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# FFY 2023 MUNICIPAL ROAD SAFETY (MRS) Grant Program

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The AGF, Application form, and all other related documents may be found at: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants.">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants.</a>

#### A. Program Overview

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is pleased to make available up to \$5,000,000 in FFY 2023 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grant funding. OGR is the State Administering Agency for traffic safety grants provided by NHTSA. These grants are being made available to provide police departments substantial flexibility in addressing local traffic safety issues, allowing funding beyond enforcement to include equipment options and developing novel traffic-safety programs. The goal is to support traditional enforcement activities and develop new strategies to reduce roadway crashes, injuries, fatalities, and their associated economic losses in Massachusetts.

OGR is committed to advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the distribution of our NHTSA grant funds. The term "underserved communities" refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in or benefit from aspects of economic, social, and civic life. Although people of all ages, races, ethnicities, and income levels are impacted by traffic fatalities, some communities or neighborhoods and the people residing within those areas may suffer more than others. OGR is asking that our applicants, if not doing so already, explore existing or new data sources to better identify and understand the disproportionate impact of traffic crashes within your jurisdictions. A municipality should involve community stakeholders when developing their grant application and be open to new ideas to address issues of inequity in road safety.

The Non-Enforcement element of the MRS grant program provides an excellent opportunity to develop programs that address these inequities. We hope that these opportunities will lead municipalities to create innovative, strong partnerships within the communities they serve and prioritize funds to support activities and services that address identified needs in underserved communities/neighborhoods. Such actions should not only increase the quality of the applications received but reduce crash-related fatalities and injuries and reduce disparities within traffic safety, advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion across our highway safety programs.

Funds will be awarded competitively to eligible local police departments in Massachusetts.

The FFY 2023 AGF opportunity will continue to support all Municipal Road Safety (MRS) program elements – Traffic Enforcement & Equipment, Pedestrian & Bicyclist Enforcement & Safety Items, and Non-Enforcement Traffic Safety Activities.

Each of the Elements is <u>optional</u> and <u>independent</u> from the other, giving the most flexibility to a department's specific needs.

FFY 2023 MRS Grant Program Elements Overview					
Section II Section III Section III					
Traffic Safety	Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety	Non-Enforcement Safety Activities			
Includes:	Includes:	Includes:			
Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Equipment	Ped & Bike Enforcement and Ped & Bike Safety Items	Activities related to Traffic and Ped & Bike Safety			

#### **B.** Eligible Applicants

These funds are only available to Massachusetts municipal police departments.

#### C. Key Dates

AGF Posted	June 1, 2022
MRS Webinar/Workshop	June 8 & June 9, 2022
<b>Application Template Due Date</b>	June 30, 2022
Award Announcement (tentative)	September 2022
Contract Period	October 2022-September 15, 2023

#### D. Maximum Award Amounts

FFY 2023 Funding Levels					
Population	ESTIMATED Number of Awards				
Greater than 40,000	Tier 1	\$65,000.00	25		
20,000 - 39,999	Tier 2	\$35,000.00	27		
12,000 - 19,999	Tier 3	\$30,000.00	40		
Less than 12,000	Tier 4	\$20,000.00	65		

#### E. Purpose

The intended use of the MRS funds is to allow for the adaptation and enhancement of traditional traffic safety programs by addressing the expanding and evolving roles of local law enforcement departments, which require a comprehensive approach to keeping roads safe. This AGF is designed to provide municipal police departments with a high level of flexibility in determining the best strategies to address local road safety issues. Choices include traditional enforcement campaigns, enforcement specifically focused on pedestrian and bicyclist concerns, alternatives for specific speed-related safety equipment, and the development of non-enforcement programs, enhancing officers' knowledge, skills, and abilities. These flexible alternatives ensure changing traffic safety trends are recognized, and new approaches are incorporated into road safety strategies.

The MRS grant program will support High Visibility Enforcement (HVE), a proven countermeasure for road safety and an essential component in highway safety efforts. The program will provide optional funding flexibility allowing departments to implement non-enforcement strategies that will help instill beneficial changes in road user behavior. This allows for positive interactions between police and their communities. There is also a benefit in allowing police officers to use their knowledge and experience to educate pedestrians and bicyclists on staying out of harm's way. This flexibility can help expand a department's resources to engage with the community positively.

This AGF will allow the purchase of equipment within the Traffic Element. Within the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Element, there is an option to purchase safety items for public distribution in conjunction with educational awareness.

