

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP

December Meeting

-This meeting will be recorded.

-Please mute yourself after arrival.

-Please submit your questions via the chat function. Questions will be answered during Q&A.

AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction

About FFIO

Overview of Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities

Mass. DOT on RAISE

Mass. DOT on Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility

Q & A

ABOUT THE FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE

Officially created by recently signed Executive Order No. 624, and tasked with implementing a whole-of-government to compete for federal funding by:



Identifying key federal funding opportunities



Leading bi-weekly meetings of the interagency Advisory Council on Federal Funds and Infrastructure

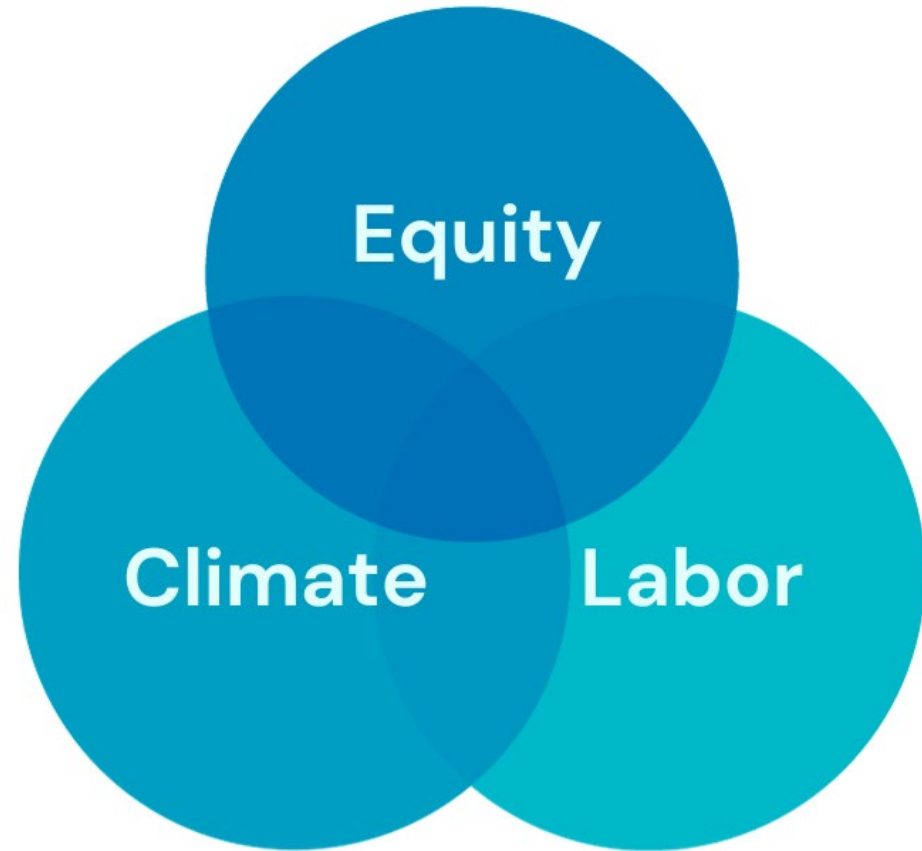


Tracking available federal grant opportunities and Massachusetts applications through the State Clearinghouse



Leading the Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership to support municipalities and tribes in their applications for federal funding

INCORPORATING ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES AND PARTNERS



SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO)

Dear friends,

I hope you're having a great November! The Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO) would again like to thank everyone who made our first Municipal Partnership Meeting on 10/28 a huge success. Over 325 people attended that meeting, and we hope you will join us for our **upcoming meeting on November 28th from 2-3pm** (if you haven't registered already for our monthly Zoom meetings you can do so [here](#), the same link can be used for each meeting).

In this newsletter, you will find:

1. **The agenda for our next Municipal Partnership Meeting on November 28th meeting**, which will include presentations from experts on the following federal funding opportunities:
 - a. Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA); and
 - b. Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)
2. **Federal funding opportunities** with links to relevant contacts, including more information on the above grants; and
3. **Additional resources**, including information on technical assistance opportunities.

