costs related to the emergency assistance shelter program. The municipal flood relief program provided reimbursement to municipalities for mitigation costs incurred during storms and natural disasters in 2023, and all funding has been distributed to date.

Similar to Chapters 102 and 268, both of these pieces of legislation required that the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to assign funding sources to spending programs based on federal grant eligibility guidelines and regulations. These programs are currently in progress and continue to be administered.

For a detailed table on the Commonwealth's planned use for CSFRF funds refer to Appendix I.

#### **Promoting Equitable Outcomes and Community Engagement**

The Commonwealth has worked with a range of stakeholders to propose and implement CSFRF programs that address the needs of residents who have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and to increase access to CSFRF funding. Prior to the passage of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, additional aid to disproportionately impacted communities and the paid sick leave program were created and implemented to respond to the disparities heightened by the pandemic.

While the initial Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) provided funding to counties, cities, and towns in Massachusetts, the Commonwealth allocated an additional \$109.1 million from the CSFRF to four communities that were designated as hardest hit by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health – Chelsea, Everett, Methuen, and Randolph.

The Massachusetts Emergency Paid Sick Leave Program reimbursed eligible employers for the cost of providing COVID-19-related paid sick leave for all employees that needed leave time for illness, quarantine, and vaccinations. The Commonwealth ensured that all employees, especially those that are lower-wage workers, had access to paid sick leave. The program conducted outreach to employers, employees, and healthcare providers to increase awareness of the resource being provided.

Chapter 102 created a Federal Funds Equity and Accountability Review Panel (the Panel) charged with tracking how the CSFRF-supported spending is distributed throughout the Commonwealth.

The Panel's primary responsibility is to work with the Executive Office for Administration and Finance in drafting and maintaining a website that will track the amount of CSFRF funds allocated to all cities and towns within the Commonwealth that were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The Panel is responsible for setting allocation goals for all the CSFRF funds. On May 31, 2023, the Panel voted unanimously to approve the allocation goals that utilize three different metrics to identify the most impacted communities. The three metrics are: (1) vaccine equity initiative, defined as the 20 most impacted communities through the pandemic, (2) 50% or more of a municipalities' population living within an environmental justice community, and (3) 50% or more of the geographical area of a municipality lives within a higher social vulnerability index score. The Panel continues to make recommendations to the Massachusetts Legislature on how best to allocate the CSFRF fund and is currently in the process of preparing their final report.

The Commonwealth allocated \$100 million to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to establish a grant program that begins to address inequitable school facilities' needs and repairs by improving ventilation and indoor air-quality to support healthy learning environments. Eligibility for the funding is limited to school districts with economically disadvantaged student populations, meaning a district that serves at least 46.1% low-income students or English language learners. The amount eligible for districts has been predetermined by the Commonwealth.

Additionally, the Commonwealth allocated \$56.5 million to support digital equity across vulnerable populations, with a specific focus on reducing barriers to online activities related to education, work, civic/social processes, and healthcare. The funding will provide Wi-Fi systems in affordable housing and neighborhoods, improvements to inadequate broadband infrastructure in public spaces, Wi-Fi cellular hotspots to individuals lacking stable housing, and establishes and implements digital literacy training programs.

Housing as a policy area is a top priority of the Healey-Driscoll administration. Massachusetts has allocated over \$800 million of its CSFRF allocation towards numerous housing programs that aim to produce and maintain housing for the state's most vulnerable populations, including low-income and chronically homeless populations, veterans, and survivors of domestic/sexual violence. A notable housing program includes MassDreams, which is funded at \$65 million and aims to create homeownership opportunities for socially disadvantaged populations, first-time homebuyers, and communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. An additional \$115 million was allocated for the Commonwealth Builder Program, which aims to produce for-sale, below-market housing to expand homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers and socially disadvantaged individuals. Additionally, \$150 million has been dedicated to maintaining the state's public housing portfolio, \$57 million for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), \$108.5 million for the creation of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, \$100 million for the production of affordable housing units for very low-income populations, and \$115 million for the production and preservation of affordable rental housing units. These programs aim to address housing inequities throughout the state by expanding access to affordable housing units and providing homeownership opportunities for the state's most vulnerable individuals.

## **Labor Practices**

While the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is utilizing the Revenue Replacement category for numerous infrastructure projects, there are several projects that highlight how the Commonwealth continues to prioritize strong labor practices in its normal business processes and procedures. As projects, like the Clean Water Trust Project, are planned and agreements are finalized, the Commonwealth will take steps to ensure that the labor and contract practices provide prompt, effective, and efficient delivery for high-quality infrastructure projects.

Furthermore, the Commonwealth created the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) who's mission is to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in state contracting for businesses owned by minorities, women, Portuguese, veterans, service-disabled veterans, those with a disability, and LGBT individuals, as well as small Massachusetts businesses. The SDO certifies these businesses and manages several programs that help them enhance their marketability when bidding on public contracts.

The Commonwealth will seek to utilize project labor agreements, community benefits agreements, prevailing wage requirements, and local hiring in infrastructure projects. The execution of these workforce practices will be communicated in future recovery plans submitted to the U.S. Treasury.

## **Use of Evidence**

The Commonwealth continues to leverage two strategic themes based on the Results for American 2020 State Standard of Excellence to provide a framework for the use of evidence-based interventions in its Recovery Plan. These themes include:

- Using project budgets to build and focus state evaluation capacity and resources on evidence-based investments and
- Directing grant and contract spending towards interventions with evidence of effectiveness to deliver results and encourage innovation

Balancing the need for expedited implementation of Recovery Plan projects with the inherent challenges of major institutional process changes, a project budgeting process that emphasizes evidence-based investments continues to be integrated as much as possible into the Commonwealth's broader systematic approach to managing results. In directing grants and contracts as part of project planning and implementation, the Commonwealth has looked, and will continue to look, for programs that could deliver services or support that is critical to achieving Recovery Plan outcomes by evaluating each program's:

- Purpose – What is provided through the program?
- Target Population – To which communities will the program's support/funds go directly?
- Equity Focus – Does the program specifically and intentionally focus on underserved populations?
- Potential Evidence Base – What program outputs are measured? What is the program's intended outcome, and is it measured?

The Commonwealth's allocation of CSFRF to the four disproportionately impacted "hardest hit" communities, the VaxMillions giveaway, and Digital Equity Partnership Program demonstrate this framework.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) determined Chelsea, Everett, Methuen, and Randolph were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These communities received additional CSFRF funding from the Massachusetts legislature in support of an equitable outlook, ensuring the most impacted communities received the resources they required. The outputs of this program are measured through the required reports that these communities submit to the Commonwealth.

Additionally, as the Commonwealth's Federal Funds Equity and Accountability Review Panel continues to build out its target allocation goals for the percentage of funds allocated to communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and begins tracking whether CSFRF funds are reaching the allocation goals, the Administration will have another way to measure how CSFRF funds have been allocated throughout the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth's allocation of CSFRF to the VaxMillions program further demonstrates the framework as the program was designed to encourage vaccination for vaccine-hesitant populations. The goal of the program was to increase the number of vaccinated individuals and was measured by the number of vaccine doses administered. Vaccination rate data is available on the Department of Public Health's website. During the length of the program, 534,202 vaccine doses were administered.

Furthermore, the Commonwealth's allocation of CSFRF to the Digital Equity Partnership Program demonstrates the framework as the program was designed to support digital equity across target populations. The goals of the program will be measured by the number of users citing ability to access improved resources in education, work, civic/social processes, and healthcare due to the funding made available from the grant program.

A detailed description of the Commonwealth's initial framework for use of evidence-based interventions is presented in Appendix II.

## **Project Inventory**

### **Essential Employee Fund**

**Project Identification Number: EESEMPLPAY**

**Funding amount: \$460,000,000**

**Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts**

#### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$460 million for the COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium Pay Fund which provided payments to over 1,000,000 lower-wage frontline workers. The essential worker program was implemented in three rounds.

The first round of \$500 payments was determined by using the following parameters: recipients must have filed a 2020 Massachusetts tax return; been a Massachusetts resident in 2020 or lived in Massachusetts between March 10 and December 31 in 2020; earned income of at least \$12,750 in 2020; and had a total household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty



level in 2020. Additionally, a recipient could not have received unemployment compensation in 2020. The first round of payments was announced on February 8, 2022, and payments were distributed to recipients by the end of March 2022.

Eligibility for the second round of \$500 payments was determined by the following parameters: recipients must have filed a 2021 tax return; been a resident on or before June 15, 2021, or a part year resident that lived in Massachusetts between January 1 and June 15 in 2021; earned an income of at least \$13,500 in 2021; and had a total household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level in 2021. The second round of payments was announced on May 19, 2022, and payments were distributed to recipients in June 2022.

Eligibility for the third round of \$250 payments was determined with the following parameters: recipients must meet the eligibility criteria for round one and round two except for the requirement that they had not received unemployment compensation.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Revenue reported that 1,030,538 households have received Essential Employee Premium Pay payments. To determine the number of households that received payments, the Department of Revenue defined household by tax return status.

#### **Administrative Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFADMI**

**Funding amount: \$4,025,478.61**

**Project Expenditure Category: 7-Administrative Costs**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$4.03 million to cover administrative costs for the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. This investment funded the Federal Funds Office payroll and consultant support to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and reporting requirements.

#### **Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Transfer**

**Project Identification Number: REPAYUIADV**

**Funding amount: \$500,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$500 million to repay the federal government for Title XII Advances on the Commonwealth's Unemployment Trust Fund.

#### **Emergency Assistance to Approved Special Education Schools (EAASES) – Workforce (Chapter 766 Schools)**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOEC766**

**Funding amount: \$78,742,753.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

This grant opportunity is aimed at strengthening and stabilizing the workforce in approved private special education day and residential school programs. The Commonwealth has allocated CSFRF for the approved private special education day and residential programs to assist approved programs with maintaining and strengthening the workforce needed to provide services to Massachusetts special education students. In response to the economic and other impacts of COVID-19 on recipients and the available workforce, these grants will increase recruitment, hiring and retention of qualified and eligible staff which in turn will increase the number of Massachusetts students who may be enrolled in the programs and have access to direct care, educational, and other services provided to enrolled students.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has reported that 73 out of 76 eligible special education schools received EAASES workforce funding. Of those 73 schools, 52.1% reported an increase in students between December 2021 and June 2022. 42.5% of Schools reported a decrease in staff vacancies during that same time frame.

#### **VaxMillions Giveaway**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFVAXM**

**Funding amount: \$8,197,582.02**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1-Public Health**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth launched the [Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway](#) (VaxMillions) on July 1, 2021 as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines and to encourage residents to get vaccinated. The main goal of the VaxMillions program was to increase the number of fully vaccinated individuals within the Commonwealth. VaxMillions supported this effort in two ways by: (1) attracting public attention to and excitement about the Commonwealth's ongoing vaccination efforts and (2) offering potentially life-changing prizes as incentives for individuals who were hesitant or unenthusiastic about receiving initial vaccination or about returning for their second vaccine dose.

VaxMillions was just one of the initiatives the Commonwealth has undertaken to incentivize COVID-19 vaccination. Other initiatives (not funded by CSFRF) include: (1) Red Sox Week – a week of vaccination events with Red Sox themed attractions, a display of the team's trophies, and a raffle to win tickets to a Red Sox game; (2) Dunkin Week – a week of vaccination events offering free coffee and chances to win free coffee for a year; (3) mobile pop-up clinics – offering grocery gift cards or passes to museums and other attractions; and (4) the Vax Bus tour – which drove through more than 15 cities and towns throughout the month of July.

#### Performance Report

Over the course of the program, 2.5 million people in the Commonwealth registered – 2.35 million adult registrants and 167,000 children between the ages of 12 and 17 years old. The five \$1 million winners and the five \$300,000 scholarship winners were announced weekly from July 29, 2021 through August 26, 2021. The ten winners lived across the Commonwealth in Leominster, Conway, Lowell, Rockland, Attleboro, Reading, Billerica, Norwood, Weymouth, and Chelsea. Over 400,000 Commonwealth residents became fully vaccinated against COVID-19 throughout the duration of the program. The media campaign contracted to engage participants

in the program made 25.4 million online impressions, 320,000 social media engagements, and over 6,090 AM/FM radio spots between June 2021 and August 2021.

### **Aid to Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDORADIC**

**Funding amount: \$109,080,277.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$109.1 million from the CSFRF to provide aid to disproportionately impacted communities. The four communities – Chelsea, Everett, Methuen, and Randolph – were designated as “hardest hit” communities by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Due to the CLFRF funding formula for local governments, they were set to receive a disproportionately smaller amount of federal funding compared to other hard-hit communities. Additional funds from the Commonwealth’s CSFRF allocation were distributed as follows:

- Chelsea - \$28.5 million
- Everett - \$33.3 million
- Methuen - \$26.3 million
- Randolph - \$21.0 million

The four municipalities can use the funding to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including direct response efforts, addressing negative economic impacts, replacing revenue lost during the pandemic, making investments in water, sewer, broadband infrastructure, and other eligible needs.

#### Performance Report

The Commonwealth is in the process of collecting this information and reports from the four communities as services are delivered.

### **Health & Human Services Workforce Stabilization Payments**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSWF01**

**Funding amount: \$54,381,579.17**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1-Public Health**

#### Project Overview

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) provided immediate time-limited rate enhancements from July through December 2021 to address the current workforce crisis in health and human services as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This investment was aimed at strengthening and stabilizing the Commonwealth’s health and human services workforce. Providers received funds directly from the agency purchasing their services as a one-time, lump sum payment calculated based on recent actual spending. As a condition of receipt of these additional funds, eligible provider agencies completed an attestation assuring EOHHS that they will use at least 90% of the funds for direct care workforce development, which could include hiring and retention bonuses and other categories of worker compensation.