All departments must help achieve this program's overall statewide goals, as outlined in the FFY 2023 Highway Safety Plan, which may be found at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/public-documents-and-statistics">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/public-documents-and-statistics</a>. OGR has adopted the following goals for the calendar base year 2018-2021 for fatalities, serious injuries, and fatalities/VMT.

- Five-year average for fatalities will decline 3% from 354 in 2020 to 343 by December 31, 2022.
- Five-year average for serious injuries will decline 8% from 2,637 in 2020 to 2,426 by December 31, 2022.
- Five-year average for fatalities/VMT will decline 3% from 0.56 in 2019 to 0.55 by December 31, 2022.
- Pedestrian Fatalities (Tentative) FFY 2023 Target: 3% decline in the five-year average from 71 in 2021 to 69 by December 31, 2023.
- Bicyclist Fatalities (Tentative) FFY 2023 Target: 10% decline in the five-year average from 7 in 2021 to 6 by December 31, 2023

#### F. Program Elements – Summary and Details

**All of the Elements are** *optional* **and independent from the other.** A department can apply for one, two, or three Elements within their appropriate tier funding level.

FFY 2023 Funding Levels					
Population	ESTIMATED Number of Awards				
Greater than 40,000	Tier 1	\$65,000.00	25		
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Following this summary, each Element has a section with details and examples.

#### **Element 1: Traffic Safety**

- Includes high-visibility enforcement during six (6) campaign periods, each targeting a specific traffic safety issue such as impaired driving, seatbelt usage, distracted driving, and speeding.
- This Element also offers the opportunity to purchase specific equipment to enhance traffic enforcement efforts.

#### **Element 2: Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety**

- Includes Ped & Bike enforcement during seven (7) monthly periods, which data has proven to be the most vulnerable to pedestrian and bicycle crashes and injuries (FARS 2016-2020, IMPACT Crash Portal2021.)
- This Element also offers the opportunity to purchase safety items and educational materials to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

#### **Element 3: Non-Enforcement Activities**

 Allows a department to develop and participate in innovative activities or work with nonprofit organizations and the like to promote road safety. It also includes officer training, education, and much more.

Section I				
Traffic Safety				
Traffic Enforcement Traffic Equipment				

#### **Traffic Enforcement**

This Element is optional.

If choosing Traffic Enforcement:



- This year's program will have one (1) traffic budget for the entire year. This means that funds will no longer be "use or lose" per campaign and allow for more flexible spending with scheduling officers as availability allows.
- A minimum of thirty (30) traffic enforcement hours must be completed by the conclusion of this grant award during one (1) or more of the (6) six campaign periods listed below.
  - o NEW: A July Speed enforcement campaign has been added this year.

FFY 2023 Traffic Enforcement Campaigns				
Winter Impaired Driving December 1 – 31, 2022				
Distracted Driving	April 1 - 30, 2023			
Click it or Ticket	May 1 - 31, 2023			
June Speed	June 1 - 30, 2023			
July Speed	July 1 - 31, 2023			
Summer Impaired Driving	August 12 – September 15, 2023			

• The Traffic Enforcement budget will depend on other Elements requested, and the total may not exceed the funding tier limit. For example, if a department is in Tier 1 with a maximum total award amount of \$65,000 and chooses to budget \$10,000 for Ped & Bike Safety and \$0 for Non-Enforcement activities, the department's eligible Traffic Enforcement amount becomes \$55,000. More examples and explanations are provided in Section G – Budget of this AGF.

If the above requirement is not satisfied, a department may risk its eligibility for future OGR grants and may risk repayment of any equipment purchased.

Should an enforcement campaign be canceled or postponed by NHTSA or OGR due to COVID-19 or otherwise, OGR will notify departments promptly and work with the awardees to the extent possible. OGR reserves the right to adjust the dates of the campaigns and will notify the departments accordingly.