But first, here's a brief update on a couple of major wins Massachusetts has secured for critical projects and programs. Most recently, the [New Bedford Port Authority \(NBPA\) was awarded \\$24.4 million](#) of Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding towards the Leonard's Wharf Reconstruction & Extension Project, which is designed to mitigate sea levels, support the domestic offshore wind industry, and bolster the city's resiliency to climate change. Also in October, [MassDOT announced that approximately \\$4.6 million](#) will be awarded to four municipalities – [Brockton](#), [Haverhill](#), [Lowell](#), and [Somerville](#) – as part of the first round of awards for the U.S. Department of

- **Monthly Federal Funds Partnership meetings** with targeted information on recently announced grant programs where **local governments are the eligible applicant**
- Monthly emails in advance of and following Partnership with meeting notes, video clips, and additional info on grant opportunities and resources

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Information also available on the [Federal Funds Local Governments page](#):

Upcoming Municipal-Eligible Grants


Grant Name	Policy Area	Deadline
Coastal Habitat Restoration	Environment	12/19/2023
Smart Grid Grant	Energy	Concept Paper: 1/12/2024
Farm to Schools Grant	Health	1/12/2024
Intelligent Transportation Systems Program	Transportation	1/17/2024
Clean School Bus Rebate Program	Transportation	1/31/2024
Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN)	Transportation	2/2/2024
Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility	Transportation	2/13/2024
RAISE Discretionary Grant Program	Transportation	2/28/2024
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	Environment	General: 4/1/2024 Tribes: 5/1/2024


Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership

FFIO leads the monthly Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership meeting. This forum not only delivers critical updates but also offers a platform for addressing questions related to the many funding possibilities at the disposal of cities, towns and tribal organizations.

[Register Here for Upcoming Meetings](#) →

Additional Resources

 [November 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides](#) (English, PDF 4.39 MB)

 [October 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides](#) (English, PDF 2.8 MB)

