

FEDERAL FUNDS & INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE COMMUNITY TOUR

Worcester Regional Technical High School, Worcester
February 12, 2025

AGENDA

About FFIO

Local Government Engagement

Federal Matching Funds Legislation

New Federal Funding Opportunities

Direct Pay

MassDOT: Highway's Community Grants Team

Audience Engagement Exercise

Q&A / Discussion

ABOUT THE FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE (FFIO)

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



Identifying and tracking key federal funding opportunities and Massachusetts applications through the State Clearinghouse



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



Leading the Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership and other meetings to support local governments in their applications for federal funding



Implementing the Federal Match legislation (*Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024*)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership provides key federal grant information to the local governments of MA.

FFIO leads the monthly Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership meeting. This forum delivers federal funding updates and offers a platform for addressing questions related to the many funding opportunities at the disposal of cities, towns and tribal organizations.

Previous Federal Funds Partnership Meeting Tuesday, January 28th

- EPA Grantmakers Program
- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

Next Federal Funds Partnership Meeting Tuesday, February 25th

ENGAGEMENT WITH RPAs AND FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

Previous Monthly Meeting with MARPA + Federally Recognized Tribes Friday, February 7th

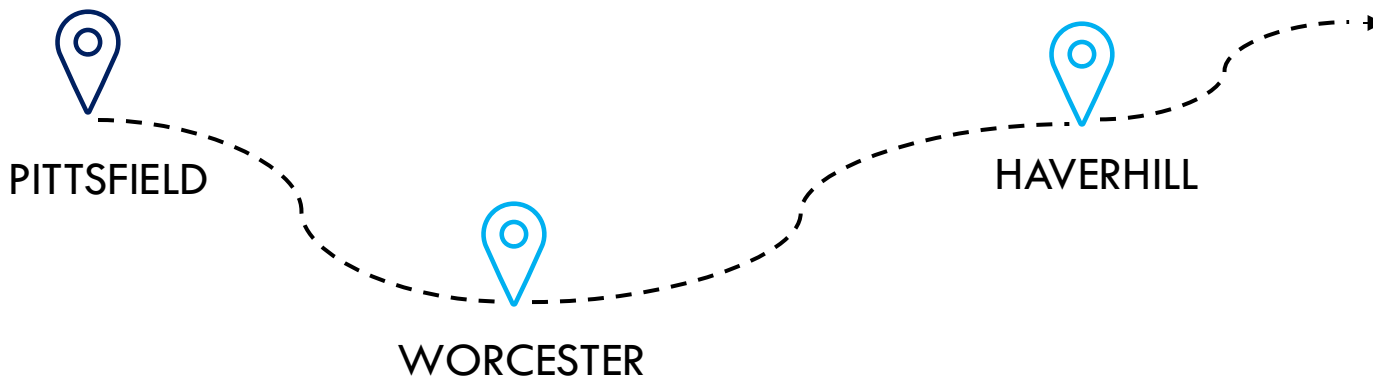
- Met with the 13 Regional Planning Agencies to cover the latest updates on federal grants.
- Working with RPA's and agencies to identify technical assistance gaps.
- MassDOT Safety Action Planning Technical Assistance
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP), Kara Runsten & Emma Sass

Next Monthly Meeting with MARPA + Federally Recognized Tribes Friday, March 7th

- Working with RPA's and agencies to identify technical assistance gaps.
- DOER Green Communities Division Technical Assistance
- MBI Technical Assistance

FFIO COMMUNITY TOUR

- **INFORMATION SHARING:** Provide information on federal grant application resources made available by the new legislation
- **UNDERSTAND NEEDS AND PRIORITIES:** Seek community input on priority projects seeking federal funding
- **GATHER FEEDBACK:** Solicit feedback on the Federal Funds Partnership and other FFIO processes



FEDERAL FUNDS & INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE (FFIO) COMMUNITY TOUR



12:00 **PM** | 12 FEB 2025



Come meet the FFIO team, learn about our office, and how our resources can help your community.

WORCESTER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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& ZOOM

RSVP

Questions? Email us at:
fedfundsinfra@mass.gov

FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS LEGISLATION

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL MATCH LEGISLATION

Matching Funds

- Unlocks up to **\$750M** for matching funds for federal programs
- Eligible entities, including RPA's can now apply for match via the [FFIO Match Request Form](#)
- Learn more on the new [Massachusetts Matching Funds Website](#)

Other Financial Assistance for Municipalities

- Allocates up to **\$50M** in the form of grants, loans, or other financial assistance, which may be directed to municipalities.
- Explore providing start-up capital for Direct Pay-eligible projects, etc.

Technical Assistance for Municipalities

- Allocates up to **\$12M** for technical support to munis for grant application development and implementation assistance for successful awards
- Leverage existing municipal outreach (partnership meetings, upcoming community tour, etc.) to understand municipal needs

MATCHING FUNDS PROCESS

Eligible applicants:

- State agencies
- Independent governmental state or public entities (quasis)
- Municipalities (cities and towns)
- Tribes
- Regional planning agencies (RPAs)
- Community development corporations (CDCs)
- Other development authorities or agencies
- *Private entities (under review)*

Application process:

1. Fill out Federal Matching Funds Form
2. Email supporting materials to fedfundsinfra@mass.gov
3. Questions on form or materials: reach out to Bob and Sam
4. If your agency works with munis on a federal program, **have the muni who would be award recipient apply for match**

Timeline:

- Three (3) weeks prior to federal application submission
- FFIO and ANF review on a rolling basis (for now)
- Still reviewing how to process retroactive requests

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS



Develop Project Prioritization List

- Aggregate priority projects through RPAs, EJ organizations, the Road Show, engagement with mayors, Fed Funds Partnership meetings, EEA's Green Communities and MVP program, etc.
- Identify potential federal funding sources, other potential financial assistance (e.g., match funding, loans, grants), and TA roadblocks.
- Create and execute plan to advance issues related to these projects.