#### **Traffic Enforcement Guidelines**

#### Patrols and Required Stops/Contacts

- An officer's overtime patrol shift must be **no less than two (2) hours** and no greater than eight (8) hours in length and devoted solely to traffic enforcement activities relevant to the campaign period.
- Officers' time funded by this grant shall be dedicated to traffic enforcement, except in the
  case of a criminal offense committed in the officer's presence, in the case of response to
  an officer in distress, or the case of an unexpected event when all available personnel
  must respond.
- If an officer makes an arrest during the shift but does not complete the arrest before the shift is scheduled to end, the officer may continue working under the grant to complete that arrest even if the time exceeds the eight-hour shift limit. However, the total amount requested for reimbursement may not exceed the approved enforcement budget amount.
- Hours for full-time officers will be reimbursed at an overtime rate of pay established by the department and/or municipality for hours worked during grant-funded patrols. Holiday rates of pay may be used, if applicable. Part-time or auxiliary officers will be reimbursed at their regular rate of pay, in accordance with active department policy.
- Command staff may participate in and be compensated for enforcement patrols if acting
  in a traffic enforcement role rather than acting exclusively in a supervisory role
  overseeing officers engaged in traffic enforcement. Supervisor time associated with OGR
  authorized sobriety checkpoints will be allowed.
- The use of part-time or auxiliary officers who have attended an approved Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Reserve/Intermittent academy is allowed.
- To maximize grant funding, patrols must consist of one grant-funded officer per cruiser; however, multiple cruisers may be out at one time.

#### **Exceptions:**

Deployment of two officers per cruiser is allowed if a department policy mandates such, and the policy is applied to all department overtime activity and clearly outlined. (A copy of the policy must be included in the application or submitted to OGR before the overtime activity.).

- The requirement for a department to conduct and document a minimum of three (3) stops per hour is no longer required by OGR. Still, there is an expectation that departments will strive to maintain similar activity levels as in years past.
- Please note that documented stops/contacts do not have to result in issuing a citation or money fine.
  - § Documented stops/contacts are any grant-funded patrol officer contact with motorists during the grant-funded patrol periods, which may be supported by written or electronic records. Records must be maintained at the police department in a manner that guarantees their accountability during a review or audit.
  - § Nothing in this grant shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal, which dictates a law enforcement officer issues a specified or predetermined number of citations in pursuance of the department's obligation associated with the grant.



- Departments are strongly encouraged to use their internal data and all available local, state, and federal data to determine the best locations and times for their enforcement efforts.
- Non-participation or non-compliance with performance measures may result in non-reimbursement of such activity and contract termination and may negatively affect a department's eligibility for future OGR grants.

#### **HVE Patrol Guidelines**

Patrols for the two Impaired Driving mobilizations - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over (*DSOGPO*) should be scheduled between 2:00 pm and 7:00 am Thursday through Sunday. Statewide data shows that these are the days when most impaired driving crashes occur. However, departments may conduct overtime activity for the *DSOGPO* mobilizations any day of the week, with more than 50% scheduled between Thursday and Sunday.

- Departments may conduct activities for the Distracted Driving, Occupant Protection Click it or Ticket (*CIOT*), and Summer Speed mobilizations during any day of the week and at any time of day.
- For all HVE campaigns, OGR strongly encourages departments to review their local crash data to determine times and locations where grant-funded patrols would have the most significant impact. Helpful websites include:
  - o MassDOT Impact may be found at <a href="https://apps.impact.dot.state.ma.us/cdp/home">https://apps.impact.dot.state.ma.us/cdp/home</a>.
  - o Massachusetts Law Enforcement Crash Report E Manual at <a href="https://masscrashreportmanual.com/">https://masscrashreportmanual.com/</a> (help with submitting better quality crash reports)
- While conducting enforcement, an officer's primary attention should be on the current campaign's focus. However, it is understood that officers will also note and enforce all other traffic safety violations, including seatbelt usage.

#### Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Sobriety Checkpoint Participation

- A department may request to participate in a scheduled MSP sobriety checkpoint at any time utilizing the Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) mobile units but **must have prior approval from OGR**.
- If approved, a department *may assist MSP during ANY of the six scheduled traffic enforcement campaign periods*. However, time spent at a checkpoint <u>may not be applied</u> towards the minimum traffic enforcement hours required in this grant.
- Upon approval of participation, departments must submit their activity on the required grant reporting forms. OGR will allow departments to increase the number of hours beyond the eight-hour block. However, actual hours worked may not exceed the total enforcement budget.

#### **Training**

- Officers working grant-funded patrols should be certified in Radar or LiDAR speed measurement.
- Officers working impaired driving patrols should be currently certified in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).

- Officers are encouraged to take advantage of Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training at no cost from the MPTC.
- OGR also provides specialized Speed Measurement and SFST classes through the MPTC. Refer to the MPTC website at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/eopss/law-enforce-and-cj/law-enforce/mptc">https://www.mass.gov/eopss/law-enforce-and-cj/law-enforce/mptc</a>.