November 2023 Meeting

November Federal Funds Partnership Introduction

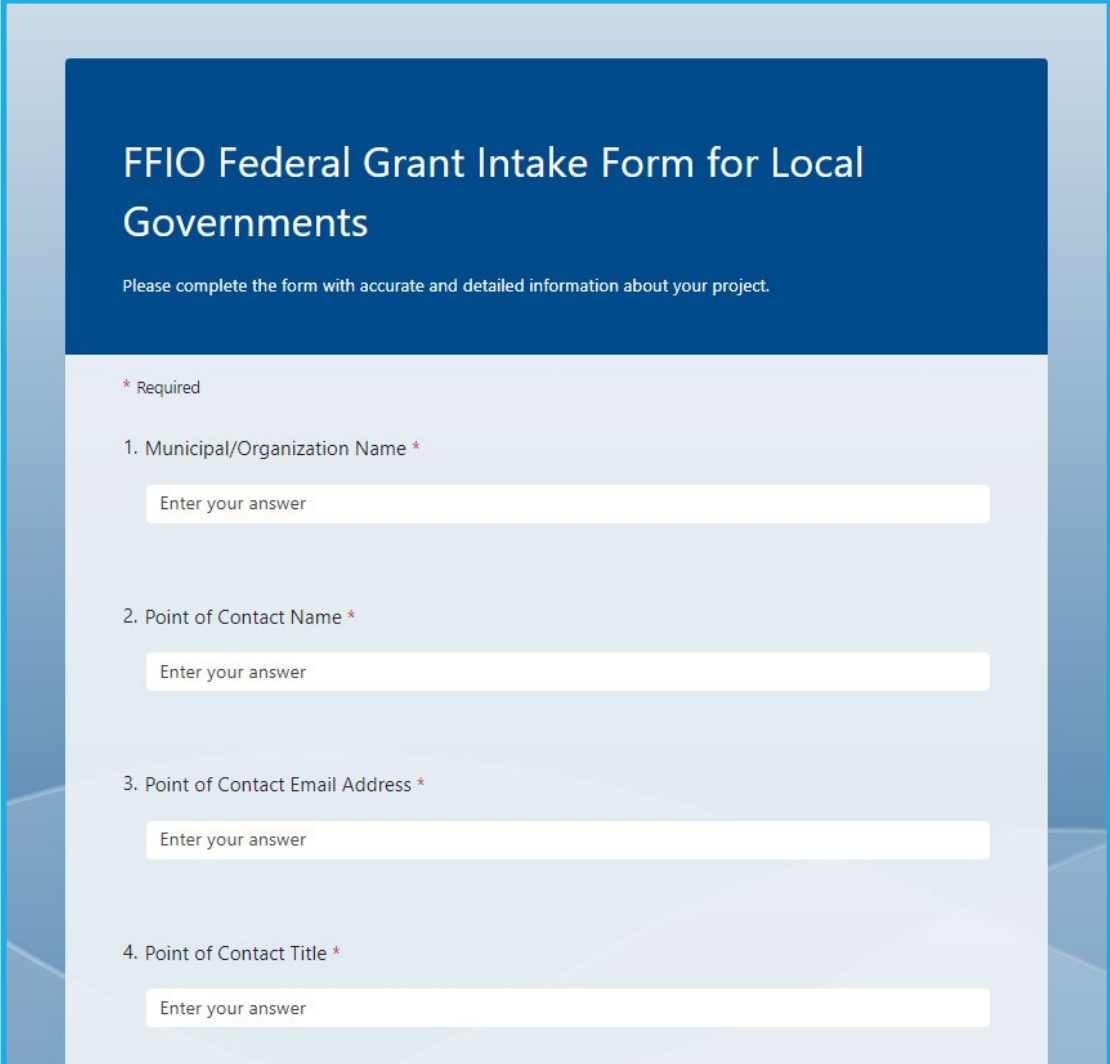


Office of Climate Innovation & Resilience - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Presentation



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Use the [Grant Application Notice Form](#) to notify FFIO of in-progress or submitted federal grant applications, or projects that could be eligible for federal funds:



The image shows a digital form titled "FFIO Federal Grant Intake Form for Local Governments". The form has a dark blue header with the title in white. Below the title, a light blue instruction box says "Please complete the form with accurate and detailed information about your project." The main form area is light blue and contains four required fields, each with a red asterisk and a "Required" label at the top. The fields are: 1. Municipal/Organization Name, 2. Point of Contact Name, 3. Point of Contact Email Address, and 4. Point of Contact Title. Each field has a white input box with the placeholder text "Enter your answer".

FFIO Federal Grant Intake Form for Local Governments

Please complete the form with accurate and detailed information about your project.

* Required

1. Municipal/Organization Name *

Enter your answer

2. Point of Contact Name *

Enter your answer

3. Point of Contact Email Address *

Enter your answer

4. Point of Contact Title *

Enter your answer

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- Access to additional resources for matching funds and technical assistance pending recently filed legislation
- Feel free to contact the FFIO (FedFundsInfra@mass.gov) email inbox for questions about federal grant applications!

STATE MATCHING FUNDS / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

- Proposal to create PAYGO Capital Investment and Debt Reduction Fund
 - Fund will leverage interest earnings on the state's Stabilization Fund to establish a permanent pay-as-you-go capital fund
 - Over the next three years, fund **will unlock an estimated \$750 million** in resources to pursue federal funding opportunities
 - Includes **\$50 million for municipal matching grants** and a **local infrastructure bank**
 - Includes **\$12 million** towards local government technical assistance
- **Adds to the over \$2 billion** in existing resources Massachusetts has made available for state match
 - Current estimates show a potential need for ~\$3 billion in state match to compete for \$17.5 billion in federal grants
 - This ready pool of funding will give Massachusetts a competitive edge in the pursuit of historic federal grant opportunities
- Legislation filed as *An Act to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts (S.2482)* in the Senate

OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING MUNICIPAL AND TRIBAL ELIGIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Program Name	Deadline	Policy Area	Eligibility
<u>Clean School Bus Rebates Program</u>	1/31/2024	Education/ Transportation	Municipal & Tribal Governments, or eligible contractors
<u>Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)</u>	Elements: 3/28/2024 Leading Edge: 4/30/2024 Comprehensive: 5/30/2024	Environment/ Sustainability	HUD-Assisted Multifamily Properties
<u>Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) Program</u>	Rolling	Economic Development	Municipal & Tribal Governments
<u>EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Program</u>	Rolling	Economic Development	Municipal & Tribal Governments
<u>Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program</u>	Rolling Through November 2024	Environment/ Sustainability	Municipal & Tribal Governments, or nonprofits