Additionally, provider agencies that received enhanced funds are required to submit a spending report to EOHHS that accounts for how the enhanced funds were used.

#### Performance Report

EOHHS has reported that a total of 287 providers received payments, and 64,215 workers received retention or recruitment bonuses. There is a 0% reported change in workforce numbers and retention ratios.

### **COVID-19 Temporary Paid Sick Leave Program**

**Number: CSFDOPREPSL**

**Funding amount: \$158,838,299.48**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1-Public Health**

#### Project Overview

Massachusetts allocated \$75 million from the CSFRF to the Paid Sick Leave Program to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The goal of this program was to reduce job-related obstacles for Massachusetts residents who were recovering from, quarantining for, and/or being vaccinated against COVID-19. In particular, the program was intended to support lower-wage workers who may not otherwise have access to paid sick leave.

A total of \$75 million was transferred to the COVID-19 Massachusetts Emergency Paid Sick Leave Fund in June 2021. The Massachusetts Legislature authorized an additional \$25 million for the program in the Acts of 2022 Chapter 22. The original law included a provision to reimburse costs submitted before the end of the program but not otherwise covered within the appropriation amount. The program concluded on March 15, 2022, but employers were able to apply for reimbursement to the Commonwealth until April 29, 2022. The total cost of the program was approximately \$160 million.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Revenue reported in June 2024 that 43,776 payments had been processed and paid out. The total amount of reimbursement processed and paid out was \$158,819,342.80.

### **Fiscally Strained Hospitals**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD01**

**Funding amount: \$250,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1-Public Health**

#### Project Overview

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Hospital Relief Trust Fund provides financial support to eligible hospitals and affiliated hospital health care providers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The program seeks to ensure the continued availability of hospital services in Massachusetts during and after the end of the pandemic.

The program also aims to prevent any further deterioration in provider fiscal performance. The program is organized into tiers to determine where the largest sum of grants should be provided – the most fiscally strained hospitals. The following is the breakdown of the tiers:

- Tiers 1 and 2 include Massachusetts hospitals with the highest Medicaid payer mix (Medicaid revenues as a proportion of total revenues),
- Tier 3 recognizes independent acute hospitals (hospitals that do not have the backing of a system) that are not eligible for tier 1 or 2,
- Tiers 4 and 5 guarantee that non-acute hospitals or hospital systems that responded to the pandemic receive some funding if they are not affiliated with any other hospital that received funding in tier 1, 2 or 3,
- Tier 6 respondents are the least fiscally strained hospitals/systems in the Commonwealth.

#### Performance Report

As providers are awarded grants from the program, they are required to report on a quarterly basis, the operating margin, the non-operating margin, and the total margin. The recipients will continue to report quarterly until their payment agreement expires.

### **Administration and Finance Special Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFPROJ**

**Funding amount: \$4,155,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$4.16 million to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) to promote economic development and pandemic recovery for municipalities and non-profits. These funds will allow recipients to invest in transportation, infrastructure, and public safety improvements that encourage economic recovery from the pandemic and respond to needs exacerbated by COVID-19.

#### Performance Report

A&F collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. A&F is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Immigrants and Refugees Housing Reserve: SLSCO Contract & JBCC Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFCDAEAIC**

**Funding amount: \$13,543,844.79**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated approximately \$13.5 million to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to establish and operate a temporary shelter to address immediate housing needs. This funding will address the strain on shelter services as a result of the increasing numbers of immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers entering emergency assistance shelters. The arrival of roughly 50 immigrants in the Fall of 2022 to a small-island community necessitated the need to house these individuals and to support state, local, and non-profit partners who provide housing and other human services. MEMA will provide transportation, meals and lodging, janitorial services, and administrative/staffing costs required to maintain the shelter. In addition, MEMA will use this funding to set up a temporary

intake center, where up to 60 families (125 individuals maximum) can reside during their first few days and receive time-sensitive case management services and various intake assessments before being transferred to an emergency assistance site or a permanent housing solution.

#### Performance Report

MEMA will collect information on the number of people served, as well as demographic information on these individuals. MEMA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Clean Water Trust Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFCWTPROJ**

**Funding amount: \$201,865,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$200 million to help communities build or replace water quality infrastructure that enhances ground and surface water resources, ensures the quality of drinking water, and protects public health. The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (“the Trust”) will provide subsidized financing for projects that focus on the development and rehabilitation of wastewater and drinking water infrastructure with the aim of promoting sustainability, green infrastructure, and to protect the environment and public health. The Trust, in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), uses a standardized process to solicit and evaluate projects for wastewater rehabilitation and drinking water infrastructure and will commit the CSFRF funds as grants to projects approved for financing in its 2021 Intended Use Plan (IUP). These CSFRF funds will enable the Trust to meet the needs of communities, many of which are Gateway Cities and Environmental Justice communities.

#### Performance Report

As of June 30, 2024, the projects that received the largest subsidized financing from the Clean Water Trust were Wastewater Treatment Facility Initial Capital Improvements in Lynn Massachusetts (\$9,893,533) and Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements (\$8,235,246) in Fall River Massachusetts. The subsidized financing for the Lynn project addressed the integrity of their wastewater infrastructure, ensuring continued functionality through the next 20 years. The subsidized financing for the Fall River project addressed water quality, public health, and safety issues.

### **Mental Health Pre-Arrest Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDMHJDIV**

**Funding amount: \$15,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$15 million to support local municipalities to operate police-based jail diversion programs for encounters involving a behavioral health crisis. This project aims to provide support to communities to increase the likelihood of an equitable police

response and to reduce negative outcomes for those with behavioral health disabilities and in terms of race, ethnicity, and/or gender identity. Project components include de-escalation training for police and clinical co-response personnel. Intended outcomes include reduction in injury or death, reduction in arrest numbers, reduction of use of detention and/or incarceration of people in behavioral health crisis.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) collects information from recipients detailing provider information related to the number of grants funded, number of communities impacted; number of co-responder resources supported, number of co-response events, and number of persons diverted. DMH is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDMHPACT**

**Funding amount: \$5,000,000**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5 million to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) for ten new Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) programs. PACT is an evidence-based treatment model utilizing an integrated, multi-disciplinary team approach to provide active, ongoing, comprehensive, community-based behavioral health services to individuals who are not able to participate or do not benefit from traditional outpatient services. The program will be delivered by health and human service providers contracted by the Department of Mental Health to provide these services.

#### Performance Report

DMH collects information from recipients detailing community tenure, housing, employment, education, community participation, social connections and support, self-determination, and substance use. DMH is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Assertive Community Treatment - Mental Health Support for Youth Under 22**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDMHPCTY**

**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5 million to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Program of Assertive Community Treatment for Youth (PACT-Y), which provides a set of comprehensive behavioral health services to individuals under the age of 22. These individuals suffer from the most challenging and persistent behavioral health needs and are living in their communities, but other community-based behavioral health services have not resulted in sustained success for them to remain in their communities. PACT-Y Services are contracted services with community-based behavioral health providers that have been awarded through a

DMH procurement process. The services are provided by a multi-disciplinary team and include comprehensive assessment, psychiatry including prescribing, nursing, care coordination, counseling and psychotherapy, peer supports, substance use interventions, occupational therapy, educational support, assistance with accessing health care services, and crisis response and intervention. The intended outcome of the PACT-Y service is to provide the services and supports needed to help youth remain living in their community and prevent the need for out-of-home, residential, and/or hospital levels of care.

#### Performance Report

DMH collects information from recipients detailing service utilization metrics, such as the number and demographics of youth receiving the service, and the type of contact received from the PACT-Y Team (e.g., face-to-face, telehealth, collateral). DMH will also track the number of hospitalizations for youth receiving the PACT-Y service and the number and length of ED Boarding events. DMH is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Commonwealth Document Digitalization**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOCDIGI**

**Funding amount: \$5,035,577.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated approximately \$5 million for document digitization across various state agencies to assess all paper records stored on site, separate records that are outside retention periods, and classify and organize the remaining records for digitization to meet record retention requirements. Additionally, the program is aiming to increase effective delivery of state services, business and access efficiency; digitize the records and apply indexes; and identify which paper records must be returned to meet statutory requirements. The intended outcomes of this project are to provide a roadmap for other agencies to begin a similar process and make records more accessible to requestors, facilitate hybrid work, and reduce the Commonwealth's overall need for space to store paper documents.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) will collect information on the number of boxes that have been digitized. A&F will collect program information as spending continues to progress.

### **Local Transportation Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOTC268**

**Funding amount: \$14,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated \$14 million to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement 35 projects in accordance with the language in Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. These projects include initiatives for infrastructure improvements to roadways, bridges,



sewer and drainage, wayfinding and streetscape, pedestrian walkways and bike paths, traffic signals and mitigation, and grade crossings. Additionally, funds will be expended on bike share stations, shuttle bus services, ferry service, a study regarding a commuter rail station, and engineering services. The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will incur expenses to ensure equitable access to services it provides, serving limited English proficient individuals. A Language Access Coordinator will be funded out of this funding.

#### Performance Report

DOT collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. DOT is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Local Boards of Health Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHLH23**

**Funding amount: \$200,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated a total of \$200,000,000 to provide financial support to the local and regional public health systems. This program prioritizes the expansion and enhancement of shared public health services among municipalities, including three areas of focus: data systems and performance tracking (\$98.85M), workforce development (\$30M), and capacity building of local and regional public health (\$71.15M). The COVID-19 public health emergency exacerbated previously identified inequities, deficiencies, and weaknesses in Massachusetts' local public health systems and directly affected local boards of health, straining the limited staff and resources. Lack of support to local boards of health extends to the general population of the Commonwealth. Struggling boards of health cannot provide adequate emergency and foundational public health services for their populations.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Public Health (DPH) collects information from recipients detailing the number of municipalities meeting performance standards, number of local/regional public health staff meeting established workforce training and credential standards, and number of municipalities in shared services arrangements. They will also collect information on the number of local/regional public health staff attended training programs funded by this funding, number of municipalities participate in data systems funded by this funding, and amount of funding received by each shared services arrangement. DPH is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Grants to Reproductive and Family Planning Service Providers**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHRH23**

**Funding amount: \$16,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$16.5 million to expand access to reproductive and family planning service needs statewide, with a specific focus on services listed in the budget language. This includes, but is not limited to, pregnancy termination, contraception, miscarriage management, assisted reproductive technology, postpartum depression care, post-miscarriage mental health care, midwifery services and prenatal and perinatal services. Funds also can be used to support public information campaign design and implementation services.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Public Health (DPH) collects information on the number of clients served, grant dollar amount per client, and average grant size. DPH is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Education Development Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEARMKED**

**Funding amount: \$14,634,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$14,634,000 to the Executive Office of Education (EOE) to promote recovery from COVID-19 at educational institutions and address needs resulting from or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Investments in educational institutions include the improvement of infrastructure at local educational facilities, scholarship funds, and curriculum development. This funding will go towards a total of 47 grants.

#### Performance Report

EOE collects information on the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EOE is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Environmental Investment Special Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEAEREI**

**Funding amount: \$44,039,050.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated approximately \$44 million to environmental investment projects throughout the Commonwealth. This funding will promote economic recovery and investment in environmental technology and infrastructure that saw unprecedented use during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Projects include improvements to parks and recreational spaces, development of the agricultural sector, investment into water and sewage infrastructure, and capacity building of local food pantries and food distribution networks.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA) collects information on the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EEA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Digital Equity Partnerships**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEDDEPP**

**Funding amount: \$50,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated a total of \$50,000,000 to support digital equity across targeted populations to reduce barriers to online activities related to education, work, civic/social processes, and healthcare. This program will have 6 areas of focus: (1) Wifi Access Initiative, (2) Public Space Internet Modernization Initiative, (3) Connectivity Initiative for Economic Hardship, (4) Digital Literacy Initiative, (5) Device Distribution and Refurbishment Initiative, and (6) Education, Outreach, and Adoption Support Initiative. \$5,000,000 of the total budget is for municipal digital equity planning, targeting municipalities with Qualified Census Tracts or those designated as disproportionately impacted communities. Planning consultants will work with municipalities to develop a set of strategic documents designed to guide future municipal decision-making and investments related to procuring services and key community assets that will increase access and usage of the internet for the populations most impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) will report on the number of unique network users, number of devices provided to individuals/families without stable housing, and number of residents able to use basic technology at the level of a Tech Goes Home program graduate or equivalent. EOED will also report on a variety of other indicators including the number of residents enrolled in ACP and percentage of eligible residents enrolled in ACP by zip code. EOED is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Pediatric Behavioral Health Urgent Care Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSBHUC**

**Funding amount: \$1,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated \$1,500,000 towards grants to eligible MassHealth-enrolled Mental Health Centers (MHCs) for purposes of providing urgent outpatient behavioral health treatment services to MassHealth members under age 21. Eligible MHCs are those that:

- Have submitted an attestation form to become a designated Behavioral Health Urgent Care (BHUC) provider in accordance with MassHealth Managed Care Entity Bulletin 76 (BHUC providers must increase timely access to treatment for MassHealth members, including offering same- or next-day appointments and night and weekend hours);
- Have, or agree to use grant funds to create, after school and evening hours focused on serving members under 21; and

- Are located in Massachusetts or serve MassHealth members who reside in the cities and towns identified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) as those hardest by COVID-19.