#### Public Outreach

- All public communications and/or news releases concerning any grant activity shall indicate that NHTSA federally funds the project through the EOPSS Office of Grants and Research
- Information and sample news releases for a department's use in advance of an HVE campaign can be found on NHTSA's marketing website: <a href="https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov">www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov</a>.

#### **Traffic Equipment**

This Element is optional.

If choosing to purchase traffic equipment:

- A department must conduct a minimum of thirty (30) overtime enforcement hours throughout the campaigns. A department doesn't have to participate in every campaign but must have at least thirty (30) overtime enforcement hours accrued by the conclusion of this grant award.
- Departments will be allowed to request up to 50% of their <u>budgeted traffic enforcement amount</u> to purchase *only* the following allowable items:
  - Handheld Radar Units
  - Handheld LiDAR Units
  - Pole-mounted Speed Radar Signs
  - Traffic Data Recorders
- A department will be responsible for payment of any equipment balances exceeding 50% of the budgeted traffic enforcement amount.
- OGR must approve all equipment at the time of contracting.
- Equipment purchases made with grant funds must be received or paid for in total no later than April 30, 2023. Receipt of speed units by this date ensures that the equipment is used properly and efficiently during enforcement efforts.
- No changes to the amount allocated for equipment will be allowed after awards are made.
  However, changes to the initial equipment items approved for purchasing can be
  considered after an award is made by submitting an amendment request to OGR for
  approval. Amendments made without OGR prior authorization will not be honored for
  reimbursement.
- Departments are required to maintain an inventory for all equipment items purchased with grant funds.

#### • Important:

- o Unallowable Equipment includes but is not limited to:
  - Single item purchase of \$5,000 or more
  - Warranty/service plans
  - Cruiser-mounted Radar and LiDAR units
  - Speed Radar and Message trailers
  - Installation of radar signs
  - Poles to install and later mount radar speed signs to

A department must prove the need within the application for any equipment items being requested, describe how the equipment will be used, and benefit the overall grant program. Departments *must also provide information regarding their current inventory for these equipment items to justify the needs*.

If the equipment is purchased and the required minimum of enforcement hours is not satisfied, the department may risk repayment of any equipment purchased, and could negatively affect their eligibility for future OGR awards.

SECTION II			
Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety			
Ped&Bike Enforcement Ped&Bike Safety Items			

#### Ped&Bike Enforcement

This Element is optional.

If choosing Ped & Bike enforcement:

- A department must conduct overtime enforcement of laws applicable to pedestrian and bicycle safety spread over the following designated enforcement periods.
- This year's enforcement periods have been expanded to allow for greater flexibility in scheduling and officer availability.

FFY2023 Pedestrian Enforcement Campaign				
November 1 – 30, 2022				
March 1 – 31, 2023				
May 1 – 31, 2023				
June 1 – 30, 2023				
July 1 – 31, 2023				
August 1 – September 15, 2023				

#### • A department:

- o must utilize internal pedestrian and bicyclist crash data to identify specific strategies, locations, and times to conduct enforcement
- o may conduct crosswalk decoy operations which:
  - may involve a plainclothes officer acting as a civilian pedestrian and a uniformed officer making stops and/or
  - may involve a uniformed officer serving as a spotter to relay observed violations to the officer making stops

#### Ped & Bike Enforcement Guidelines

Patrols and Required Stops/Contacts

• All patrol shifts by each officer under this grant must be no less than two (2) hours and no greater than eight (8) hours in length and devoted solely to enforcement of laws applicable to pedestrian and bicycle safety. Except in the case of a criminal offense

- committed in the officer's presence, in the case of response to an officer in distress, or the case of an unexpected event when all available personnel must be committed.
- If an officer makes an arrest during the shift but does not complete the arrest before the shift is scheduled to end, that officer may continue working under the grant to complete that arrest even if the time exceeds the eight-hour shift limit. However, the total amount requested for reimbursement may not exceed the approved enforcement budget amount.
- Hours for full-time officers will be reimbursed at an overtime rate of pay established by the department and/or municipality for hours worked during grant-funded patrols. Holiday rates of pay may be used, if applicable. Part-time or auxiliary officers will be reimbursed at their regular rate of pay.
- Command staff may participate in and be compensated for enforcement details if acting in an enforcement role rather than acting exclusively in a supervisory role overseeing officers engaged in enforcement.
- To maximize grant funding, patrols must consist of one grant-funded officer per cruiser; however, multiple cruisers may be out at one time.