CLEAN SCHOOL BUS REBATES PROGRAM

- **About the program:**
 - The clean school bus rebate program offers rebates to public school districts and third-party transportation providers to replace existing buses with clean, zero emission alternatives.
- **Funding information:**
 - Upwards of \$500M available for this round of funding
 - 60% of awards will go to priority districts
 - There will be a minimum of 1 award per state
- **Eligibility:**
 - Public School Districts and Private Transportation Providers
- **Deadline: 1/31/2024**
- **Contact:** Orly Strobel, MassCEC, ostrobel@masscec.com

[Watch explainer video from November Federal Funds Partnership meeting](#)

GREEN AND RESILIENT RETROFIT PROGRAM (GRRP)

- **About the program:**
 - The GRRP program “provides funding for projects that improve energy or water efficiency, enhance indoor air quality or sustainability, implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation, low-emission building materials or processes, energy storage, or building electrification strategies, or address climate resilience, of eligible HUD-assisted multifamily properties.”
- **Funding information:**
 - Funding varies by award type, ranging from \$40K per unit up to \$20M per property
- **Eligibility:**
 - Projects must be on HUD-assisted multifamily properties
- **Deadline:**
 - Elements – 3/28/2024
 - Leading Edge – 4/30/2024
 - Comprehensive – 5/30/2024
- **Contact:** GRRP@hud.gov

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (PWEAA) PROGRAM

- **About the program:**
 - Aims to assist communities and regions in devising and implementing **long-term economic development** efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects
 - Investment priorities include equity, recovery and resilience, workforce development, manufacturing, tech-based economic development, sustainable economic development, and exports and foreign direct investment
- **Funding information:**
 - Award ceiling is \$30M for successful applicants
- **Eligibility:**
 - State, Municipalities, Schools, Regional Institutions, Tribes
- **Deadline: Rolling**
- **Contact:** Debra Beavin, Economic Development Administration, dbeavin@eda.gov

EDA PLANNING AND LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- **About the program:**
 - Under the Planning program, EDA makes Partnership Planning, Short-Term Planning, and State Planning awards to eligible recipients to create and implement regional economic development plans designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region.
- **Funding information:**
 - Award ceiling of \$300,000 for successful applicants
- **Eligibility:**
 - State, Municipalities, Nonprofits, Regional Institutions, Tribes
- **Deadline: Rolling**
 - **Note:** Applicants must apply to their respective regional EDA office for this opportunity. Massachusetts' regional office is in Philadelphia
- **Contact:** Debra Beavin, Economic Development Administration, dbeavin@eda.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM

- **About the program**
 - These grants provide approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act funds to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.
- **Funding information:**
 - The grant program has two tracks—one that will award \$10-20 million grants on climate action and pollution reduction, and one that will award \$1-3 million grants to support the engagement of environmental justice communities in governmental processes
 - **Note:** Technical assistance for the application itself may be available to eligible applicants.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Requires either a partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs), or
 - A partnership between a CBO and a Federally-Recognized Tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education.
 - **Deadline: Rolling until November 2024**
- **Contact:** Oleander Stone, MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oleander.stone@mass.gov

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Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant

Program Summary

MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

Program Overview

- The [FY 2024 NOFO](#) states planning and construction activities are eligible for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve:
 - Safety
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Quality of life
 - Mobility and community connectivity
 - Economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism
 - State of good repair
 - Partnership and collaboration
 - Innovation



Key Information

Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local governments• State DOTs• Public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States• A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including port authority• A Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes• A transit agency
Eligible Project Types (full list available in <u>NOFO</u>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highway or bridge projects• Passenger and freight rail transportation projects• Port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)• The surface transportation components of an airport project• Intermodal projects whose components are otherwise an eligible project type
Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FY 2024: February 28, 2024 at 11:59 PM



Key Information (cont.)