GrantWell: Simplifying Federal Grant Application Process With AI

AI4Impact x Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office



**The Burnes Center
for Social Change**

at Northeastern University

**Jai Surya Kode
Anjith Prakash**

About us



We are student researchers from Northeastern University working on this project as part of AI4Impact program.

AI4Impact partners state agencies and Northeastern University to develop innovative, sustainable, and impactful AI-driven solutions



GrantWell

GrantWell is a free, public AI-enabled grant-writing tool designed to streamline the application process.



GrantWell

An AI tool to help Massachusetts communities secure federal grants

Find a Notice of Funding Opportunity Document (NOFO)

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CCG NOFO

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant NOFO

IRA-Urban & Community Forestry NOFO

Port Infrastructure Development Program

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

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We would like to hear from you!

Do you want to help us build GrantWell?

What challenges do you face when applying for federal grants?

What tools do you use to assist in grant writing?

NEW FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CLIMATE

Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share	Deadline
Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Areas	State, Local Governments, Tribes, Private, Universities	\$50,000,000	5-50%	2/27/2025
Bringing Youth Outdoors Together and Environmental Steward Program	State, Local Governments, Tribes, Nonprofits	Partnerships With National Park Service	N/A	2/9/2025
Accelerating CO2 Conversion Technology Development and Deployment	State, Local Governments, Tribes, For-Profits, Nonprofits	\$8,000,000	20%	4/11/2025
Round 3 - Habitat Restoration	State, Local Governments, Tribes, NGOs, Small Businesses, Universities	\$2,000,000	N/A	5/12/2025
Thriving Communities Grant Makers –Region 1	Local Governments, Tribes, NGOs	Multiple tiers	N/A	Multiple rounds
BRIC	Local Governments	\$50,000,000	25%	2/29/2025

TRANSPORTATION

Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share	Deadline
PROTECT Grant	State, Local Governments, Tribes	\$60,000,000	0-20%	2/24/2025
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	Rural Local Governments, Tribes	\$2,250,000	N/A	4/3/2025
Port Infrastructure Development Program	State, Local Governments, Tribes	\$125,000,000	20% (with exceptions)	5/10/2024
Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation	State, Local Governments, Businesses, Nonprofits, Universities	N/A	N/A	2/24/2025
Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Program	State, Local Governments, Small Businesses, Nonprofits, Universities	\$10,000	N/A	2/25/2025

THRIVING COMMUNITIES (WATER, VETERANS SERVICES, ETC.)

Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share	Deadline
Archival Projects	State, Local Governments, Tribes, Universities	\$150,000	N/A	11/5/2025
EDA Public Works Program (PWEAA)	States, Local Governments, Tribes, Universities, NGOs	\$30,000,000	20-40%	Rolling
Small Business Innovation Research / Small Business Technology Transfer Fast-Track Pilot Programs	Small Businesses	\$1,555,000	N/A	3/5/2025
Small Business Innovation Research Phase II	Small Businesses	\$690,000	N/A	3/14/2025
Advancing Data in Corrections Initiative	Universities, Nonprofits, For-Profits, Small Businesses	\$4,000,000	N/A	3/12/2025
Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program	State, Local Governments, Tribes, Universities	\$550,000	20-40%	4/3/2025

THRIVING COMMUNITIES (PUBLIC SAFETY, HOUSING)

Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share	Deadline
Maintenance and Operation of the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website	Small Businesses, Nonprofits, For-Profits	\$ 1,000,000	N/A	2/24/2025
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Training Curriculum for New Corrections Staff	Universities, Small Businesses, Nonprofits, For-Profits	\$1,750,000	N/A	2/24/2025
Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Women Veterans' and Homeless Veterans' with Children Reintegration Grant Program (HWVHWC)	State, Local Governments, Tribes, Nonprofits, For-Profits, Housing Authorities, Small Businesses, Universities	\$500,000	N/A	3/17/2025
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	NGOs, Tribes	\$22,942,240	N/A	3/3/2025

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:



DIRECT PAY TAX CREDITS



The background of the slide is a photograph of the Illinois State Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois, taken at dusk. The building's large, illuminated dome is a prominent feature, glowing with a warm light. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. In the foreground, there are green trees and a street with some light trails from vehicles. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the left and center of the image, containing the title and other text.

Direct Pay Overview

Governor's Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience

Jonathan Schrag, Deputy Climate Chief
Governor's Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience

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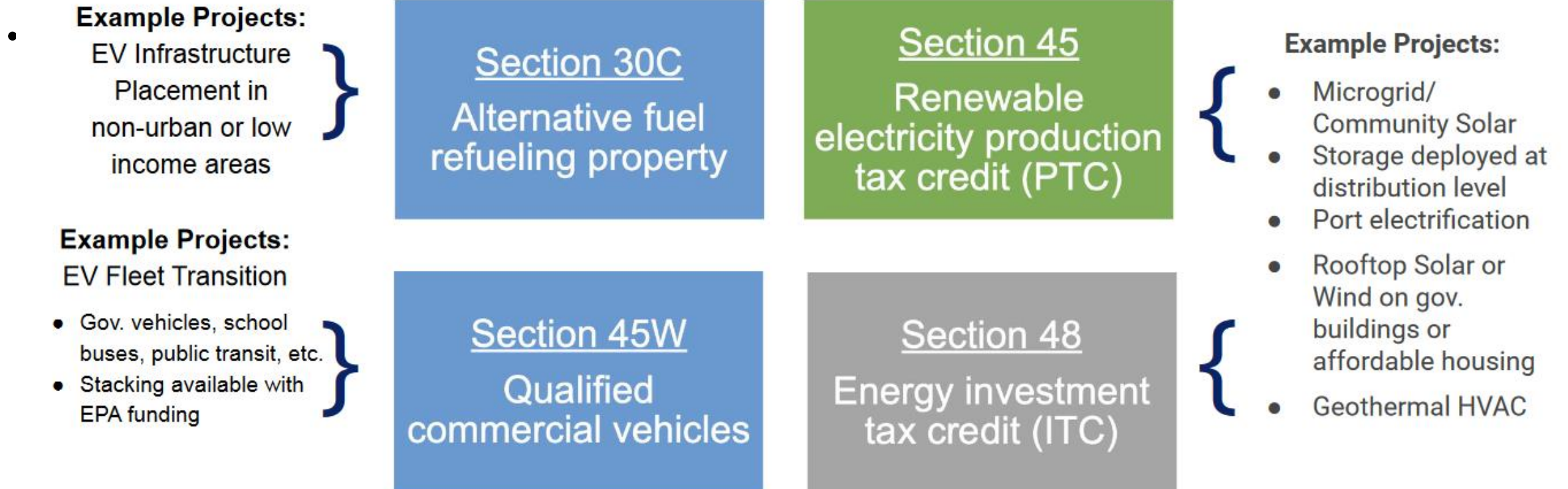
Agenda