Recipient MHCs will use funds to provide urgent outpatient behavioral health treatment services, including development of evening and weekend appointment access, for members under 21 and their families. Through this grant program, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) seeks to ensure the increased availability of services for children and adolescents receiving MassHealth with behavioral health needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly within those areas disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from recipients detailing the number of additional hours of care added that serve MassHealth members under 21 and the number of programs available to MassHealth members under 21. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Community Health Centers Electronic Health Record Systems**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSHC1**

**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated a total of \$5,000,000 to provide financial support to eligible community health centers (CHCs) for the purpose of developing, creating, or improving their electronic health record (EHR) systems and infrastructure, improving the efficient and secure use of such systems, and to improve patient engagement with virtual health solutions. This project will distribute funds by issuing a grant solicitation requesting eligible CHCs to submit proposals with a timeline for the expected implementation. It is expected that all CHCs receiving grant funds will complete their projects within 1 year of receiving funds. Allocation of funds through this grant program are intended to help CHCs invest in EHR systems, which will allow them to improve efficiency for their clinical staff and improve care management for patients. CHCs often serve the Commonwealth's most underserved communities and by investing in their infrastructure, this program aims to assist in CHC's efforts to perform care management and address social determinants of health like food access, affordable housing, transportation, and childcare. Additionally, this program aims to help alleviate the financial strain experienced by CHCs from the pandemic and the overall burden/burnout of staff members.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from recipients detailing the number of times EHR is accessed by providers and number of times EHR is accessed by patients to see patient-facing information. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Community Health Centers - Patients who Deferred Care**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSDFDC**  
**Funding amount: \$10,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated \$10,000,000 to provide financial support to eligible Massachusetts health centers that provide critical health care services to MassHealth members. These grants are necessary to support an industry that was disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and support providers that maintain critical services for MassHealth members. Eligible Massachusetts providers, collectively referred to herein as “Health Centers”, consist of 1) providers in Massachusetts enrolled in the MassHealth program as community health centers (CHCs), and 2) providers in Massachusetts enrolled in the MassHealth program as hospital-licensed health centers (HLHCs) that receive grants under 42 U.S.C. section 254(b) and therefore meet the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), definition of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The primary goal of the Health Center Deferred Care Program is to ensure important providers can adequately continue to provide services, in particular to ensure the continued availability of safety net and primary care services provided by Health Centers for MassHealth members and residents of the Commonwealth, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from recipients detailing the following metrics to establish a baseline: operating margin, workforce, and total services rendered. They will then be expected to report on the same metrics again within 12 months after receiving funds to demonstrate the impact of the funds on their fiscal stability, overall workforce, and service delivery. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**Fiscally Strained Hospitals - Grants to Hospitals**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD02**  
**Funding amount: \$300,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$300 million to provide financial relief to the hospital industry to mitigate negative economic impacts experienced as a result of COVID-19. This financial support will be provided to hospitals in accordance with a specific payment methodology detailed in Section 250 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. Funding will be targeted to hospitals that serve a large portion of low-income residents and are designated as high public payer hospitals to ensure continuity of services provided. Recipients will use this funding to mitigate financial hardship due to profit and revenue losses, return to full employment levels, obtain technical assistance with business planning needs, and implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from recipients detailing the recipient's operating margin, the recipient's non-operating margin, and the recipient's total margin. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Fiscally Strained Hospitals – High Public Payer Hospitals**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD03**

**Funding amount: \$50,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$50 million to provide financial relief to the hospital industry to mitigate negative economic impacts experienced as a result of COVID-19. This financial support will be provided to high public payer hospitals through a methodology determined by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and is based on hospital occupancy rates and CSFRF funding received to-date. Funding will be targeted to hospitals that serve a large portion of low-income residents and are designated as high public payer hospitals to ensure continuity of services provided. Recipients will use this funding to mitigate financial hardship due to profit and revenue losses, return to full employment levels, obtain technical assistance with business planning needs, and implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

#### Performance Report

EOHHS collects information from recipients detailing the recipient's operating margin, the recipient's non-operating margin, and the recipient's total margin. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

The pandemic has caused negative economic impacts for the hospital industry, and the fiscal strain has jeopardized the availability of hospital services for residents of the Commonwealth. EOHHS will use the metrics reported above to determine measure continued negative economic impacts and fiscal strain. To the extent that fiscal strain is lessened, or at least stabilized, this would help ensure the continued availability of hospital services for residents of the Commonwealth.

### **Health Safety Net Trust Fund Transfer**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSHSNT**

**Funding amount: \$20,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated \$20,000,000 to replace lost revenue of community health centers (CHCs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), both of which were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and experienced significant negative economic impacts. Cancellations and delays in non-emergency visits, increased labor/supply costs, and the impact of treating COVID-19 patients, stretched providers to their clinical and financial capacity. This program will distribute grants, targeting CHCs and FQHCs that serve a high proportion of uninsured populations. The primary goal of the FQHC Health

Safety Net Grant Program is to replace lost revenue in order to improve the fiscal stability and ensure the continued availability of primary care services provided by FQHCs, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from CHC and FQHC recipients detailing the following metrics to establish a baseline: operating margin, non-operating margin, total margin. They will then be expected to report on the same metrics again within 12 months after receiving funds to demonstrate the impact of the funds on their fiscal stability.

### **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSMHNP**

**Funding amount: \$11,600,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$11.6 million for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to implement the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Fellowship Program. This initiative aims to reduce the shortage of mental health providers in Massachusetts and build capacity in community health centers (CHCs) to provide mental health care & improve access in resource poor locations. The program is a statewide one-year fellowship designed to prepare and transition graduates into an integrated Community Health Center practice setting. Each fellowship will include supervision, mentorship, a gradual clinical ramp-up to a full patient panel and training to become a future preceptor. The program aims to increase the number of mental health providers in community health centers to better meet the increased demand for mental health services in Massachusetts. Increasing the number of PMHNP's can address treatment gaps and improve treatment access in traditionally under resources geographic areas.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from recipients detailing a variety of different metrics including number of applications, applicant demographics, number of fellows/fellowship lifecycle, fellow demographics, CHC locations, rate of fellowship completion, and rate of fellowship attrition. The program also aims to increase staff diversity and increase the number of PMHNPs working in CHCs in the near-term. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Primary Care Workforce at Community Health Centers**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSPCWF**

**Funding amount: \$15,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$15 million to fund workforce development, recruitment, and retention efforts for the primary care workforce at community health centers (CHCs). In order to

receive funding, the grant applicant must propose an initiative that is likely to achieve at least one of the following:

- Alleviate primary care workforce burnout in the CHC
- Increase the primary care workforce pipeline to the CHC
- Improve recruitment at the CHC
- Improve retention of existing talent

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) has reported an 8% increase in workforce retention rates at community health centers when compared to the baseline rate taken 2 years prior. The turnover rate decreased by 3% when compared to the baseline rate taken two years prior. Additionally, the number of employees whose primary language is not English, and who identify as Hispanic or Latino, black or African American, and Asian have all increased in the past year.

**Electric Vehicle Adoption Incentive Fund Transfer**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFENEEVAI**  
**Funding amount: \$50,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) programs aim to provide air pollution emission reductions for the Commonwealth by increasing the use of zero emission vehicles (ZEVs). Overseen by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and implemented by a third-party program administrator, MOR-EV provides incentives to residents, businesses, non-profits, and public entities to electrify light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles. Forthcoming MOR-EV programs include but are not limited to a point-of-sale rebate program to enable improved cost accessibility at the time of vehicle purchase or lease, rebates for used ZEVs, and a rebate adder intended for Commonwealth residents with limited income that can be combined with other MOR-EV rebates. DOER is establishing a linguistically diverse and culturally competent outreach campaign, which shall be print accessible and accessible to English language learners, to inform dealers, vehicle salespeople, consumers and businesses in underserved communities, communities with high percentages of low-income households and communities with high proportions of high emissions vehicles about the MOR-EV programs and incentives. In addition, MOR-EV provides additional rebate funding to medium- and heavy-duty vehicles that operate in Environmental Justice Communities to further minimize air pollution impacts in those areas.

#### Performance Report

DOER collects information from recipients detailing the number of new ZEV rebates issued per year, number of used ZEV rebates issued per year, number of low-income rebate adders issued per year. DOER will also collect and report the program participation rate, the portion of program spending attributed to vehicles registered in Environmental Justice Communities; and the geographic distribution of MOR-EV rebates issued. DOER is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.



## **Marine Port Infrastructure Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC1**

**Funding amount: \$100,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$100 million to invest in improvements to ports and port infrastructure as well as to support the clean energy industry. This funding will enable Massachusetts port facilities to provide critical services and supplies for the offshore wind industry.

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) collects information from recipients detailing offshore uses, clients, and/or projects supported, direct and indirect employment impacts, direct, indirect, and total economic impact; and total project investments and leveraged funding. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Labor and Workforce Development Administrative Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLAD2**

**Funding amount: \$9,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$9 million to cover administrative costs for the effective delivery and oversight of workforce and labor programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. In addition to program support at the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), a portion of the funding is supporting staffing at Commonwealth Corporation and the Department of Career Services for CSFRF programming and oversight. Consulting firms were also competitively procured to support CSFRF programming for workforce development.

### Performance Report

EOLWD collects information from recipients detailing how administrative costs support the following workforce and labor projects funded with CSFRF: Workforce Competitive Trust Fund, Career Technical Initiative, HireNow Program, Workforce Skills Cabinet Regional Planning, Market Makers Staffing Program, Upskilling Navigators Staffing Program, and FutureSkills Marketing Campaign. EOLWD is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Labor and Workforce Development and Operation of Career Technical Institutes**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLCTI2**

**Funding amount: \$25,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$25 million to the Career Technical Initiative (CTI). CTI was created to develop training pipelines to meet the skill needs of businesses in technical occupations. CTI funds vocational technical education organizations to deliver re-training models for technical roles for adult, unemployed individuals in the “third shift” at a vocational technical school.

#### Performance Report

Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) collects information from recipients detailing participant demographics, participant social security numbers and confirmation of participant employment status. EOLWD also collects information on services provided and participant progression through the program, new employment and/or apprenticeship program participation and 30-day retention status. EOLWD is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

#### **Hire Now Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLHN22**

**Funding amount: \$50,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$50 million to HireNow, an employer grant program that provides funding to reimburse eligible Massachusetts employers who hire and retain Massachusetts residents for the costs of onboarding and training new employees. HireNow provides grants of \$4,000 for each eligible, newly hired employee. The program is intended to address hiring challenges experienced by Massachusetts employers because of the COVID-19 pandemic. HireNow provides resources to enable Massachusetts employers to broaden their recruiting practices to include workers who do not meet traditional qualifications. Employers are encouraged to rethink hiring practices, minimum qualifications, and onboarding processes to consider a wider net of candidates.

#### Performance Report

As of May 2023, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) has registered 6,103 businesses in the HireNow program, approved 1,994 employees, and had 11,243 workers hired and retained for at least 60 days.

#### **Labor and Workforce Development Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLLWDP**

**Funding amount: \$3,710,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3.71 million for the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) to provide contracts to organizations specified in Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. This funding will be targeted towards various youth programming and workforce skills training programs across the state.

#### Performance Report

EOLWD collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EOLWD is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Labor and Workforce Development Market Makers Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLMM2**

**Funding amount: \$2,300,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$2.3 million to the Market Makers program, a program that focuses on increasing the number of Massachusetts companies partnering with education and training providers. Market Makers will expand programs that provide skills to unemployed individuals by following up with companies leads looking for trained talent, reaching out to companies not currently partnering on grants, and providing assistance to companies in applying for FRF funding through existing programs expanded by FRF dollars.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) collects information from recipients detailing the number of companies connected to existing training programs to hire graduates, number of companies that participate in pipeline program grant, number of companies that apply for incumbent worker grant. EOLWD also collects information on the number of companies that were able to hire individuals from existing programs or through grant funded partnerships that the Market Maker assisted the company to develop. EOLWD is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Labor and Workforce Development Regional Planning Grants**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLRG2**

**Funding amount: \$300,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$300,000 for the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to assist regional planning teams to develop CSFRF programs and ensure coordination and regional alignment to respond to business needs. Regional partners will assess their regional-specific needs, engage partners and employers, and identify priorities for investments. The team will produce an updated data set and blueprints to reflect these priorities and scaling up of training programs.

#### Performance Report

As of May 2023, the Regional Planning Grants and Contracting Networks program has facilitated the submittal of 135 grants, with grantees located across the Commonwealth.

### **Labor and Workforce Development Statewide Marketing of Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLSM2**

**Funding amount: \$1,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1 million for the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) to design a brand identity, outreach marketing, and campaign for the "FutureSkills" brand. This includes a logo design, usage guidelines, and corresponding collateral to be used by multiple partners representing the programs under the FutureSkills umbrella. The goal of the FutureSkills brand is to bring together numerous Massachusetts workforce development training programs. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development will select a vendor to assist in these endeavors by providing project and account management services.

## Performance Report

EOLWD collects information from recipients detailing the total number of companies participating in grant programs and total number of participant enrollees. EOLWD is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Labor and Workforce Development Upskilling Navigators**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLUN2**

**Funding amount: \$7,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$7 million to create new roles through the already existent MassHire system called "upskilling navigators". The purpose of this role would be to scale up the number of people enrolling in education and training by supporting major recruitment and enrollment activities, including partnerships with community-based organization to increase outreach to individuals disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This new role will complement additional capacity building strategies, including Market Maker roles, Scaling Capacity and Leveraging Employers (SCALE) planning grants, and statewide recruitment campaigns (for instructors, employer partners and trainees).