#### **Exceptions:**

Deployment of two officers per cruiser is allowed if:

- A department policy mandates such (a copy of the policy must be included in the application);
- o A plainclothes officer is acting as a civilian pedestrian for a crosswalk decoy;
- o Officers conducting patrols on department-issued bicycles
- The use of part-time or auxiliary officers who have attended an approved MPTC Reserve/Intermittent academy is allowed in accordance with active department policy.
- Although three (3) stops per hour are no longer required, OGR expects departments to maintain similar activity levels.
- Please note that documented stops/contacts do not necessarily have to result in issuing a citation
  - § Documented stops/contacts are defined as any grant-funded patrol officer's contact with pedestrians, bicyclists, or motorists during the grant-funded patrol periods, which can be supported by written or electronic records. Records must be maintained at the police department in a manner that guarantees their accountability during a review or audit.
  - § Nothing in this grant shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal, that a law enforcement officer issues a specified or predetermined number of citations in pursuance of the department's obligation associated with the grant.
- When conducting Crosswalk Decoy Operations with multiple officers/cruisers participating, only the decoy officer is exempt from recording stops.
- Departments are strongly encouraged to use their internal data and all available local, state, and federal data to determine the best locations and times for their enforcement efforts.
- Non-participation or non-compliance with performance measures may result in non-reimbursement of such activity and contract termination and may negatively affect a department's eligibility for future OGR grants.



#### **Ped&Bike Safety Items**

#### This Element is optional.

If choosing to purchase Ped & Bike safety items:

- Departments will be allowed to request up to \$1,500 for safety items for public distribution.
- The department will be responsible for payment of any Ped & Bike safety item purchase balance(s) exceeding \$1,500.
- Safety item purchases must be received by April 30, 2023, to be reimbursed by OGR. Receipt of these safety items by this date ensures proper and beneficial usage to Ped & Bike activities throughout the program period.
- No changes to the amount allocated for safety items will be allowed after awards are made. Changes to the initial safety items approved for purchase may be considered after an award is made by emailing a change request to OGR for approval. Changes made without prior OGR approval may not be honored for reimbursement.
- Departments are required to maintain an inventory for all items purchased with grant funds.
- Allowable safety items for public distribution:
  - o Bicycle helmets
  - o Bicycle lights
  - o Bicycle and/or pedestrian safety coloring books
  - o Bicycle reflectors
  - o Reflective bands
  - o Clothing reflectors
  - o Reflective zipper tags
  - o Reflective spoke clips
  - o Reflective vests
  - o Pedestrian light bracelets
  - o Educational pamphlets, including printing costs

To be considered educational, distributed material must provide substantial information and educational content to the public (not merely a slogan) and have the sole purpose of conveying that information.

Safety items are intended to provide protection, enhance nighttime visibility, and educate the public on safe practices and applicable laws.

In the application, purchases must be supported based on identifying a specific problem in the applicant's community, and a distribution plan must be included. The distribution plan must identify the targeted population(s), distribution method, and the educational component. These items may not be merely giveaways, such as pens and keychains, and must be included in an educational initiative.

## **SECTION III**

## Non-Enforcement Safety Activities

Activities related to Traffic and Ped&Bike Safety

**Non-Enforcement Activities** 

#### This Element is optional.

If choosing non-enforcement safety activities:

- A department can use all or a portion of their tier level award amount to conduct nonenforcement activities.
  - o Anticipated costs associated with an activity must be clearly defined in the budget. Please check the Allowable Cost Category in the <u>Budget Section</u>.
- Changes to an approved activity during the grant period will be considered but must fall within the reasonable range of activities described below and must have prior approval by OGR. Changes made to any activity without OGR's prior authorization will not be reimbursed.

## Please note that activities should only be applied for if they can be conducted safely within current Massachusetts COVID guidelines.

Activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Hosting and participating in community educational events.
- Working with local and regional traffic safety partners such as nonprofit organizations.
- Professional development (includes training such as crash reconstruction, ARIDE, crash data analysis, work zone safety, or other traffic safety training)
- Host and participate in professional development training offered by credible local, state, or nonprofit organizations.
- Registration fees and other expenses for traffic safety conferences.
- Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician overtime for car seat checks.
  - > <u>NOTE</u>: If this option is requested, technicians <u>will be required</u> to enter all data into the National Digital Car Seat Check Form (NDCF). Data can be entered directly into the NDCF database via the web or mobile app. Alternatively, a paper check form can be filled out initially and then added to the NDCF database via the web or mobile app within one week of the activity. For more information, visit <a href="https://carseatcheckform.org">https://carseatcheckform.org</a>.
- Present pedestrian safety programs at senior centers or assisted living facilities.
- Host a local bike rodeo.