- What is Direct Pay?
- Applicable Credits for Direct Pay
- Credit Amounts and Bonuses
- 2023 Projects
- Helpful Resources

What is Direct Pay?

- The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) makes the largest investment in clean energy in United States history, and much of that investment is delivered via **tax incentives**.
- Under the IRA, tax-exempt and governmental entities – such as municipalities- that do not owe Federal income taxes are, for the first time, able to receive a payment equal to the full value of tax credits for building qualifying clean energy projects or making qualifying investments. This is called Direct Pay (also known as Elective Pay).
- By filing a return and using Direct Pay, these entities can receive a cash refund from the IRS for certain clean energy projects.
- Under current law, Direct Pay lasts for a decade; it applies to projects put into service January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2032 creating a decade of tax opportunity to save money on necessary infrastructure replacements and upgrades.
- **The overall potential of these tax credits is unlimited.** In most cases, the Investment Tax Credit results in a refund equal to 30% of the project investment.

Most relevant tax credits for municipalities



Credit Amounts

- The most common credit is the Investment Tax Credit (ITC). The amount of the ITC is calculated as a base credit of 6% on the investment basis of the project.
- For the replacement of existing municipal vehicle fleets with new electric vehicles, entities can receive up to \$7,500 per light vehicle and up to \$40,000 per larger vehicle.

Some Basics on Bonuses

Please Note: Additional details apply

Low-income Communities	Energy Communities	Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship**	Domestic Content* **
10-20% bonus	10% bonus	5x bonus	10% bonus
... if project is in a low-income community with extra bonus if residential or econ benefit project	...if project is in historical “energy community” (i.e., closed coal mine, some brownfield sites)	...if reqs for prevailing wages and registered apprentices are met	...if 100% of applicable steel and iron and an applicable share of ‘manufactured products’ produced in U.S.
ITC only	Applies to both ITC tax basis and PTC rate	Applies to both ITC tax basis and PTC rate	Applies to both ITC tax basis and PTC rate

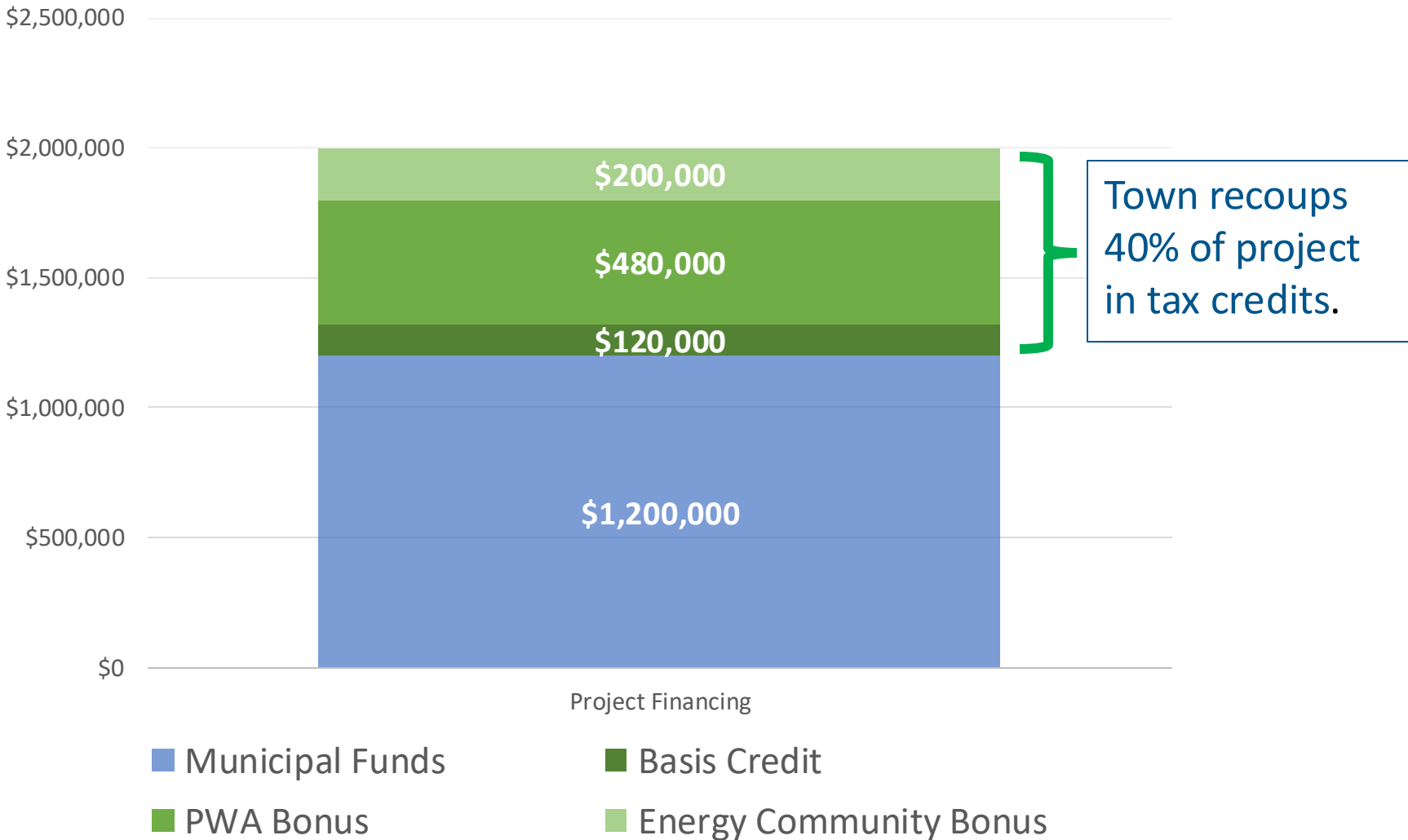
* - On December,28, 2023, IRS issued new guidance on this rule for projects beginning in 2024 (see Notice 2024-9)