## Performance Report

The Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development (EOLWD) collects information from recipients detailing the number of participants engaged by an upskilling navigator and the number of participants engaged who enroll in training programs (number of trainees completing training programs, number of trainees placed post-completion). EOLWD is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund Transfer**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLWC2**

**Funding amount: \$37,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$37.5 million to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (WCTF). The allocation will be used to develop training pipelines to meet the skill needs of businesses in high-demand occupations. The program facilitates partnerships between

education, training, workforce, community-based organizations, and industry partners to create numerous programs that are tailored to meet business needs. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) and Commonwealth Corporation will oversee the administration of grant awards made through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development (EOLWD) collects information from recipients detailing the number of participants, rate of spending, number of credentials given to participants, and participant employment placement. EOLWD also collects information detailing percentage of unemployed/underemployed participants who completed training and the 30-day retention rates of those participants. EOLWD is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Housing and Community Development Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDHCDP**

**Funding amount: \$8,605,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) will allocate over \$8.6 million to encourage economic development. This funding will address the lack of affordable housing across the Commonwealth, improve zoning laws, and provide additional support for administrative services pursuant to Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022.

#### Performance Report

EOHLC collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EOHLC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Local Economic Development Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDLEDP**

**Funding amount: \$57,689,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated over \$53 million to investments in local economic recovery projects in response to hardships created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. This funding will provide much needed fiscal support to local non-profits, municipalities, businesses, and other community organizations for recovery efforts and local economic development.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EOED is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**Business Assistance for Movie Theaters**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDMVIS**  
**Funding amount: \$3,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made \$3,000,000 available to support movie theaters in the Commonwealth negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program targets movie theaters in the Commonwealth that: (a) have had not less than \$15,000 in box office ticket sales in calendar year 2019, (b) have experienced a decline in box office sales between calendar year 2019 and subsequent years, or portions thereof, of 40 percent or more; (c) be physically located in the Commonwealth; and (d) have no current tax liens on record with the Department of Revenue at the time of application.

Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) has distributed grant awards to 44 movie theaters in regions across the Commonwealth. In support of equitable distribution of awards, the average number of employees per recipient theater was 21, and 18 grant recipients employed 10 or fewer employees at time of application.

**Business Assistance: Small Business Grants**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDSBA3**  
**Funding amount: \$75,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated a total of \$75 million to support small businesses. This program targets businesses that focus on reaching markets predominantly made up of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups, underserved markets, and those owned by minorities, women, veterans, disabled individuals, immigrants, first-generation immigrant, or those that identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) will administer grants up to \$75,000 for eligible small businesses, in a geographically equitable manner.

Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) has awarded and reported on grant funding to over 1,400 unique businesses across the Commonwealth. Awards were distributed in a socially and geographically equitable manner as indicated by the size and ownership of each small business. The population of awardees employs an average of about 6 employees, and about 60% of all grants has been awarded to minority-owned businesses, including 26% to Asian or Pacific Islander-, 20% to Hispanic-, and 10% to African American or Black-owned.

**Affordable Housing Trust Fund Transfer**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDAHTF**  
**Funding amount: \$100,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

This program will financially support the development of affordable rental housing in the form of long-term loans for the construction of rental housing projects that will receive federal or state low-income housing tax credits, state tax-exempt bond financing and other state financial assistance through Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency's (MassHousing) Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) will competitively solicit funding applications from developers of proposed rental housing projects and EOHLC will make funding determinations. MassHousing will disburse the funds through contracts with developers for each awarded developer/project, evidenced through loan documents.

## Performance Report

In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has reported that a total of 2,231 housing units were served with this funding, of which 441 are below 30% area median income. HLC will continue to collect demographic data as the project is finalized.

### **Commonwealth Builder Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDCOMB**

**Funding amount: \$115,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$115 million to support the production of affordable homeownership units by distributing grants to developers for new construction or adaptive reuse homeownership projects. This program will target first-time homebuyers and socially disadvantaged individuals in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and will aim to narrow the racial homeownership gap in Massachusetts by supporting sustainable homeownership for households of color. Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) will administer this program and award funds to eligible developers who apply for proposed homeownership projects. Developers with projects restricted to households earning 70 percent of the area median income (AMI) and projects with clean energy initiatives will receive preference.

## Performance Report

MHFA collects information from recipients detailing program obligations and expenditures, number of units developed, demographics of households served, average amount of assistance per unit, and number of households served with incomes below 30% of the area median income. MHFA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Public Housing Maintenance**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDGNFF**

**Funding amount: \$150,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$150 million to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to be used for capital improvements to the state-aided public housing portfolio. Funding will support projects that have gone over budget due to delays and cost increases related to the pandemic and new projects targeted at expired or expiring assets in public housing. EOHLC allocated \$55 million to every Local Housing Authority to advance projects with cost overruns through the annual capital planning process with EOHLC. EOHLC also allocated \$95 million in targeted awards to address specific expired components in public housing such as fire alarm systems, federal pacific electrical panels, elevator repairs, and accessible unit upgrades. EOHLC will assess the portfolio for the expired components and make awards. All awards will be made at EOHLC's discretion. The construction work itself funded by CSFRF will be publicly bid in accordance with c.149 procurement law.

#### Performance Report

EOHLC collects information from recipients detailing project progression, spending, number of federal pacific panels replaced; number of fire alarm systems upgraded, number of units converted to full accessibility, and number of residents served with projects. EOHLC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

#### **MASSDreams**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDHOA**

**Funding amount: \$65,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$65 million to the Homeownership Assistance (HA) program, which will provide down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers who are from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 through Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing) and Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), MassHousing and MHP will award the funds directly to the eligible homebuyers and will target low- and moderate-income homebuyers. This program will aim to address inequities in homeownership and wealth, particularly among homebuyers of color. Participating lenders will help homebuyer applicants complete a pre-application process required to receive program awards and process their applications. MassHousing and MHP will prepare grant documents and disburse funds to applicable lenders to be used as down payment assistance for homebuyers. Participating homebuyer education partners will provide homeownership counseling courses required for eligible homebuyers to support sustainable, long-term homeownership.

#### Performance Report

In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has reported that a total of 1,766 households were served. 908 Of these households were below 80% area median income.

#### **Immigrants and Refugees Housing Reserve: Shelter Expansions**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDIRR**

**Funding amount: \$5,160,155.21**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview



The Commonwealth has allocated over \$5.2 million to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Development (EOHLC) to fund the expansion of emergency assistance (EA) shelters due to the increased need for capacity in the EA system. Recently, a large proportion of new entrants into the EA shelter system have been immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. These new arrivals have been placed throughout the EA shelter system and have led to a need to increase overall EA capacity. This program will exclusively serve low-income families, the majority of whom are ethnic/racial minorities and have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Performance Report

EOHLC collects information detailing new entries, caseloads, and exits out of shelter into permanent housing. EOHLC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Rental Housing Production/Affordable Housing Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDRHP**

**Funding amount: \$115,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated \$115,000,000 to financially support the development of affordable rental housing by providing long-term loans for the construction or rehabilitation of rental housing projects that will receive federal or state low-income housing tax credits, state tax-exempt bond financing, and other state financial assistance through the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing). EOHLC will competitively solicit funding applications from developers for proposed rental housing projects and will make funding determinations. MassHousing will disburse the funds through contracts with developers for each awarded project, evidenced through loan documents. The initial obligation of funds for these projects will occur in 2023-2024, with expenditures between 2023-2026. Rental housing funds will be targeted towards communities and populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and developers will be required to have an EOHLC-approved affirmative fair housing marketing plan in place for outreach to racial and ethnic minorities.

#### Performance Report

EOHLC collects information from recipients detailing the progression of CSFRF program obligations and expenditures, number of households served/units developed, number of households served with incomes below 30% of the area median income, and average amount of CSFRF assistance per unit developed. In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has developed 2,284 housing units to date, of which 644 are for households with below 30% of the area median income. The average amount of CSFRF assistance used per unit developed is \$42,643.53. EOHLC will continue to collect data as they spend the remainder of their allocation.

### **Senior and Veteran Housing/Supportive Housing Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDSH**

**Funding amount: \$108,500,000.00**

## **Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$108 million to support the development of supportive housing in the form of long-term loans and grants for the acquisition, predevelopment, and construction of projects that will provide stable housing options and in the form of grants for supportive services to eligible populations. The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) will competitively solicit funding applications from developers of proposed supportive housing and providers of proposed support services. Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC) will assist in the review and evaluation of applications and EOHLC will make funding determinations. CEDAC will coordinate each closing funded under this program and will serve as financial intermediary for disbursement through contracts with developers for each awarded developer/project, evidenced through loan documents. Projects will be prioritized in communities identified by the Commonwealth as “disproportionately impacted” by COVID-19 and for tenants that are residents of disproportionately impacted communities, severely cost-burdened renters, and employees of COVID-impacted industries.

### Performance Report

In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has reported that a total of 1,115 households have been served, of which 620 are below 30% of the area median income. The average amount of CSFRF assistance used per unit developed is \$67,803. HLC will continue to collect data as they spend the remainder of their allocation and the housing projects become occupied.

## **Public Safety Investment Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFPUBPSI1**

**Funding amount: \$4,996,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPSS) and Security and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) has been allocated nearly \$5 million towards distributing projects that were outlined in Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. EOPSS and DFS will manage this process in accordance with the program design memo and the department compliance plan. Funding will go towards a variety of public safety improvements, including equipment purchases, violence prevention services, and mental health initiatives.

### Performance Report

EOPSS collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EOPSS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - HVAC**

**Project Identification Number: DOEHVACSCH**

**Funding amount: \$100,000,000.00**

## **Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$100 million to improving ventilation and indoor air quality in schools, particularly in districts with high concentrations of economically disadvantaged students and/or English language learners and in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The purpose of this grant program is to address inequitable school facilities' needs and repairs for improved ventilation and indoor air-quality to support healthy learning environments. Through this initiative, eligible districts will apply for grants and will propose improvements related to ventilation and indoor air quality in their school buildings.

### Performance Report

DESE collects information from recipients detailing timely use of funds, student demographics, process measures (such as needs assessments completed, maintenance completed, upgrades completed), and difference between pre-HVAC program air quality and post-HVAC program air quality upon completion of project. DESE is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Behavioral Health and Addiction Services: Loan Forgiveness**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSBHLP**

**Funding amount: \$210,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$210.5 million to a loan forgiveness program which aims to reduce the shortage of psychiatrists; psychologists; primary care physicians; master's degree-level mental health and primary care professionals; bachelor's degree-level mental health and primary care professionals; in-patient psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners; and in-patient mental health workers in behavioral health settings across Massachusetts. This program intends to alleviate the burden of student loan debt and retain staff who work in behavioral health settings across Massachusetts.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from recipients detailing the number of applicants, number of awardees, awardee language/demographics, award amounts, number of awardees who completed the service obligation, retention and attrition rates of awardees, number of vacancies in eligible seats before and after the program, and a summary of program impact. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Health and Human Services Programs and Special Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSHHSP**

**Funding amount: \$35,750,500.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$35,750,500 to projects that will support statewide improvements in local health clinics/centers, senior centers, and behavioral health services.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

#### **Business Assistance for Hotels**

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDHTLS**

**Funding amount: \$75,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made \$75,000,000 available to support certain hotel properties impacted by COVID-19. Hotels applying to the program will be prioritized based on revenue loss, economic impact, and equity and demographic considerations.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) collects information from recipients detailing the business location, number of employees, and revenue loss compared to FY19-FY21 tax returns. EOED has distributed financial aid grants to 96 eligible hotels across all regions of the Commonwealth. In support of equitable distribution of funds, hotels with 300 rooms or fewer accounted for 56% of grant awards, and hotels located in gateway cities accounted for 14% of grant awards.

#### **Immigrants and Refugees Housing Reserve: Shift Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFORIIAS**

**Funding amount: \$1,296,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$1 million to address the significant increase in the number of immigrants arriving in Massachusetts soon after entering the United States who are without resources and are in need of shelter, food and medical care. This funding will be used to provide support to newly arrived immigrants who are facing homelessness and living in homeless shelter placements or are eligible for emergency assistance from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). This program aims to streamline access to various services and resources to meet the immediate needs of newly arrived immigrant families and individuals.

#### Performance Report

EOHLC collects information detailing the number of individuals served, number of initial consultations provided, number of legal assistance clinic provided, and number of group trainings/information sessions provided. EOHLC also collects information detailing attendance

at legal clinics, school enrollment for children, enrollment of family in public benefits, ESOL class referrals, and employment services referrals. EOHLC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Behavioral Health Services Public Awareness Campaign**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSBHPC**

**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has made \$5 million available to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to expand public awareness of behavioral health services available across the Commonwealth, the 25 new Community Behavioral Health Services and Behavioral Health Help Line. EOHSS will be working with MassHealth, the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Public Health to develop a robust media/outreach strategy that includes paid digital media advertising and out-of-home advertising. This program will also include efforts to partner with relevant advocacy organizations, trade groups, employers, educational institutions and community-based organizations to ensure that the campaign reaches the populations that are most at risk of encountering existing barriers to behavioral health support and services. The campaign will be informed by initial market research to ensure that the messaging resonates with target communities and individuals that are at risk of encountering existing barriers to behavioral health support and services.

#### Performance Report

EOHSS has reported an estimated 140 M+ impressions as a result of transit advertisements on the interior/exterior of buses, subway and commuter rail posters, and bus shelters. An additional 60 M+ impressions are estimated for out of home advertisement placements on billboards, gas station TVs, convenience stores, gyms, grocery stores, cinema lobbies, in-bar/restaurants, solar recycling kiosks, and college campuses. HHS posted 12 dedicated social media posts with impressions over 1,100. The dedicated webpage on Mass.gov (Mass.gov/CBHCs) received more than 143,000 visitors and Masshelpline.com received more than 108,000 visitors. Additionally, the behavioral health helpline call center received over 30% more calls during the first quarter of the advertising campaign and numbers have remained elevated since. To ensure ads could reach a wide range of audiences, ads were printed in multiple languages beyond English: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Brazilian Portuguese.