Award Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For capital grants, the minimum RAISE grant award is \$5 million in urban areas and \$1 million in rural areas. There is no minimum award amount for planning grants. The maximum grant award for capital and planning grants is \$25 million.
Total Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For FY2024, there is \$1.5 billion in RAISE grant funding estimated to be awarded nationally (translates to roughly \$30 million per state if divided evenly)
Federal Cost Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Federal share of the costs of an eligible project carried out using a grant provided under the RAISE grant program shall not exceed 80 percent unless the project is located in a rural area*, a historically disadvantaged community (HDC)*, or an area of persistent poverty (APP)*.
Other Match Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-Federal sources include local funds originating from State or local revenue-funded programs, State funds originating from programs funded by State revenue, or private funds.Municipalities should not assume that state match is available without specific approval from the Commonwealth.

*Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool: <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>

*APP, Rural, & Disadvantaged Areas: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-app-hdc>

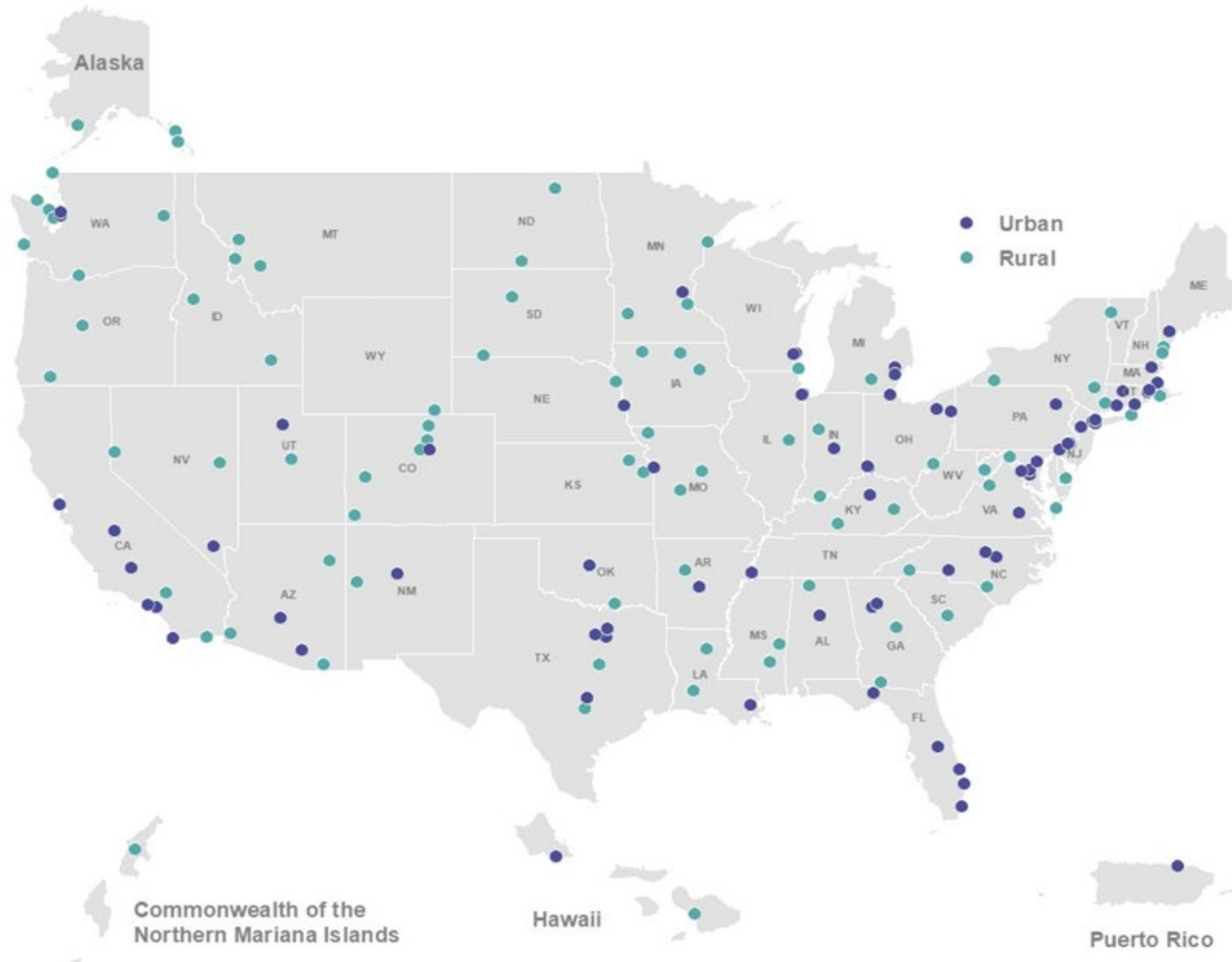


Other Information

- Half of the funding will go to projects in rural areas, and half of the funding will go to projects in urban areas.
- At least \$15 million in funding is guaranteed to go towards projects located in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities, and projects located in these areas will be eligible for up to 100 percent federal cost share.
- U.S. DOT is encouraging applicants to consider how their projects can address climate change, ensure racial equity, and remove barriers to opportunity.



FY 2023 Awards Map

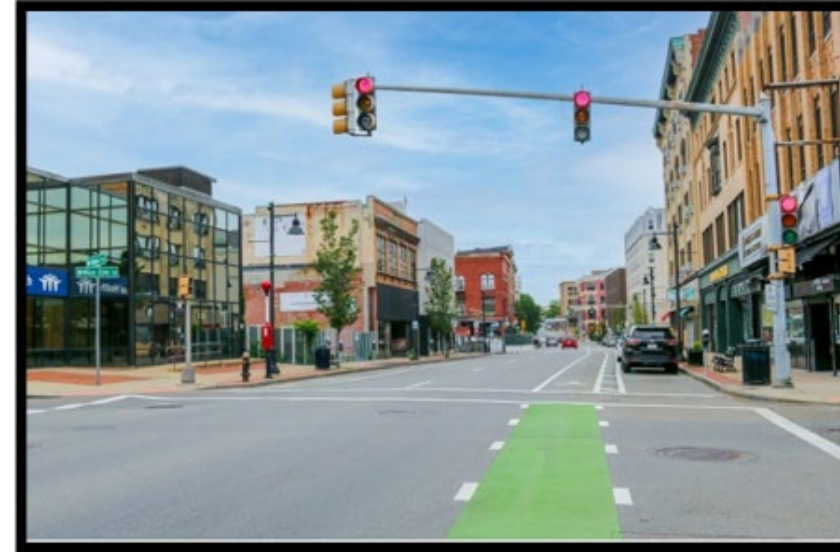


<https://www.transportation.gov/raisegrants/raise-2023-fact-sheets>



Previously Funded Projects: Brockton

- **Project Title:** Downtown Brockton Infrastructure Improvement Project
- **Funding Amount Awarded:** \$7,843,750
- **Description:** The project will fund the preliminary design and engineering work to reconstruct approximately 5.2-miles of roadway on approximately 20 streets in downtown Brockton, replace traffic signals, convert one-way roadways to two-way, replace water and sewer lines, replace storm water systems, and install approximately 5 miles of fiber optics within the project limits.