** - Applicable for projects of a size >1MW

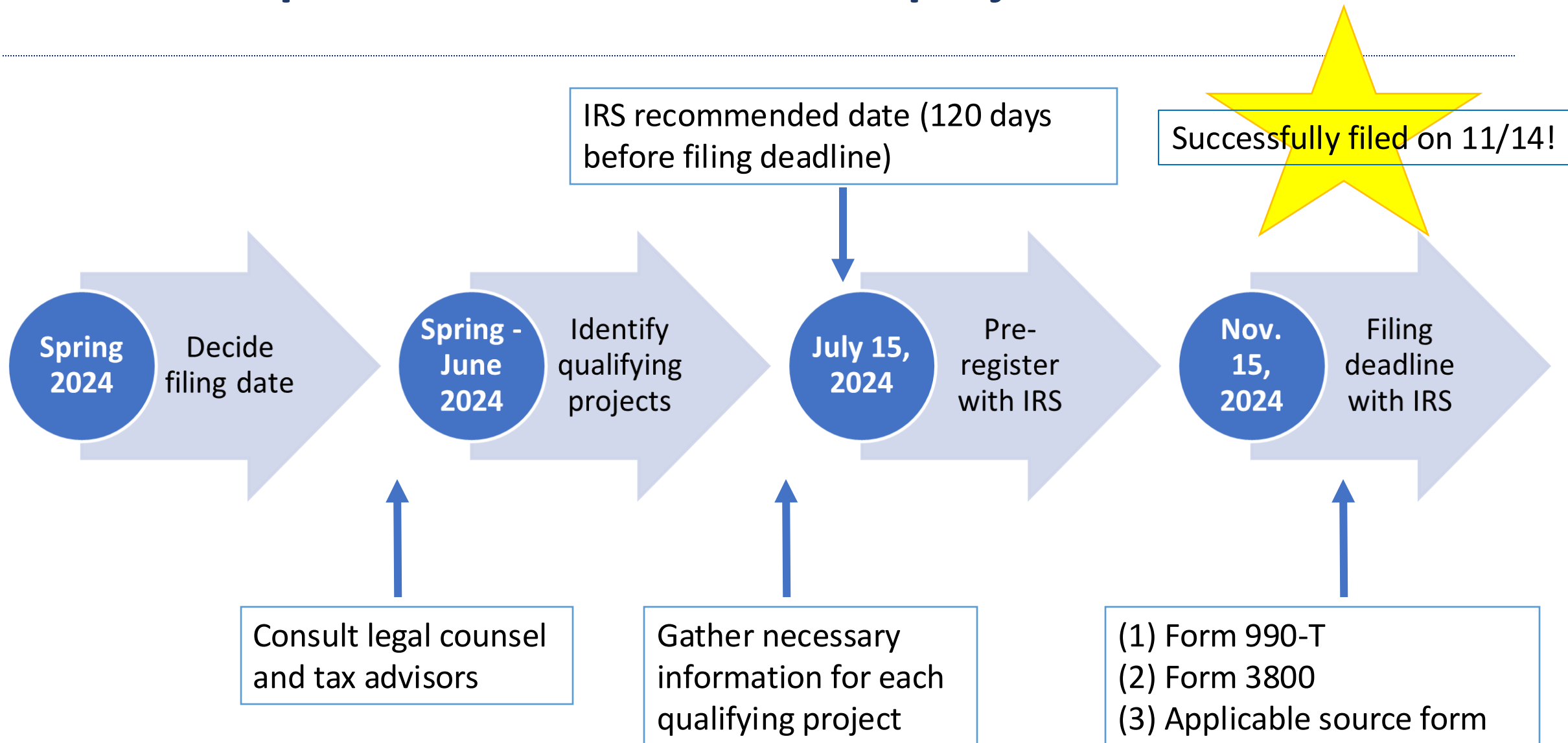
How Direct Pay Credits and Bonuses Affect a \$2M Project

Example:

- A municipality with brownfield status installs microgrid with solar and energy storage.
- Eligible for an ITC (Energy ITC, Sec. 48)
- Project cost is \$2M



The state's process timeline for 2023 projects



2023 Massachusetts Projects

In November, ANF successfully filed more than 80 Direct Pay-eligible projects with the IRS, including:



Sec 30C: Alternative Fuel Property

Fall River Heritage State Park



Sec. 45W: Commercial EVs

Dozens of light EVs purchased by
OSD



Sec. 45: Investment Tax Credit

Solar and Geothermal Projects at
the Veterans' Home in Chelsea

Next Steps for Elective Pay: 2024 Projects

1. Identify projects in the pipeline with in-service dates of 2024 or later:

- Build an internal team by working with financial advisors and counsel to confirm eligibility, gather documentation, address key questions.
- Complete pre-registration for each project in the IRS Pre-registration portal. This should be completed 120 days prior to the tax filing deadline.
- File Tax Forms generally 4.5 months after the end of the tax period.
 - May 15th for calendar year filers and November 15th for fiscal year filers.