### **MassWorks Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDMWP**

**Funding amount: \$25,970,000.000**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated almost \$26 million to the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) to implement various economic development projects. These projects will be administered statewide through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program.

#### Performance Report

EOED collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. EOED is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**Rest Home Testing, PPE, and COVID Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSREST**

**Funding amount: \$30,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$30 million to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) for payments to rest homes for 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic related costs including testing, personal protective equipment, and reimbursement for said costs. EOHHS issued this funding in 2 separate payments, one in May 2023 and one in 2024.

Performance Report

EOHHS has reported that standalone rest homes had a total of 2,030 beds prior to receiving their first payment, and the number of beds as of May 2024 is 2,002. EOHSS will continue to collect information on the number of beds that are supported in each rest home over the next year.

**Homeowner Assistance Fund**

**Project Identification Number: CSFMHPHAF**

**Funding amount: \$2,715,128.48**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$3,000,000 to supplement the existing Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program by providing technical support to Mass Housing Partnership (MHP). Services from Tidal Basin Consulting Group supported MHP in implementing the HAF program throughout the Commonwealth.

Performance Report

MHP collects caseload data on a weekly basis on age, race, ethnicity, gender AMI, zip code, mortgage type, household size, and amount of assistance requested. MHP also tracks information on payments obligated and expended to homeowners, in addition to the number of auction dates postponed and how many services have signed collaboration agreements. These metrics are reported to the U.S. Treasury on a quarterly basis.

**Nursing Pathways**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEDUNPPL**

**Funding amount: \$2,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$2,500,000 to the Executive Office of Education (EOE) for a competitive grant program to provide resources to significantly increase the number of nursing students entering the workforce in the Commonwealth. EOE will measure success based on the number of students served and this information will be collected through grantee final reports.

#### Performance Report

EOE collects information on the number of grantees participating in the exploration planning phase, number of grantees participating in implementation phase, number of students participating in the grant program, and the location of the program. EOE is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Pathways in Technology Early College High School Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEDUPTEC**

**Funding amount: \$1,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1,000,000 to the Executive Office of Education (EOE) for a competitive targeted grant program for innovative STEM Tech Career Academy models. This funding aims to significantly increase the number of students served throughout the Commonwealth who are seeking to complete an associate's degree related to the Workforce Skills Cabinet's priority industry sectors of healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, environmental and life science, business, and financial services.

#### Performance Report

EOE collects information on the number of grantees participating in the exploration planning phase, number of grantees participating in implementation phase, number of students participating in the grant program, and the location of the program. EOE is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Cliff Effects Pilot Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFWELCEP1**

**Funding amount: \$1,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1,000,000 for the administration of a pilot program by the Department of Transitional Assistance, in collaboration with Economic Development Council and Working Cities, to mitigate cliff effects for 100 participants from across the Commonwealth who have been receiving public benefits at the time of application. The purpose of the pilot program is to provide data, evidence, and insight into a scalable approach to support low-income workers by eliminating cliff effects.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Transitional Assistance collects data on the program's efficiency and impact and reports on the program to the Massachusetts General Court annually.

**Gun Violence Reduction Competitive Grants**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSSCI3**  
**Funding amount: \$14,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$14 million for gun violence reduction competitive grants to address gun and community violence throughout the state. The grant program promotes protective factors that increase psychological and physical safety, improves resilience, and reduces risk factors for violence. It also includes capacity-building components for small community-based organizations that address gun and community violence.

Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) collects program outcomes in their quarterly progress reports. Some contractors who provide direct services track outcomes such as the number of participants who gain employment and the number of participants who secure safe housing. For direct services specifically targeting youth and young adults, outcome measures include the number of participants who complete high school or an alternative program, changes in GPA, and assessments of school engagement. EOHHS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**School Safety Infrastructure**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFEPSSAFE**  
**Funding amount: \$3,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$3,000,000 for the Safer Schools and Communities Initiative to protect our public schools against acts of gun violence by addressing critical infrastructure equipment and technology needs as it relates to school building security and the safety of students and staff. This initiative allows school districts, educational collaboratives, and charter schools to apply for up to \$50,000 in funding per school building under their authority, with a maximum of 3 buildings per applicant. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research is administering this initiative in collaboration with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Executive Office of Education, and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Performance Report

The EOPSS Office of Grants and Research will measure programmatic success by collecting total number of schools served by the grant, program, the number of municipalities served by the grant program, and the total number of schools receiving single entry door locks. EOPSS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**Low Threshold Housing: DPH Temporary Low Threshold Housing**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHLTH**



**Funding amount: \$18,200,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$18,000,000 to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide temporary, low threshold housing and other wraparound support services for individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder and other co-occurring mental health diagnoses. This program aims to assist these individuals in securing permanent, long-term housing and support. This will further the Commonwealth's goal to reduce homelessness, improve health outcomes, and advance health equity for this population.

#### Performance Report

DPH will evaluate the low threshold housing program through the collection and tracking of the number of individuals housed in the temporary low threshold housing sites, average length of stay, and housing placement after exiting the program. These metrics were established to ascertain to what extent the program is connecting initially with its intended population and its efficacy in moving people from temporary placements into permanent housing. DPH is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **VOCA Grant Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFWAVOCA**

**Funding amount: \$20,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$20,000,000 for a grant program to support victim services organizations throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by providing counseling, advocacy, and intervention services free of charge to victims of crime. Services supported through this funding will enable organizations to work with victims and survivors to assess, respond to, and navigate the impact of the crime. Services include crisis intervention services; hotline counseling; safety planning; emergency food, shelter, clothing, and transportation; case management; provision of information, referrals, advocacy, and follow-up contact for continued services; traditional, cultural, and/or alternative therapy/healing (e.g., art therapy, yoga); mental health counseling and care; and peer-supports.

#### Performance Report

Funding recipients are required to report performance data to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance. Data to be collected includes demographic data, race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, geographic region, type of victimization, classification of individuals (deaf/hard of hearing, homeless, LGBTQ, veteran status), number of individuals assisted with victim compensation, types of services received, and other data. The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Capital Improvements for Community Health Centers**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSHCCG**

**Funding amount: \$70,000,000.00**

## **Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$70 million for a capital grant program to provide Community Health Centers (CHCs) with funds to conduct capital maintenance and improvements. This funding aims to ensure the continued and increased access to primary care services provided by CHCs for MassHealth members and the residents of Massachusetts, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will monitor program success by requiring Community Health Centers to report on number of patients served and patient satisfaction survey results. EOHSS is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Food Security Infrastructure Grants**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVFSIG**

**Funding amount: \$25,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$25,000,000 to the Food Security Infrastructure Grant program for infrastructure projects that work to ensure that farmers, fisherman and other local food producers are better connected to a strong, resilient food system. This program aims to help mitigate future food supply and distribution disruption, as well as ensure that individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth have access to food, with a special focus on food that is produced locally and food that is equitably accessible.

### Performance Report

The success of each grant will be assessed through a required final report submitted once an awardee has finished their project. The final report tracks any increase in the number of people served, which vulnerable populations have been impacted by increased equitable access to food, estimated percentage increase in sales, how the funding has established a stronger infrastructure for organizations to withstand future food system disruptions, and other factors. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Education Development Center, Inc**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOEEDCI**

**Funding amount: \$3,185,343.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$3,000,000 for the Education Development Center, Inc. to increase student participation in data science education pathways. This program aims to accomplish this by recruiting participating school districts, preparing a public awareness

campaign for data science educational opportunities and careers and providing professional development courses in computational biology, chemistry and physics courses to teachers.

#### Performance Report

The Education Development Center, Inc. will collect the number of data science modules developed, field tested and aligned with the state's high school biology, chemistry, and physics frameworks, the number of school districts recruited to participate, and the number of districts participating in programs. The Executive Office of Elementary and Secondary Education is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Hospital Relief Fund**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD04**

**Funding amount: \$88,525,410.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$88,000,000 to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Hospital Relief Trust Fund. This program provides financial support to eligible hospitals and affiliated hospital health care providers for lost revenue as well as unanticipated and unreimbursed costs due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19.

#### Performance Report

As providers are awarded grants from the program, they are required to report the following information on a quarterly basis: the operating margin, the non-operating margin, and the total margin. The recipients will continue to report quarterly until their payment agreement expires. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **EA Shelter Staff**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEASTAFF**

**Funding amount: \$11,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$11,500,000 to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to support staffing costs related to the Emergency Assistance Family Shelter program. As of November 2023, the EA shelter system has reached a capacity of 7,500 and has required additional staff to support the influx of families needing shelter.

### **Broadband Equity**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEDDEP2**

**Funding amount: \$25,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$25,000,000 to the Digital Equity Partnership Program, an existing program administered by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) and the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED). Funding will supplement and support three initiative areas targeted through this program: Wi-Fi Access Initiative, Public Space Modernization Initiative, and Device Distribution/Refurbishment Initiative.

#### Performance Report

EOED will collect data to monitor program success including the number of unique network users, length of session, number of households adopting internet usage that were previously unable to, number of households able to save costs on internet because of WiFi system, number of residents citing improvements to education, economic, social, health opportunities because of WiFi systems, and others. EOED is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Environmental Justice Community Investments: Dam Removal**

**Project Identification Number: CSFFWEDAMS**

**Funding amount: \$5,250,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$5,000,000 for the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to remove six dams from the Commonwealth's wildlife lands with resulting improvement to the environment and elimination of maintenance costs and hazards to downstream life and property. The dam removal will eliminate costs associated with professional engineering services to conduct inspections, annual maintenance costs (estimated at \$2,000/yr/dam), costs associated with annual updates to emergency action plans, and costs associated with larger maintenance repairs as dams continue to degrade. It will also eliminate the risk of an emergency event or dam failure, the financial impact of which is inestimable until it occurs. Additionally, the dam removals will restore natural streamflow and restore fluvial fish habitat and associated fish communities.

#### Performance Report

Biologists will inspect the site to assess changes in fish habitat and populations. This will include annual fish surveys for the first three years, then less frequent surveys as part of DFG's ongoing stream survey and inventory program. DFG is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDMAHA**

**Funding amount: \$3,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3,500,000 to Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, Inc. (MAHA), for administration of the Saving Towards Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) program, a matched-savings program that aims to enhance the

savings of first-generation homebuyers with household incomes at or below 100% median income. Participants enroll in a program in which they agree to save \$2,000, attend sessions on financial literacy and homeownership, and receive matching funds for use towards the purchase of a new home.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, Inc. reports the amount of funds expended on matching savings and other STASH program resources across its entire STASH program twice yearly. MAHA provides reports to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) beginning six months after the expansion program launches and every six months after that until the funds have been expended.

In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has reported that 199 participants have been served since the start of this program and that 26 households purchased homes using grant funds. On average, households received \$20,000 in financial assistance. The average household income of the participants is \$80,995.06.

#### **Low Threshold Housing**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSLTH**

**Funding amount: \$6,800,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated almost \$7,000,000 for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) for Low Threshold Housing in response to unsheltered homelessness and substance-use disorder in the city of Boston. The program provides short-term sheltering coupled with onsite medical, behavioral health, substance-use treatment, and housing search support. The goal of the program is to provide immediate sheltering and stabilization supports for unsheltered individuals with co-occurring substance-use disorder and mental health diagnoses as onsite providers support individuals in transitioning to longer-term supportive housing placements across the state.

#### Performance Report

EOHHS has contracted with two vendors to administer the low threshold housing program. The first vendor has reported that the current number of residents being served is 40, and the number of individuals housed in the last year is 107. 95.7% Of these individuals are receiving medical care, including mental health care, and 100% are receiving substance use disorder treatment supports. The second vendor has reported that they are currently serving 13 individuals, and that they have served 36 individuals in the past year. 100% Of these individuals are receiving medical care, including mental health care, and 100% are receiving substance use disorder treatment supports. EOHHS continues to collect data as the remaining allocation is expended.

#### **Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands: Coastal Resilience**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCRG1**

**Funding amount: \$3,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3,000,000 for the Coastal Resilience Grant Program, which provides financial and technical assistance to municipalities and non-profit organizations, to address erosion and flooding along the coast. This funding will be set aside for proposals to implement projects that address sea level rise and future coastal storm impacts.

## Performance Report

Local project managers are required to submit reports that track project tasks, changes to scopes and budgets, number of participants, and program outcomes including number of plans, permits, infrastructure retrofits, and shorelines restored. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Clean Energy Lives Here**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC8**

**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 for Clean Energy Lives Here, a public education and awareness campaign that educates and informs residents about decarbonized alternatives to fossil fuel-powered systems and appliances in their home, including heat pumps, solar PV, and electric vehicles. The program provides comprehensive support for residents to identify ways to decarbonize their homes and mode of transportation.

## Performance Report

Quarterly metrics will include number of advertising impressions aimed at driving interest to the [www.cleanenergyliveshere.com](http://www.cleanenergyliveshere.com) website, advertising click-through rate, number of website users, number of website page views, number of website sessions, number of website engagements with technology articles, and number of outbound traffic to websites where consumers can act on their interest in home electrification. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: ACT School Bus**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC7**

**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

## Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) for the Accelerating Clean Transportation (ACT) School Bus Program to provide technical services to public school districts and/or third-party school bus fleet operators. This includes funding for preparing for future funding opportunities, feasibility designs, financial modeling, vehicle and charging station procurement plans, and educational materials. It will also provide funding for electric school buses and associated infrastructure, along with technical assistance on the electric school bus procurement process, electric vehicle supply equipment

charging infrastructure selection, procurement, and installation, recommendations for depot upgrades, data collection on electric school bus performance, and plans for future electrification.