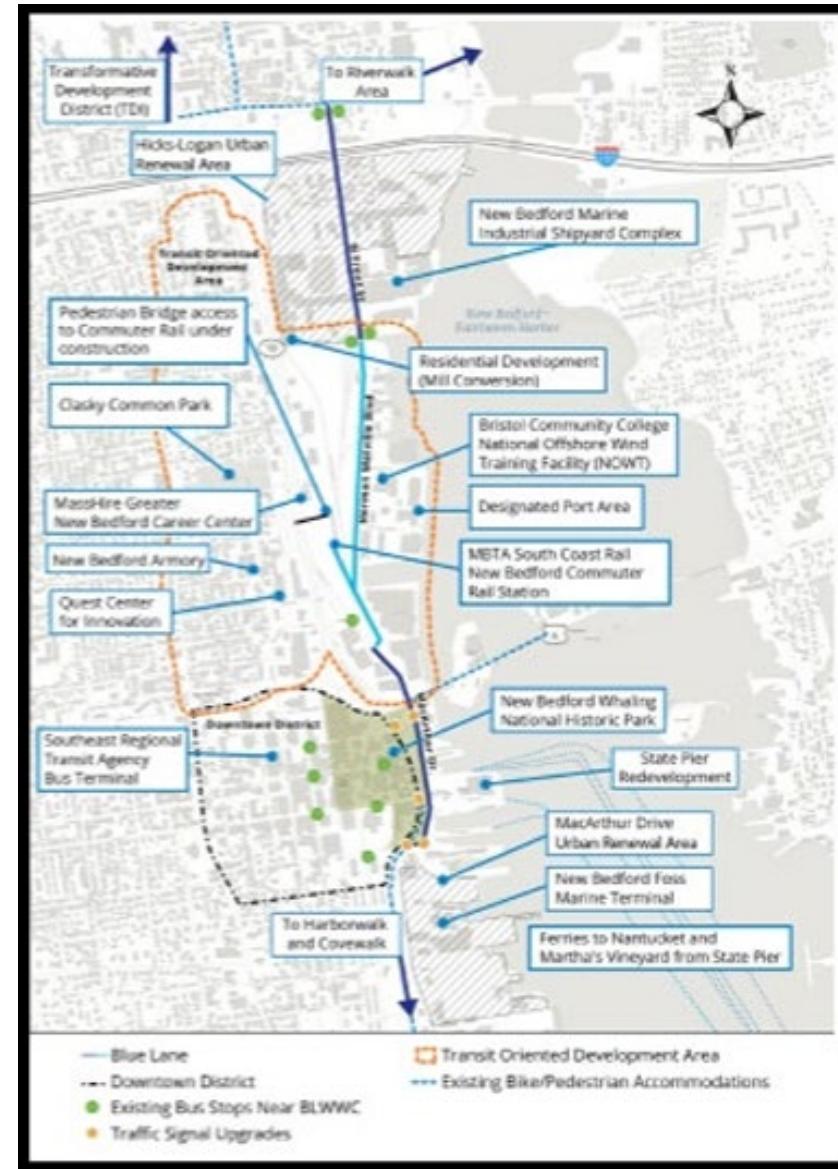
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- The map illustrates the proposed Innovation Park area, highlighted in green, situated near the Hamilton Canal. Key features include the HCD Garage, Mill No. 3, Lowell Justice Center, and UMass Lowell Innovation Center. The map also shows the surrounding urban environment, including streets like Broadway Street, Western Ave., and Main Street, and landmarks such as Lowell High School and North Commons. A green box indicates a 7-minute walk and 2-minute bike ride from the Innovation Center to the proposed park area.

Previously Funded Projects: New Bedford

- **Project Title:** Blue Lane* Waterfront Connector
- **Funding Amount Awarded:** \$1,749,360
- **Description:** The project will fund pre-construction activities including topographic survey, engineering design, environmental permitting, benefit-cost analysis, and public outreach for an approximately 1.76-mile complete streets roadway rehabilitation project.

*The Blue Lane is a designation that describes the city's waterfront paths from the CoveWalk and HarborWalk along the South End peninsula to the Acushnet River in the North End.



Previously Funded Projects: Rt. 119 in Colorado

- **Project Title:** CO 119 Diagonal Highway Mobility Improvement Project
- **Funding Amount Awarded:** \$25,000,000
- **Description:** The project will construct multimodal improvements including intersection safety improvements, construct a regional bikeway and implement Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along CO 119 between Boulder and Longmont.