2. Inventory capital needs (new construction, retrofits or vehicles) over the next decade:

- Include tax credit value into real estate and vehicle fleet planning.
- Ensure architects, designers, and facilities managers are aware of tax credit opportunities.

3. Make a plan for how your municipality will get its share of refunds over the next decade.

Helpful Resources

- [FFIO's Direct Pay Information Page](#)
- [Elect Pay Overview](#)
- [CAP webinar](#) on Direct Pay
- Lawyers for Good Government [Elective Pay resources](#), including worksheets on:
 - [EV Purchase](#)
 - [EV Infrastructure](#)
 - [Tracking](#) ITC and PTC projects
 - [Slides](#) from a presentation to local governments (but provides overview of Direct Pay for all)
- IRS [Video Tutorial](#) on pre-registration
- [IRS Q&A](#)

Thank you!

MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning's Municipal Grants Engagement (MGE) Team

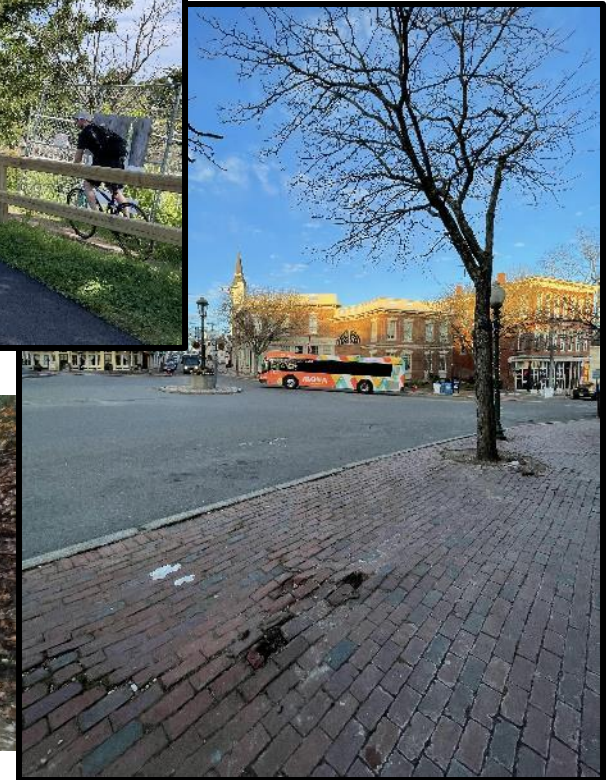
Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office Community Tour

February 12, 2025



About the Municipal Grants Engagement (MGE) Group

- MassDOT's Municipal Grants Engagement Group's mission is to **connect municipalities with federal funding opportunities** to advance local and regional transportation needs.
- The group will also **provide technical assistance** to Massachusetts communities, with a focus on rural areas and Gateway Cities, to **prepare projects for the receipt of federal funding, develop discretionary grant applications, and assist with coordination efforts** across MassDOT, municipalities, and our partner agencies.



Specific Activities (Outreach and Engagement)

Targeted Community Engagement: Conduct outreach to communities with projects suitable for specific grant programs, focusing on rural and environmental justice communities. Provide guidance on funding opportunities, including hosting meetings to discuss programs and support.

Eligibility Guidance / Program “Match Making:” Assisting municipalities in determining eligibility for federal discretionary and formula funding programs and appropriate funding alternatives.

Grant Application Assistance (for Joint State and Municipal Priorities): Providing technical assistance in drafting and reviewing grant applications, including project narratives, budgets, and responses to merit criteria.

Letters of Support: Drafting and issuing MassDOT letters of support for grant applications to demonstrate agency endorsement.

Specific Activities (Administration and Coordination)

Match Funding Coordination: Advising on strategies to identify and secure local, state, or other match funding for federal grant applications. Coordinating with state funding programs to ensure alignment with grant application requirements.

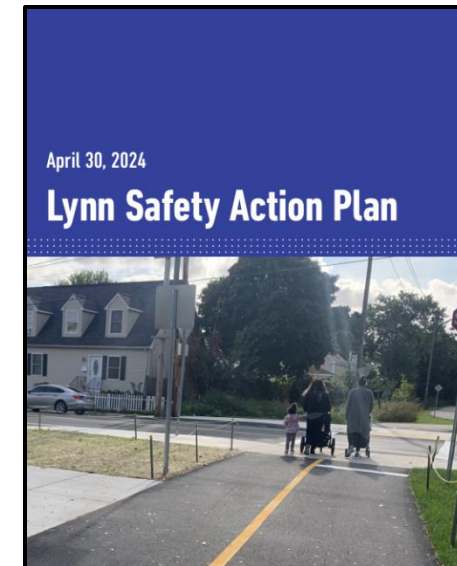
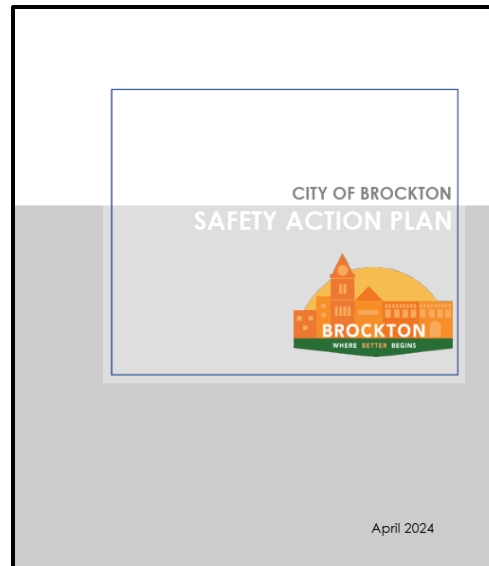
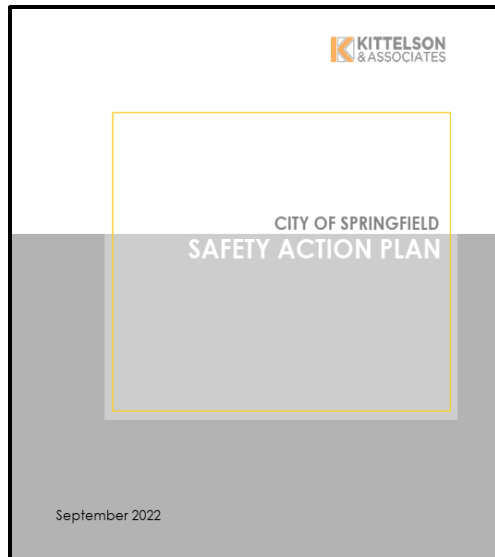
Grant Tracking and Updates: Providing information from a database of active and upcoming grant opportunities and sharing updates with municipalities. Helping communities track the status of submitted applications and awarded funds.

