

FY26 WIOA State Partner Infrastructure Contribution and Responsibility Summary

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

Funds will be distributed to each Local Area using a methodology based upon the proportion of shared customers between MCB and each Local Area as identified through MCB's Case Management System. These amounts have been negotiated with each Local Area by MCB's regional directors. Funds will be utilized consistently with WIOA infrastructure funding requirements for WIOA mandated MCC partners and to implement the requirements of this ISA, including the use of funds for cubicle space usage and to update/enhance assistive technology and accommodations available to MCB consumers seeking services at the MCCs. The table below shows the distribution of infrastructure costs by local area:

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Local Workforce Area	Funds per WDB
Berkshire	\$909.00
Franklin/Hampshire	\$1,150.00
Hampden County	\$7,475.00
Central MA	\$4,240.00
North Central MA	\$2,000.00
Greater Lowell	\$2,500.00
Merrimack Valley	\$3,050.00
Metro North	\$4,375.00
North Shore	\$3,000.00
Brockton Area	\$3,900.00
Metro SW	\$5,805.00
South Shore	\$6,500.00
Bristol	\$5,118.00
Cape and Islands	\$1,300.00
Greater New Bedford	\$1,943.00
Boston	\$13,735.00
Total	\$67,000.00

Partner Responsibilities

Responsibilities of MassHire Career Centers (MCC)

- Provide the integrated service delivery for MCB consumers as described in the local area umbrella MOU.
- Provide training to MCB staff regarding services and resources offered by the MCC and its community partners, as needed.
- Provide training to MCB staff on eligibility, employment outcomes and other requirements of MCCs programs, as needed.
- Refer appropriate MCC customers to the local MCB offices following mutually agreed upon referral protocols.

Responsibilities of MCB Regional Offices

- Identify a MCB regional employee to be the primary point of contact for the local MassHire Career Center.
- Provide training to MassHire staff regarding services and resources provided by MCB and its community partners as needed.
- Provide training to MassHire staff on eligibility, employment outcomes and other requirements of MCB's programs as needed.
- Assess current assistive technology at MassHire Centers and make recommendations for improvements or replacements.
- Provide MassHire staff instruction in the use of assistive technologies with MCB clients.
- Refer appropriate MCB clients to the local MassHire Career Center following mutually agreed upon referral protocols.
- Assist the MassHire Career Center in developing targeted accessible programming and conducting accessible workshops for MCB clients.