#### Performance Report

The program will measure the following outcomes: number of priority school districts supported, number of electric school buses purchased and operating, funding leveraged through EPA Clean School Bus program and other sources and electric vehicle service equipment installed and operating, and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Marine Energy Innovation and Research Center**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC3**

**Funding amount: \$10,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$10 million for a new Ocean Energy Innovation Center to advance the efforts of the Commonwealth's entrepreneurs, small businesses, and academic and research institutions. This program aims to address the key technical and organizational challenges to rapid deployment of ocean renewable energy technologies.

#### Performance Report

The key metrics that will be used to evaluate success are number of partners engaged, leveraged funding, number of startup company support programs, number of startup companies participating in programs, number of events and attendees. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Mass Fleet Advisory**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC6**

**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 for the Mass Fleet Advisor program to bridge the technical expertise gap by pairing businesses and non-profits with a technical consultant to analyze their fleets and develop electrification plans tailored to their business. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) will increase funding to this existing, successful program to extend it for 2 more fiscal years and provide technical assistance and planning for up to an additional 100-300 fleets.

#### Performance Report

The key metrics that will be used to evaluate success are the number of fleets/vehicles/sites assessed, conversion rate, and time to convert. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Emergency Room Boarding Online Portal**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSTRP**  
**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 for the emergency room boarding online portal to improve operational efficiencies among providers, health insurance carriers, and patients. This program will accomplish this via automation of the referral screening process to move patients more quickly through the emergency department (ED) evaluation and referral process for those seeking BH treatment. Ultimately, this program aims to reduce the length of stay in EDs.

Performance Report

Data to be collected includes number of patients in the online portal waitlist, average number of days that an adult/youth patient spends boarding, percentage decrease in number of patients on the waitlist, and percentage decrease in number of days adult/youth patients are boarding. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands: Coastal Habitat Restoration**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCHWQ**  
**Funding amount: \$3,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3,000,000 for a grant-based program to support municipal and regional projects to restore and protect coastal watershed water quality and habitats. Projects funded through these grants will be completed in one to two fiscal years depending on scope.

Performance Report

Each awardee is required to submit deliverables on a schedule detailed in the individual scope. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) will track project activities and progress at least bi-monthly, and more frequently if needed depending on project tasks to evaluate if the project is meeting goals and within scope, timeline, and budget. EOEEA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Start-up Studio**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC2**  
**Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 to the Start Up Studio program to increase successful clean energy and climate ventures. The program will recruit cohorts of entrepreneurs of diverse backgrounds and identify promising climate technologies that have been developed at universities, national laboratories, or centers of research, but not yet brought to market. It will



also form teams of entrepreneurs and match them with promising technologies, provide structured training and expert advice as they develop business plans and found companies, and provide office space and help them secure laboratory and equipment access. Additionally, this program will connect them with financing from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and other providers of capital.

#### Performance Report

MassCEC will evaluate program success by collecting information on number of startup teams, number and diversity (self-reported) of participating entrepreneurs, successful completion of the program by teams, number of clean energy ventures raising grant or equity funding following program completion, and total funds raised by program alumni. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Training Equipment and Infrastructure**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC5**

**Funding amount: \$10,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$10,000,000 for Workforce Training Equipment and Infrastructure Support for general clean energy occupations and offshore wind (OSW) related occupations. The program will provide a funding track for planning grants to support applicants that need strategic assistance to deploy the training equipment and infrastructure required for success. This program adds financial support and eliminates persistent barriers through customized technical assistance, communities of practice, planning grant support, and novel approaches to supporting smaller organizations and those serving environmental justice (EJ) and low-income communities.

#### Performance Report

Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is collecting information related to the growth of the clean energy workforce in Massachusetts. Impact will be quantified by the number of organizations engaged through outreach, number of awards, the uptake of equipment and infrastructure, and participant completion and training outcomes of grants. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: WTTC Expansion- Design Phase**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC4**

**Funding amount: \$10,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$10,000,000 for the Wind Technology Testing Center (WTTC) expansion to ensure the facility remains competitive and supports the development of the domestic supply chain of the offshore wind industry. This funding will support the completion

of the design phase and preliminary concrete work while the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) continues to identify funding for the full expansion.

#### Performance Report

MassCEC is collecting information as design work and expansion to the WTTC is completed. This will include the design costs, community meetings hosted or attended, and completion of the project. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **LIHEAP**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDHEAP**

**Funding amount: \$57,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$57 million to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to assist eligible low-income elders, working families and other households with assistance paying a portion of winter heating bills. Funds are distributed by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to local administrative agencies (LAAs) to be used to pay a portion of eligible households' primary heating source bills during the winter months, November 1st through April 30th. The program aims to reduce eligible households' energy burden, or the percentage of the household's income spent on home energy bills, to less than 4%.

#### Performance Report

EOHLC has collected information through the LIHEAP program related to the uptake by LAAs for households. EOHLC reports that the total number of applications statewide for the 2023/2024 heating season was 165,762. A total of 82,762 households were served and the total amount spent on client benefits was \$51,300,000.

### **Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands: ENV New Land Acquisition 4**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVLDCS**

**Funding amount: \$2,229,500.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$2.2 million to conserve land and steward protected properties. Farm, forest, and other natural and working lands that are owned by a state agency or by another entity and held for conservation purposes precludes development that would convert that land, and ensures that the many benefits of that land are available to the public and the environment. Each fiscal year over that period, a set of projects will be developed, approved, and completed to acquire and care for land for natural resource purposes including mitigation of and resilience to climate change, provision of clean air and water, protection of farmland to provide locally grown food, and conservation of land for habitat and passive recreation.

#### Performance Report

At the end of each fiscal year, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) will work with all involved agencies and programs to provide a report on what was accomplished over the prior year, taking care to address progress toward equity goals, the objectives of land conservation and stewardship plans, and the conservation/stewardship intentions of BioMap and other tools that assess the natural resources of the Commonwealth. EOEEA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Environmental Justice Community Investments: Healthy Soils Action Plan Implementation 1**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCPGP**

**Funding amount: \$ 2,461,975.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$2.5 million to conserve land and steward protected properties with a focus on healthy, carbon-rich soils. Farm, forest, and other natural and working lands that are owned by a state agency or by another entity such as a municipal conservation commission or a land trust and held for conservation purposes precludes development that would convert that land and ensures that the many benefits of that land are available to the public and the environment. Each fiscal year over that period, a set of projects will be developed, approved, and completed to acquire and care for land for natural resource purposes including mitigation of and resilience to climate change, provision of clean air and water, protection of farmland to provide locally grown food, and conservation of land for habitat and passive recreation.

### Performance Report

At the end of each fiscal year, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) will work with all involved agencies and programs to provide a report on what was accomplished over the prior year, taking care to address progress toward equity goals, the objectives of land conservation and stewardship plans, and the conservation/stewardship intentions of BioMap and other tools that assess the natural resources of the Commonwealth. EOEEA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands: Bulk Right of Way Purchase**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVLAND**

**Funding amount: \$ 35,568,633.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$35 million for the direct acquisition of parcels of land. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) seeks to conserve lands for purposes of climate-resilience and public recreation. While criteria to select projects and award grants vary by agency and program, the characteristics of the community and population that would be benefited, the total number of acres of land to be protected, significance of the natural resources to be conserved, climate change mitigation and resilience benefits that would be realized, and the relative availability of conserved open space in the vicinity are representative of the criteria applied. Priority is given to lands near Environmental Justice communities and that are valuable for ecological benefits such as species diversity and contiguous habitat preservation.

## Performance Report

At the end of each fiscal year, EOEEA will work with all involved agencies and programs to provide a report on what was accomplished over the prior year, taking care to address progress toward equity goals, the objectives of land conservation and stewardship plans, and the conservation/stewardship intentions of BioMap and other tools that assess the natural resources of the Commonwealth. EOEEA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Environmental Justice Community Investments: RLI Capital Budget 1**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVPARC**

**Funding amount: \$ 7,919,892.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated nearly \$8 M for land acquisition and stewardship of natural resources. Grants will be open to municipalities, conservation-oriented 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations, and entities holding permanently conserved land. Acquisitions help preserve habitats and provide recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors of the Commonwealth.

## Performance Report

At the end of each fiscal year, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) will work with all involved agencies and programs to provide a report on what was accomplished over the prior year, taking care to address progress toward equity goals, the objectives of land conservation and stewardship plans, and the conservation/stewardship intentions of BioMap and other tools that assess the natural resources of the Commonwealth. EOEEA is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Veteran's Affairs Programs and Special Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFVETEARM**

**Funding amount: \$ 900,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated almost \$1 million towards veterans' services housing projects and other veterans' services. The funding will enable the Commonwealth to invest in permanent supportive housing and projects for individual Massachusetts veterans and their families. Recipients of funds will continue to establish a support network outside of state-owned veterans' homes.

## Performance Report

The Executive Office of Veterans' Affairs (VET) will measure the impact of this funding by collecting information on projects through recipients. Measures to quantify the success of the program include the geographic location of projects, the number of housing units built, the number of people served, and the type of entity receiving funding. VET is in the process of collecting these key performance indicators.

## **Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands: DCR Trail Maintenance**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDCRTRLS**

**Funding amount: \$ 27,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$27 million to help develop and implement policies associated with trails; design, permit, and build trails; and administer a variety of programs that provide grants to communities and non-profits for a wide range of trail related work. Funds under this program will be managed by Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) to acquire land for future trail construction and by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to complete indicated trail maintenance and construction projects, as well as to provide grants to communities and non-profits for the same activities.

### **Performance Report**

EOEEA and DCR are in the process of collecting information related to program activities. Outcome metrics will include number of users and total and EJ population living within a certain distance of new trail facilities. Other metrics include the number of community facilities (schools, libraries, elderly care centers, etc.) served by trails.

## **Environmental Justice Community Investments: Boat Ramps**

**Project Identification Number: CSFWEBRAM**

**Funding amount: \$ 4,750,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$4.75 million for repairs and improvements to two key boat ramps in coastal communities. The Green Harbor boat ramp project consists of repairs to the existing boat ramp, as well as replacement of the floating docks and associated pile systems. This work will ensure continued safe access to the waters of the commonwealth for the general public and public safety officials in the event of an on-water rescue. The Plymouth Harbor boat ramp project consists of protection against flooding due to sea level rise and water quality improvements. Specifically, this project will entail raising the elevation of the parking lot and making improvements to the existing seawall. In addition, stormwater quality controls will be installed to improve the water quality entering the waterway.

### **Performance Report**

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is in the process of collecting information that measures the impacts of these projects. This will include measuring the completion of each project and water quality resulting from stormwater runoff.

## **Emergency Housing Assistance Program: Student Enrollments**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOEEASH**

**Funding amount: \$ 60,913,711.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$61 million for reimbursements to school districts that accept students from families in the emergency housing assistance program. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) provides formula funding to eligible school districts through Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 on a per-pupil basis. This funding supports the education of homeless students and students within shelters in Massachusetts.

#### Performance Report

DESE is in the process of collecting information on the impact of this funding including the number of students assisted per school district. Student data will also include enrollment dates, student grades, and the current shelter the student resides in.

### **Environmental Justice Community Investments: DCR Targeted Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDCRSPEC**

**Funding amount: \$ 40,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$40 million for the maintenance, repair, and improvement of major flood control structures associated with the Mystic River watershed. This program is comprised of three individual projects to address climate resilience in the Mystic River Watershed which covers the cities and towns of Arlington, Cambridge, Everett, Malden, Medford and Somerville. One project aims to address decarbonization at two of the biggest energy consumers in the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) system, the Southwest Corridor Maintenance Facility and the Fall River Visitor Center. Another project involves the development of a Capital Planning and Capital Delivery Process Redesign that will facilitate future capital improvements to the Mystic River Watershed.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Conservation and Recreation is in the process of collecting information that quantifies the impact of the program. This will include measuring energy usage of facilities, heat mitigation effects, and other ecological assessments near project sites.

### **Cranberry Industry Grants**

**Project Identification Number: CSFAGRCRAN**

**Funding amount: \$ 1,750,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1.75 million for the renovation of commercial cranberry bogs throughout Massachusetts. This program provides grant funding for projects that promote more efficient bogs both in design and production while enhancing business and environmental sustainability.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) collects information from recipients including the acreage of bogs renovated. MDAR is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Administration and Finance Large Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFLRPJ**  
**Funding amount: \$ 11,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$11 million to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) to promote economic development and pandemic recovery for municipalities and non-profits. These funds will allow recipients to invest in transportation, infrastructure, and public safety improvements that encourage economic recovery from the pandemic and respond to needs exacerbated by COVID-19. This funding will support capital improvements to the Ashland Commuter Rail Station in the Town of Ashland and digital government services.

Performance Report

A&F collects information from recipients detailing the location of services, quantification of impact, and type of entity receiving the funding. A&F is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**College Scholarships**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFRGTAHDS**  
**Funding amount: \$ 50,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$50 million to the Department of Higher Education (DHE) for college scholarship assistance. The goal of the High Demand Scholarship program is to provide scholarship assistance to students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education in any approved public or independent college, university, school of nursing or any other institution furnishing a program of higher education and seeking a degree in high demand fields in the commonwealth, with a particular emphasis placed on those attending public institutions and/or are first generation college attending families. Ultimately, the program hopes that scholarship recipients will remain and work in Massachusetts and contribute to the workforce needs of the Commonwealth.

Performance Report

DHE will provide a report on the count of students who have benefited from scholarships funded through this allocation. Additionally, the DHE can furnish information on the incremental increase in the number of students as compared to previous years. The DHE will provide a report on the count of students who have benefited from scholarships funded through this allocation. DHE is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

**Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation: Robotics**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFEEDRI01**  
**Funding amount: \$ 5,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5 million to the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (MassTech) to support a comprehensive statewide cluster development effort for the robotics industry. This spans three program areas including ecosystem development, technology commercialization, and workforce development. The ecosystem development programs aim to tighten connections between robotics ecosystem stakeholders and build Massachusetts' profile as a global leader in robotics research, commercialization, and talent.