Post-Award Support (if requested in advance): Helping municipalities manage awarded grants, including guidance on reporting, documentation, and financial oversight to ensure compliance with grant terms.

MassDOT Safety Action Planning Technical Assistance

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- To prepare communities in Massachusetts with higher-than-normal high crash locations for SS4A funding, MassDOT Highway Division assisted three municipalities (Springfield, Brockton, and Lynn) complete Safety Action Plans to make them eligible for SS4A demonstration grant funding.
- Future Safety Action Plans could expand these efforts to other municipalities and prepare them for SS4A demonstration grant funding and/or federal formula funding for safety projects.
- Key to successful Safety Action Plans is having a dedicated municipal champion.



Resources and Contact Information

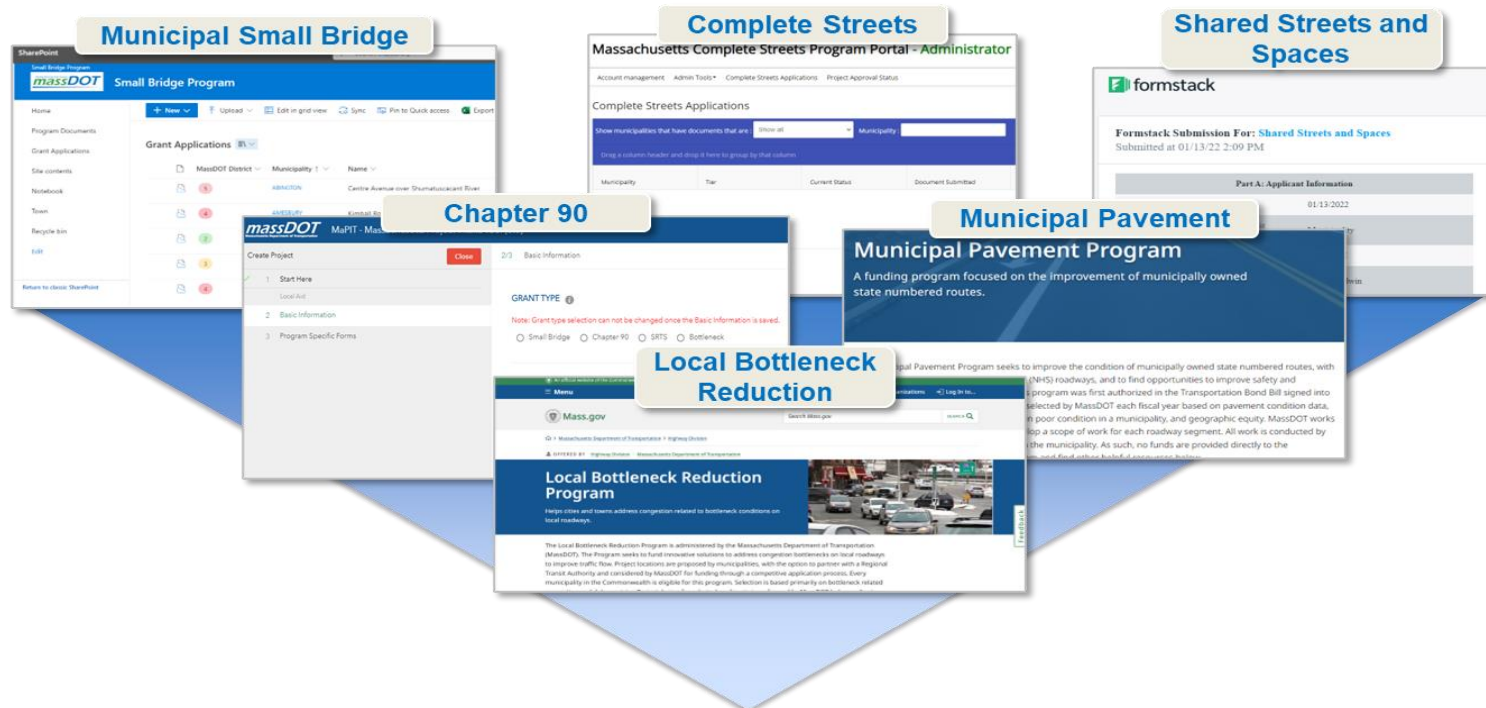
- **Derek Krevat**, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, Manager of Municipal Grants Engagement: Derek.Krevat@dot.state.ma.us
- **U.S. DOT Navigator**: <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>
- **Grants.gov**: <https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>
- **MA Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office**:
<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/federal-funds-infrastructure-office>

MassDOT Highway Division Grant Central and Community Grants

Kristen Rebelo
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February 12, 2025

Grant Central

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Funding Programs

Chapter 90 | Complete Streets | Local Bottleneck Reduction | Municipal Pavement | Municipal Small Bridge | Shared Streets and Spaces

Grant Central Users

The Public | Municipal Officials | Regional Transit Authorities | MassDOT Staff
636 unique Municipal Users



Municipal Grant Opportunities

Complete Streets Funding Program

Details: A three-tiered program encouraging the incorporation of Complete Streets principles in local planning and design practice. Communities who participate in this program pass a local policy, adopt a prioritization plan, and implement multimodal projects.