Program Resources

- **Website:**
<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>
- **Email:** RAISEgrants@dot.gov
- **Phone:** [202-366-0301](tel:202-366-0301)



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FTA FFY 2024 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) Program

MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) Program



**Federal Transit
Administration**

- Aims to improve access to public transportation by building partnerships among health, transportation, and other service providers
- Improved coordination enables providers to use resources more efficiently

Eligible Projects

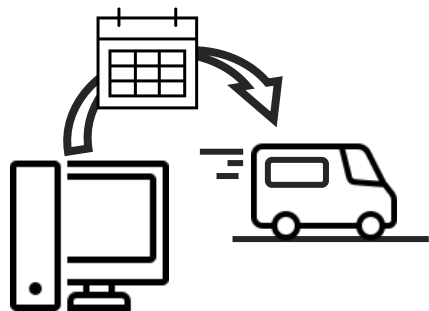
Innovative capital projects for the transportation disadvantaged that improve the regional coordination of transportation service and non-emergency medical transport services (NEMT)

Examples:

- Regional or statewide mobility management projects
- Development of coordination technology
- Regional or statewide projects that create or increase access to one-call/one-click centers

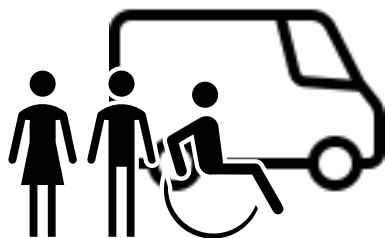


Examples of Recent Awards



City of Salem, MA

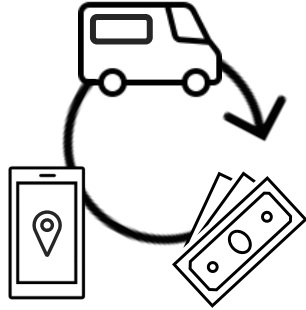
- Award: \$367,225
- The North Shore Medical Transportation Coalition (NSMTC) project will allow providers to book scheduled and on-demand rides for distinct or recurring appointments.



Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, TX

- Award: \$160,200
- Purchase an accessible van and build a program for ride share/taxi vouchers.

Other Examples of Recent Awards



City of Winston-Salem, NC

- Award: \$320,000
- Building a notification and tracking system for para-transit services and a regional fare system.



Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (D.C.)

- Award: \$100,000
- Convene a consortium of regional stakeholders to move the existing Reach a Ride platform towards a one-call, one-click Information and Referral/Assistance tool for transportation options.

Eligible Applicants

- Direct or designated recipients of FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Program (5310)
- Applicants must serve as the lead agency of a regional or statewide consortium that includes stakeholders from the transportation, healthcare, human service, or other sectors.

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**Transit
Agencies**

**Private
operators of
public transit
services**

Non-Profits

**Municipal/
Tribal Gov'ts
(Councils on Aging)**



Cost Sharing

- Maximum Federal share is generally 80% percent of total project cost, with a 20% non-Federal match.
- Non-Federal sources include local funds originating from State or local revenue-funded programs, State funds originating from programs funded by State revenue, or private funds.
- Applicants should ***not*** assume that state match is available without specific approval from the Commonwealth.



Other Program Details

Grants.gov Opportunity Number	FTA-2024-006-TPM-ICAM
Deadline	Submit on Grants.gov by 2/13/2023 11:59 p.m. EST
Funding Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$4.7 million (FTA may award an additional \$4.8 million)• Awarded funding will be available for obligation until the end of FFY 2026 (the award year + two additional years)
Award Size	No limit on award size
Expected Award Announcements	Summer 2024



Program Resources

Website:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/access-and-mobility-partnership-grants>

FTA Contact:

Destiny Buchanan, FTA Office of Program
Management

Phone: (202) 493-8018

Email: Destiny.Buchanan@dot.gov



Other Resources



mass.gov/info-details/community-transportation-coordination



nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/



transit.dot.gov/coordinating-council-access-and-mobility

**Regional Coordinating
Councils**

mass.gov/info-details/regional-coordinating-councils-for-community-transportation

**Metropolitan Planning
Organizations**

mass.gov/info-details/regional-planning



FFIO POLL

Please take a minute to respond to a few questions about the next Partnership meeting in the pop-up window.

FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Meetings

4th Tuesday of each month starting in January

- Tuesday, January 23rd 2-3pm
- Tuesday, February 27th 2-3pm
- Tuesday, March 26th 2-3pm
- Tuesday, April 23rd 2-3pm

Q&A

*Put questions in the chat you would like
our speakers to answer!*

If we are unable to get to your question today, please
send it to us at FedFundsInfra@mass.gov.