#### Performance Report

MassTech will provide a report on staff hired to support this effort, the number of visitors to its robotics website, the number of events hosted or sponsored in the state, the number of new firms establishing business in the state, and the number of funding opportunities for research and development. MassTech is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

#### **Orange Brownfield Site**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEQEORNG**

**Funding amount: \$ 3,400,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated \$3.4 million for the cleanup and rehabilitation of a contaminated brownfield site in the Town of Orange. The project funding will be used by the state to reimburse the municipality at a brownfield site on West River Street where a large pile of building demolition debris that contains asbestos is causing a hazard to public health and the environment. The reimbursement will be based on a milestone basis of progress as the contaminated debris is removed. The outcome will be total removal of the asbestos laden building debris pile of approximately 80,000 cubic yards and disposal at an appropriate hazardous waste facility.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Environmental Protection will measure the program outputs by the tons (U.S.) removed and transported for disposal at a regulatory approved facility for asbestos laden wastes such as those in the building debris at the Orange brownfield site. The data will be reported on a project milestone basis on the total tons removed after each milestone is accomplished until the entire debris pile is removed and the project is completed.

#### **Behavioral Health-Related Supports and Resources in Schools**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHGVP**

**Funding amount: \$ 2,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$2 million to the Department of Public Health (DPH) Bureau of Community Health and Prevention for behavioral health resources in schools. A grant program will award 5-12 contracts ranging from \$50,000-\$100,000 per year focused on creating trauma-informed school environments that promote access to mental health and substance use services, evidence-based social emotional learning, healthy connections between students and school staff, and opportunities for positive youth development and leadership.



## Performance Report

DPH is in the process of collecting this information from recipients and will report biannually on the impact on school health workforce, programming provided, and students served. This will be further quantified by the number of new positions created at schools, trainings provided, and number of hours of programming.

### **Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEPSNPSG**

**Funding amount: \$ 5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5 million to protect nonprofit organizations (faith-based institutions, medical and health care facilities, and other human service entities) that are at a high risk of terrorist attack or hate crime with enhancing building safety and security for its members and staff. This funding will award grants to organizations for projects that enhance physical safety and security.

## Performance Report

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is in the process of collecting information from recipients and will report on the impact of grant funding. Programmatic measures of success for this initiative include the total number of nonprofits served by the grant, and number of communities served, and the amount of equipment procured.

### **Blue Economy Initiatives at UMASS-Dartmouth**

**Project Identification Number: CSFFWEBEIS**

**Funding amount: \$ 8,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has appropriated \$8 million to support Blue Economy Initiatives (BEI) at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) - Dartmouth, Southeastern Massachusetts's sole research university. These initiatives support numerous research, outreach, industry R&D, and economic development activities. These activities are broadly designed to facilitate innovation, develop partnerships, and support strategic investments. These investments are designed to enhance technology transfer and the commercialization of the innovations and intellectual property created by our faculty, staff, and students in ways that broadly benefit our state.

## Performance Report

The Department of Fish and Game and UMass are in the process of collecting information regarding impacts of investment in research, tech transfer, and technical assistance activities. This will include reports on efficiency, timeliness of implementation, and regional economic impacts. This data will be reported on an annual basis.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer: DCAMM Fleet**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDCP2401**

**Funding amount: \$ 9,500,000.00**

## **Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$9.5 million for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure to support fleet charging at priority sites identified by the Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) using telematics and information from agencies. This will support the transition of state-owned vehicles towards electric across Massachusetts.

### Performance Report

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is in the process of collecting information from OVM and contractors on the progress of charging infrastructure installation. This will include the number of charging ports installed, geographic location, and cost per port.

## **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer: MassCEC V2X**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC9**

**Funding amount: \$ 8,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$8 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to support small-scale pilot projects that utilize electric vehicle batteries as supplemental storage for the power grid, also known as Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X). The next step is demonstrating that V2X is feasible for car sharing fleets or medium and large vehicle fleets. MassCEC recommends deploying V2X projects as a means to manage electric vehicle charging, reduce overall system costs, keep distribution flexible, and allow for utility planning to reduce strain from EVs on the grid and detail solutions to likely challenges. MassCEC anticipates providing grants via a technical consultant to 2-4 demonstration projects that include charging stations, software, hardware, and associated project participation. In addition, EVs providing power back to the grid during peak periods have the potential to reduce the amount of time fossil fuel generating plants run, thereby further reducing emissions.

### Performance Report

MassCEC is collecting information from recipients related to the number of V2X EV charging stations deployed, vehicles deployed, and total kilowatts contributed by EVs. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

## **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer: MassCEC MHDV**

**Project Identification Number: CSFCECMHDV**

**Funding amount: \$ 9,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$9.5 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to support electrification of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in accordance with the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan which sets an ambitious goal of 27,000 electric MHDVs on the road by 2030. This funding will support the deployment of mobile charging stations at the destinations of these types of vehicles. Mobile charging can provide a temporary

solution for fleet operators that need charging installations installed quickly and efficiently. Mobile charging, therefore, has the potential to hasten the electrification of MHDVs by accelerating access to electric vehicle supply equipment and by reducing costs and other barriers to adoption.

#### Performance Report

MassCEC is collecting information from recipients related to the number of fleets assessed, mobile charging stations deployed, and use of mobile charging stations. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer: MassCEC On-street/Curbside Charging**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEPCEC10**

**Funding amount: \$ 12,277,662.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$12.2 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to help increase access to electric vehicle charging for residents of multi-unit dwellings. For residents without access to a dedicated driveway, parking spot, or garage, finding an accessible place to charge becomes a significant barrier to EV adoption. To address inequities in charging accessibility, MassCEC will fund a technical consultant deploying on-street charging near multi-unit dwelling neighborhoods and providing guidance to municipalities for future implementation. The project aims to increase the number of overnight curbside parking, including accessible pole-mounted and streetlamp EV charging station solutions, and/or DC fast charging stations (DCFC).

#### Performance Report

MassCEC is collecting information related to the number of low- and moderate-income areas that are being provided direct services through this program. Impact will be quantified through the number of individual charging stations deployed, utilization, and permitting and installation time. This will be reported on a quarterly basis. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer: MassCEC Ride for Hire**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEVCEC11**

**Funding amount: \$ 8,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$8 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to accelerate the electrification of taxis and other ride-sharing vehicles. Currently there are financial and technical barriers to deploying direct current fast charger (DCFC) that will be mitigated as utility infrastructure is upgraded, business models are de-risked, and costs decline. In order to minimize these barriers to earlier stage DCFC deployment, MassCEC will fund a technical consultant to carry out deployment projects that demonstrate the most optimal DCFC ownership models, innovative business models, financial revenue streams, economies of

scale, and locations for DCFC installation. Through these projects, MassCEC intends to determine the best DCFC ownership model structures and improve taxi driver accessibility.

#### Performance Report

MassCEC is collecting information related to the number of charging stations deployed, geographic location of the stations, and utilization. MassCEC is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Environmental Justice Community Investments: FWE Land Stewardship**

**Project Identification Number: CSFFWESTEW**

**Funding amount: \$ 2,160,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$2.1 million to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for the continued conservation and stewardship of freshwater fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) guides the conservation efforts of the Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and identified 570 SGCN in the Commonwealth, the habitats to support them and the conservation actions necessary to conserve them. One of the identified key conservation actions includes habitat restoration. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) has established restoration goals through implementation of both Upland and Wetland Habitat Restoration Projects including planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Habitat Restoration efforts are scientifically designed to benefit Species of Greatest Conservation Need and incorporate climate smart actions to ensure long-term success. Besides the direct benefit to SGCN species, there are additional benefits to Habitat Restoration including but not limited to: economic, recreational and aesthetic, erosion and flood control, and water quality.

#### Performance Report

DFG is in the process of reporting acres treated by habitat, planning documents completed, surveys conducted, and number of structures removed or improved. Monitoring of SGCN at restoration sites is ongoing.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer: DOS Inspection**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOSEVCI**

**Funding amount: \$ 604,338.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$604,338 to support the Division of Standards (DOS) in fulfilling its obligation to test and inspect all commercial electric vehicle charging stations in Massachusetts. This funding will assist with hiring DOS staff, purchasing test equipment, leasing vehicles, and investing in information technology that will help ensure consumer protection.

#### Performance Report

DOS will be able to report on the number of device criteria including the number and location of devices registered, device owner, and inspection history. By capturing and analyzing registration and device inspection data, DOS will be able to quantify the growth of electric vehicle infrastructure in Massachusetts. They will also ensure that uninspected devices are routinely tested and are in compliance with established regulations.

### **MassHire Individual Training Vouchers**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLMH2**

**Funding amount: \$ 7,400,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$7.4 million for a voucher program that will help individuals participate in workforce training programs. This program will supplement existing wraparound supports for individuals and with the goal of increasing uptake and completion of training programs funded by the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The rollout will be facilitated by the 16 local workforce areas currently in Massachusetts.

#### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development is collecting information related to the number of individuals enrolled in training and approved for a stipend, the number of individuals completing training programs, and subsequent job placement.

### **Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands: FWE New Land Acquisition**

**Project Identification Number: CSFFWELAND**

**Funding amount: \$ 8,660,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### **Project Overview**

Massachusetts has allocated over \$8.6 million for the acquisition of parcels of land for conservation purposes. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will acquire land from willing sellers with outstanding natural resources, biological diversity, important plant and animal habitats, and natural communities that meet specific purpose(s), including the creation of forest reserves and increased climate resilience.

#### **Performance Report**

DFG is collecting information related to the number of Options to Purchase executed with landowners, the number of acres under option, total acreage protected and resource characteristics. DFG is in the process of collecting this information and reports as services are delivered.

### **Law Enforcement Vehicle Naloxone**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPH70**

**Funding amount: \$ 2,900,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$2.9 million to prepare first responders for responding to opioid overdose emergencies. Funds will increase access to Naloxone, a medication used to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses. Additionally, this program will help first responders access test strips for identifying the presence of fentanyl in illicit drugs and will fund education programs for those responding to overdose-related situations. Access to these resources will help to mitigate fatalities attributed to the misuse of opioids.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is collecting information from recipients including law enforcement agencies to quantify the impact of this funding. Performance will be measured by the number of units of naloxone distributed, number of fentanyl testing strips distributed, and the number of individuals attending education programs.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer: DOER EV Charging**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFENEEVCG**  
**Funding amount: \$ 1,500,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1.5 million to the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to support the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) among the State's fleet. Funds will be used by DOER's Leading by Example Division to support EV station installation at state government sites that are not included in the Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) fleet and/or able to be addressed by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM). These include charging for leased sites, non-executive branch agencies that comprise the other 65% of the total state fleet, agencies with fewer than ten vehicles in their fleets that will not be part of OVM's high priority sites, and agencies with domicile vehicles.

#### Performance Report

DOER is in the process of reporting the number of charging ports and stations deployed, number of agencies served, geographic location of projects, and the number of state fleet EVs acquired.

**Workforce Housing: Unrestricted Authorization**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDWKHD**  
**Funding amount: \$100,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$100 million to support the Workforce Housing Development Initiative which is administered by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing). This program focuses on the creation of rental housing that is affordable for households whose incomes are too high for subsidized housing but are priced out by market rent levels. MassHousing will provide funding to developers to create new workforce housing units through new construction and adaptive re-use. Funds will favor the production of rental or for-sale housing that is affordable for households with incomes between 60% and 120% of the area

median income (AMI) and projects that will create no less than 20% of units that are affordable for households at or below 80% AMI.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is in the process of collecting information from MassHousing related to the number of loans and number of households or housing units served. MassHousing will collect demographic data on households served in awarded projects and the average amount of assistance provided per project. This information will be reported quarterly.