Focus: Sidewalks, bike lanes, shared-use paths, bus stop Improvements.

Chapter 90 Program

Details: A formula-based program that provides funding to all communities each fiscal year for improvements to transportation infrastructure. Not a competitive application program.

Focus: Roadway construction, pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure, road building equipment, consultant services.

Local Bottleneck Reduction Program

Details: A program that funds innovative solutions to address congestion bottlenecks on local roadways to improve traffic flow. Selection is based off of bottleneck related congestion and delay metrics.

Focus: Improvements to traffic signal timing, equipment, vehicle detection, and infrastructure.

Municipal Pavement Program

Details: A program focused on improving the condition of municipally owned state numbered routes. Not a competitive grant program. Projects are selected based on pavement condition data, the proportion of state numbered routes in poor condition in a municipality, and geographic equity.

Focus: Pavement rehabilitation, resurfacing, or pavement preservation.

Municipal Small Bridge Program

Details: A program providing funding to municipalities for the improvement of bridges that are on a local public way, included in the State Bridge inventory, and have a span between 10 and 20 feet.

Focus: Bridge replacement, preservation, or rehabilitation.

Shared Streets and Spaces Program

Details: A program focusing on improvements to plazas, sidewalks, curbs, streets, bus stops, parking areas, and other other public spaces in support of public health, safe mobility, and strengthened commerce.

Focus: Sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, dedicated bus or bus/bike lanes, wayfinding, lighting.

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<https://madothway.my.site.com/GrantCentral/s/complete-streets-public-overview>

Complete Streets Funding Program

- Launched in 2016, the program has invested approximately \$105 million through 508 Tier 2 and Tier 3 grants.
- Results of the FY25 Round 1 were announced the week of January 13, 2025.
- The next Tier 3 application round opens in April, but we are always accepting Tier 1 and Tier 2 submissions!

Shared Streets & Spaces

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Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program

- Launched in 2020, the program has invested approximately \$56.5M million through 524 grants.
- January 13, 2025 was the last day to submit an application for this round.
- We anticipate the results of this application round to be announced in April 2025.

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Municipal Small Bridge Program

- Launched in 2016, the program has invested approximately \$75.25 million through 210 grants.
- The FY25 application round closed on Monday, February 3, 2025.
- We anticipate the results of this application round to be announced in late April 2025.

Local Bottleneck Reduction Program

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Focus: Improvements to traffic signal timing, equipment, vehicle detection, and infrastructure.

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Local Bottleneck Reduction Program

- Launched in 2021, the program has invested approximately \$8.5 million through 47 grants.
- MassDOT announced the results of the latest application round in early January and assigning designers to the awarded communities before the end of the month.

Safe Routes to School (<https://www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school>)

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL 2025 EVENTS



The MassDOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program organizes events all year round to promote safe biking, walking, and rolling among students in elementary, middle, and high school. You can learn more about these events and how to participate by scanning the QR code.

JANUARY

3 Yard Sign Design Contest Launch
Students make their trip to school safer by designing yard signs for this annual contest.

29 Winter Webinar 12:00 p.m.
In this webinar, you will learn about the community approach to SRTS. A recording is available online if you missed it.

FEBRUARY

5 Winter Walk & Roll to School Day
Encourage students and staff to get to school by walking or rolling!

17-21 Winter Break

24 Yard Sign Contest Entries Due

MARCH

1 Crossing Guard Appreciation Campaign Launch
Celebrate your Crossing Guards and nominate them for Crossing Guard of the Year! Nominations are due by March 19.

19 Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

APRIL

16 Car-Free Campus Day
In celebration of Earth Month, high schools across the Commonwealth pick one day in April, May, or June to make their campus car-free.

16 Spring Webinar: New Tools for Schools 12:00 p.m.
In this webinar, you will learn about the new SRTS resources available for schools. A recording is available online if you missed it.

21-25 Spring Break

22 Earth Day
Protect our planet by getting to school today in a person-powered way!

MAY

May is National Bike Month
Help students and families plan bike trains to get to and from school throughout the month.

7 Massachusetts Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Day
Students, families, and staff across the state are encouraged to participate.

JUNE

SRTS Annual Awards Ceremony
Celebrating the best SRTS Program partners for this school year!
Check the SRTS website for the official date.

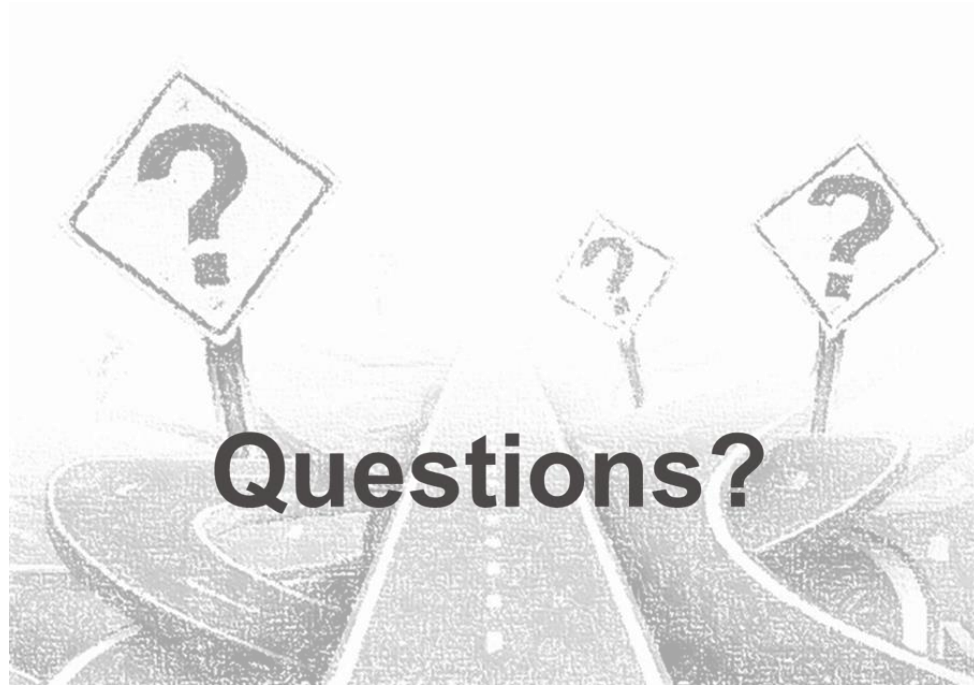


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**MASSACHUSETTS
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FEDERAL FUNDING: WORCESTER WINS

\$3.7 Million to Worcester and Shrewsbury in PROTECT Grant Program for the Route 20 and Grafton Street Interchange Project. The project provide critical relief for areas that have long been impacted by severe flooding.



\$200,000 to Worcester and \$480,000 to CMRPC in Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grants.

\$1 Million to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Critical Material Innovation, Efficiency, and Alternatives Grant Program for developing an upcycling approach to ensure a robust supply chain for the battery industry.



SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS



\$156 million award through Solar for All program

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), MassHousing, and the Boston Housing Authority were awarded \$156,120,000 for clean energy investments to up to 31,000 low-income and affordable homes from the **EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**.



\$342 Million in Massachusetts Awards for Reconnecting Communities from USDOT

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced awards for the **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Grant Program**. This includes **\$335 million to replace the Allston Viaduct** and create new and improved access to expanded waterfront parks and open space in Boston, as well awards for **Haverhill, Lynn, Everett, Cambridge and Chelsea**.



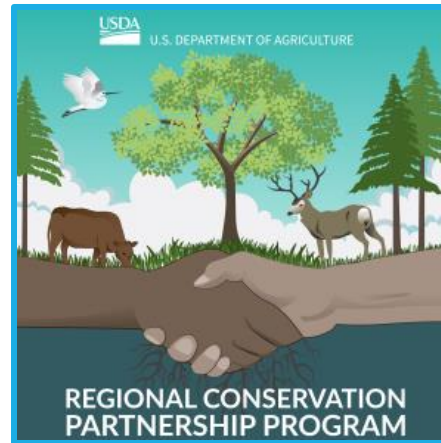
\$993 Million Award for the Cape Cod Bridges

\$993 million in funding from the USDOT's **Bridge Investment Program (BIP)** towards MassDOT's replacement of the Cape Cod Bridges. Adds to over \$700 million in existing federal funding for the project. Phase 1 of the project will begin with the replacement of the Sagamore Bridge.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

\$450 Million Multi-State Award for Heat Pump Adoption

Massachusetts selected as part of a five-state coalition led by Connecticut that proposed a regional heat pump market transformation program called the New England Heat Pump Accelerator, funded under the competitive portion of the **EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants**.

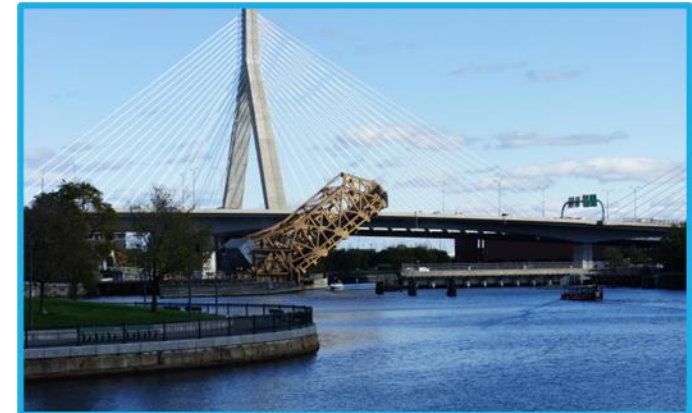


\$45 Million for Conservation in Massachusetts

Mass Audubon was awarded \$25,000,000 and **EEA** was awarded \$20,835,000 from the **USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program**. Funds will be used to protect thousands of acres of land and boost climate resilience in Massachusetts.

\$472 Million for North Station Draw Bridge

The **MBTA** was awarded \$472,300,616 from USDOT as part of the **Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG)**. The project will allow for more train capacity, faster and more reliable rides, and increased safety on MBTA commuter rail and Amtrak trains.



SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS



\$147 Millions for Broadband

Massachusetts awarded over **\$147,000,000** from the **National Telecommunications and Information Agency's Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment program** to expand high speed internet access in unserved and underserved locations in the state.

\$175 Million for Rail Improvements in MA

MassDOT was awarded **\$36,800,000** from the **DOT-FRA Consolidated Rail infrastructure & Safety Improvements program**. Funds will be used to advance West-East Rail, building on the **\$108,000,000** award from last year. 2 other Massachusetts entities were also awarded over **\$30,000,000**.



Clean School Bus Program

\$105 million to Massachusetts entities from the **Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program** for low and zero emission school buses

AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE

Please take 5 minutes to fill this form and help us learn more about how our office can support you to best leverage available and upcoming federal funding opportunities!



DISCUSSION AND Q&A

As a reminder, we can help with:

Looking for grants

- Match grants to projects
- Help look for partners/co-applicants (CBOs, other states, state agencies, universities, etc.)

Developing application

- Advice on labor standards, DEI , climate, language.
- Review application

Advocating for submitted applications

- Letters of support from the state or congressionals
- Calls and in-person advocacy when FFIO is in DC.
- Get award dates/application status

Helpful information for us:

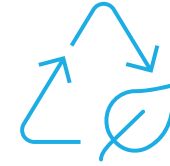
- Are there any upcoming grants you are preparing for? Developing applications?
- What kind of technical assistance on these grants would be the most helpful for you?
- Do you have any applications pending or stuck?
- Are you looking for partners/co-applicants?
- Looking for gap financing for projects?

Reach us anytime at:
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bring your
questions, and
discuss priority
projects!**



Transportation



**Climate and
Resiliency**



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Direct Pay



Priority Projects