## Appendix

### Appendix I: CSFRF-Funded Programs in the Commonwealth

<b>Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations</b>		<i>Figures in \$ Millions.</i>
<b>#</b>	<b>Program or Project by Action</b>	<b>Amt</b>
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>5,286.1</b>
	<b>Action: ARPA 0.0</b>	
1	Aid to Hardest Hit Communities Treated as Nonentitlement Units	109.1
2	VaxMillions	8.2
	<b>Subtotal, ARPA 0.0</b>	<b>117.3</b>
	<b>Action: Emergency Paid Sick Leave</b>	
3	Paid Leave for Vaccinations	158.8
	<b>Subtotal, Emergency Paid Sick Leave</b>	<b>158.8</b>
	<b>Action: The Governor's \$200 M</b>	
4	Chapter 766 Schools	68.7
5	Health & Human Services Workforce Stabilization Payments	54.4
6	Job Training (Workforce Skills Cabinet): Hire Now	50.0
7	Administrative Use	18.9
8	Future of Work/Document Digitization	5.0
9	Administration and Finance Local Projects	3.3
	<b>Subtotal, The Governor's \$200 M</b>	<b>200.3</b>
	<b>Action: Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021 (as amended)</b>	
10	Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Transfer	500.0
11	Premium Pay & Side Letter Costs	460.0
12	Behavioral Health and Addiction Services	258.6
13	Fiscally Strained Hospitals	250.0
14	Local and Regional Public Health Systems	200.0
15	Public Housing Maintenance	150.0
16	Commonwealth Builder Program	115.0
17	Affordable and Rental Housing Production	115.0
18	Supportive Housing	108.5
19	DESE HVAC	100.0
20	Workforce Development	89.5
21	Clean Water Trust Transfer	86.9
22	MassDREAMS	65.0
23	Broadband Internet Access	50.0
24	Veteran Housing	20.0
25	Payments to Providers & Community Health Centers	20.0



26	Chapter 766 Schools	10.0
<b>Subtotal, Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021 (as amended)</b>		<b>2,598.5</b>
<i>Action: Further Amendments to Ch 102 in Ch 268</i>		
27	Supportive Housing	6.5
28	Behavioral Health and Addiction Services	6.0
<b>Subtotal, Further Amendments to Ch 102 in Ch 268</b>		<b>12.5</b>
<i>Action: Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022</i>		
29	Fiscally Strained Hospitals	350.0
30	State Parks and Trails	175.0
31	Business Assistance	153.0
32	Clean Water Trust Transfer	115.0
33	Payments to Providers & Community Health Centers	105.4
34	Affordable and Rental Housing Production	103.5
35	Marine Port Infrastructure	100.0
36	Workforce Housing	100.0
37	Local Economic Development Projects	84.3
38	LIHEAP	57.0
39	Environmental Investment Local Projects	52.2
40	Clean Energy Investments	50.0
41	Electric Vehicle Adoption	50.0
42	College Scholarships	50.0
43	Nursing Facilities and Rest Homes	30.0
44	MassWorks Projects	26.0
45	Broadband Internet Access	25.0
46	Food Insecurity	25.0
47	Low Threshold Housing	25.0
48	Health and Human Services Programs and Local Projects	24.6
49	Immigrants and Refugees Housing Reserve	20.0
50	VOCA Grant Programs	20.0
51	Gun Violence Prevention & Reentry Grants	20.0
52	Education Development Projects	17.8
53	Reproductive and Family Planning Service Needs	16.5
54	Local Transportation Projects	14.0
55	Administration and Finance Local Projects	11.8
56	Agriculture, Fishing, and Cranberry Growers	9.8
57	Parks and Recreation Programs and Local Projects	9.0
58	Housing and Community Development Projects	8.6
59	Veteran's Affairs Reserve	5.0
60	Harm Reduction Efforts and Services	5.0
61	Nonprofit Security Grant Program	5.0
62	Public Safety Investment	5.0

63	Labor and Workforce Development Projects	3.7
64	Nursing Pathways	2.5
65	Human Trafficking Grant Program	1.0
66	Small Properties State Acquisition Funding Pilot	1.0
67	Cliff Effects Pilot Program	1.0
68	Pathways in Technology Early College High School Programs	1.0
69	Veteran's Service Programs and Local Projects	0.9
70	Workforce Development Programs Effectiveness Study	0.5
<b><u>Subtotal, Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022</u></b>		<b><u>1,880.0</u></b>
<b><i>Action: Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2023</i></b>		
71	Fiscally Strained Hospitals	88.5
<b><u>Subtotal, Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2023</u></b>		<b><u>88.5</u></b>
<b><i>Action: Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 (FY23 closeout supp)</i></b>		
72	Emergency Assistance Shelters	75.0
<b><u>Subtotal, Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 (FY23 closeout supp)</u></b>		<b><u>75.0</u></b>
<b><i>Action: Amendments to Chapter 102 and 268 in Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023</i></b>		
73	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	50.0
74	Local Economic Development Projects	4.4
75	Oversight Reserve	0.5
76	Administration and Finance Local Projects	0.1
<b><u>Subtotal, Amendments to Chapter 102 and 268 in Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023</u></b>		<b><u>55.1</u></b>
<b><u>Grand Total</u></b>		<b><u>5,185.9</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>85.1</b>

## Appendix II: Framework for Use of Evidence-Based Interventions

In developing Massachusetts' proposed Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth has focused on directing funds to existing programs that have a track record of strong implementation and outcomes, but that lack sufficient resources to meet demand and need for their services. As the Administration and the Legislature work together to refine and implement Massachusetts' Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth will develop a plan for project selection and performance monitoring in which, wherever possible, the Commonwealth will apply CSFRF funds to projects that are evidence-based interventions designed to achieve defined, measurable outcomes that materially support our communities' recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Such evidence-based projects will:

- Demonstrate statistically significant effects on improving relevant community outcomes based on evidence<sup>1</sup> from well-designed and well-implemented experimental studies; or

<sup>1</sup> Valid evidence includes: i) strong evidence from at least one well-designed, well-implemented experimental study; ii) moderate evidence from at least one well-designed, well-implemented experimental study; or iii) promising evidence from at least one well-designed, well-

- Demonstrate a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such interventions are likely to improve relevant community outcomes; and
- Include ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such interventions.

For all projects identified as “evidence-based” in the Public Health (Expenditure Category 1), Negative Economic Impacts (Expenditure Category 2), and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (Expenditure Category 3) Categories, the Commonwealth will identify project goals and the dollar amounts of total project spending allocated towards evidence-based interventions.

### Framework Themes

To provide a framework for use of evidence-based interventions in its Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth will emphasize two strategic themes described in the [Results for America 2020 State Standard of Excellence](#):

Using project budgets to build and focus state evaluation capacity and resources on evidence-based investments

- Directing grant and contract spending towards interventions with evidence of effectiveness to deliver results and encourage innovation
- Key actions related to these strategic themes are described briefly below.

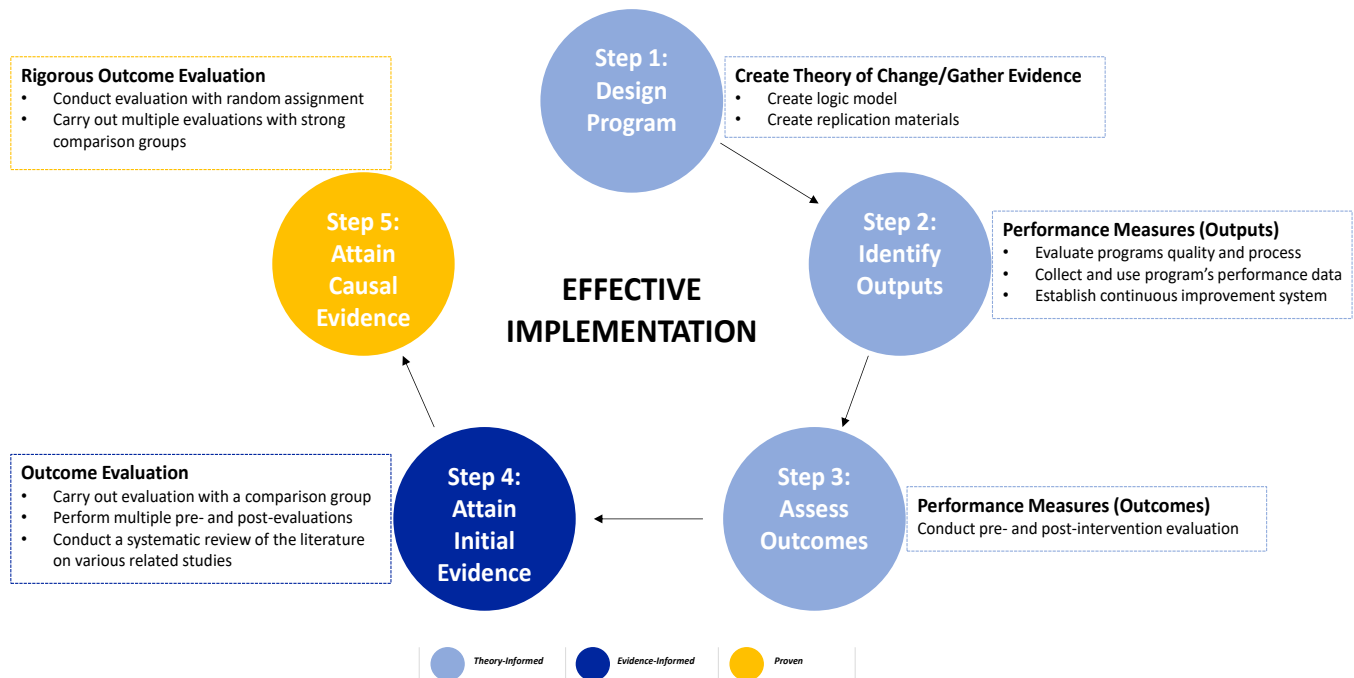
### Using Project Budgets to Build and Focus Evaluation Capacity

When evaluating and approving Recovery Plan project proposals, the Commonwealth will aim to follow a budget decision-making process that gives preference to [requests with evidence](#) and data related to quantifiable material outcomes (i.e., not just counts of inputs and outputs). As part of this process, the Commonwealth will give higher priority to requests that are supported by higher tiers of evidence following [a model similar to that developed by the Colorado Evidence-Based Policy Collaborative](#) (depicted below).

### *Colorado Evidence Continuum*

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implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias. [Derived from the definition of “evidence-based intervention” included in Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).]



The project budget decision-making process may also review new programs that do not yet have an evidence base, but that do have strong data that demonstrates quantifiable outcomes.

The Commonwealth's Recovery Plan project budgeting may allow funding to be allocated to build agencies'/recipients' capacity to evaluate programs. This is especially relevant for new programs where it is important to design the evaluations and metrics that will be used to measure the success of proposed initiatives.

Balancing the need for expedited implementation of Recovery Plan projects with the inherent challenges of major institutional process changes, the project budgeting process continues to be integrated as much as possible into the Commonwealth's broader systematic approach to managing results.

### Directing Grants and Contracts Towards Interventions with Evidence of Effectiveness

As part of the implementation of its Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth also will seek to identify relevant existing programs where results could be improved, including those not achieving desired policy outcomes or equity goals. When evaluating existing programs for inclusion in the Recovery Plan – including those run by grantees and contractors – the Commonwealth will determine if program outcomes can be improved by using [evidence of effectiveness to allocate funds](#) to more effective practices or providers. If this cannot be accomplished within the Recovery Plan timeline, CSFRF aid will be directed to other programs that are more likely to achieve the desired outcomes within the desired timeframe.

As part of this evaluation process, state agencies and programs may be assessed for their potential to successfully redirect funding themselves when outcomes are not achieved. Incentives may be provided to promote innovation in program development and overall operational improvement. For example, departments may be encouraged and authorized to shift CSFRF funds away from non-performing programs to automatically keep a percentage of

their original funding to spend on other innovative programs, especially those that help community organizations build their evidence bases.

In identifying candidates for inclusion in the Recovery Plan among existing programs, the Commonwealth will look for programs that could deliver services or support critical to plan and consider each program's:

- Purpose – What is provided through the program?
- Target Population – To which communities will the program's support/funds go directly?
- Equity Focus – Does the program specifically and intentionally focus on underserved populations?
- Potential Evidence Base – What program outputs are measured? What is the program's intended outcome, and is it measured?

Examples of the types of program purpose, target population, equity focus, and evidence base characteristics to be considered when evaluating existing programs for the Recovery Plan are presented in the following table.

Characteristics to Be Considered When Evaluating Recovery Plan Candidate Programs

<b>Program Purpose</b>	<b>Target Population</b>	<b>Equity Focus on Underserved Populations</b>	<b>Potential Evidence Base</b>
Provision of Capital Equity investment Grants Loans/guarantees	Private Sector Tech, innovation, life science businesses Developers Manufacturers	Low-to-moderate income residents and communities	Measurement of outputs
Capacity Development Technical assistance Skills development	Neighborhood small businesses Other small businesses	Underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities	Definition and measurement of outcomes
Other Technical Support Real estate development Resource sharing/ networking	Civic Sector Educational institutions Hospitals/medical centers Research institutions Arts/culture centers Other community organizations	Women Youth LGBTQ Veterans	Established measurement systems Track record of measurement and reporting
	Other Constituents Municipalities Individuals		

### Framework Application Examples

Representative examples of the Commonwealth's experience applying the Evidence-Based Intervention Framework described in this appendix are presented below.

#### School Redesign Grant Program

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education distributes competitive federal funds through the [School Redesign Grant](#) to help districts improve their lowest-performing schools. The schools and districts, in partnership with the state, develop a [sustainable improvement plan](#), which guides the approach to rapid school improvement. The state requires that the plan, in order to meet both state and federal requirements, [must incorporate](#) at least one strategy backed by evidence that meets the criteria from one of the top three evidence tiers [as defined by ESSA](#). The Department provides support to potential applicants on using evidence-based practices through its [How Do We Know Initiative](#).

#### Pathways to Economic Advancement Program

The Commonwealth's Pathways to Economic Advancement program uses an innovative “Pay for Success” funding model in which private sector investors provide upfront capital to scale promising programs, and the government pays back the investors only if the programs achieve predetermined outcomes. This was the first Pay for Success project in the country to focus exclusively on workforce development, specifically on increasing access to programs that assist adult English-language learners in making successful transitions to employment, higher wage jobs, and higher education. Through the Pathways to Economic Advancement, in 2016 the Commonwealth contracted with Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) and Social Finance to conduct an evaluation of JVS' English for Advancement program (EfA). EfA provides adult English-language learners in the Boston area with employment-focused language instruction, career coaching, and job placement assistance to help them obtain employment or advance to a better job. A report on the evaluation was released in November 2020 and found that EfA had a significant impact on annual earnings for program participants over the two years after entering the program.<sup>2</sup>

#### Student Learning Time Program Support

For the vast majority of students, in-person learning is a critical component of their academic growth and social-emotional wellbeing. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many Massachusetts school districts had to provide virtual learning environments during the 2020-2021 school year. To help these districts successfully provide virtual learning for students and inform the public of the results of their efforts, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education developed the [Student Learning Time](#) dashboard. The dashboard provides information about how districts and schools are meeting student learning requirements for students during the pandemic.

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<sup>2</sup> Anne Roder and Mark Elliot, *Stepping Up: Interim Findings on JVS Boston's English for Advancement Show Large Earnings Gains* (Economic Mobility Corporation, 2020)