- Create a public memorial to local victims of road crashes that raises awareness of the importance of road safety.
- Creation and promotion of alternative transportation programs to reduce impaired driving.
- Develop road safety programs that strengthen public-private partnerships, particularly involving hospitality and transportation-related businesses.
- Organize a multi-town school-based competition to increase seat belt use.
- Provide educational programs about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.
- Raise awareness and community interest in road safety, education, and changing social attitudes and behaviors to reduce vehicle crashes and their associated fatalities, serious injuries, and economic losses on the community's roadways.
- Work with elected officials and other stakeholders such as nonprofit organizations to develop a comprehensive community Traffic Safety Plan that outlines highway and traffic safety priorities and activities.
- Work with local groups that seek to develop safe routes to schools.

Non-enforcement activities must be clearly defined in the application and include a plan of action with measurable goals and anticipated outcomes. If any activities are deemed inappropriate or otherwise misrepresented during the grant year, the department risks non-reimbursement of such activity, repayment of any safety items purchased, contract termination, and may negatively affect their eligibility for future OGR grants.

#### **Unallowable Activities:**

- Any activity conducted on straight time or during a regular shift
- Travel time to or from an activity or training

#### G. Budget

#### Overview/Budgeting for the Elements

A department may choose to participate in one, two, or all elements, providing flexibility to decide how much funding they want to use in each component.

FFY 2023 Funding Levels						
Population Tier Level Max Award Population Tier Level Max Award						
Greater than 40,000	Tier 1	\$65,000.00	12,000 - 19,999	Tier 3	\$30,000.00	
20,000 - 39,999	Tier 2	\$35,000.00	Less than 12,000	Tier 4	\$20,000.00	

As each element is chosen, that amount is deducted from the total tier award. The balance may be used towards any other element or not at all.

Below are a few examples of budgeting for the elements. OGR will present a workshop webinar to help applicants understand all the budgeting options available.

#### Choosing one (1) Element:

Department A is in Tier 1 with a total award amount of \$65,000.

• Requests only funding for Traffic Enforcement

	Budgeted Amounts						
Grant Award Requested	Traffic Enforcement	Knforcemen					
\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

#### Choosing two (2) Elements:

Department A is in Tier 1 (\$65,000) but total request amount is \$30,000.

- Requests \$20,000 for Traffic Enforcement & equipment (\$15,000 + \$5,000) and, \$10,000 for Ped & Bike and safety items (\$8,800 + \$1,200):
  - o Balance (\$20,000) may be used to increase the budget of any Element or not be used at all.

	Budgeted Amounts				
Grant Award Requested	Traffic Enforcement	Traffic Equipment	Ped & Bike Enforcement	Ped & Bike Safety Items	Non- Enforcement Activities
\$30,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$8,800	\$1,200	\$0

#### Choosing three (3) Elements:

Department A is in Tier 1 with a total award amount of \$65,000.

• Requests \$51,000 for Traffic Enforcement and equipment (\$39,000 + \$12,000), \$8,000 for Ped & Bike enforcement and safety items (\$7,400 + \$600) and, \$6,000 for Non-Enforcement Activities:

	Budgeted Amounts						
Grant Award Requested	Traffic Enforcement	Enforcement					
\$50,000	\$39,000	\$12,000	\$7,400	\$600	\$6,000		

#### General Information

- Applicants must submit their program budget using the Attachment B Excel spreadsheet form, which can be found at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants">www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants</a>.
- The excel spreadsheet contains a section for each element and other allowable cost categories.
- Each expense budgeted must be described in detail in the budget narrative within the application form.

- Do not round up or down. The total amount requested on your application cover page must match the funding table in the application and the total on your excel spreadsheet.
- The total of the program elements requested and other related expenses must not exceed the maximum award amount for the eligible applicant's tier.
- Matching funds are not required for this grant.
- Applicants must provide a timeline task plan in the application for project accountability and clarity of activity movement and development.

#### Allowable Costs

- Personnel Overtime, Fringe, Indirect Costs.
- Traffic Enforcement equipment: Radar, LiDAR, Speed Radar Signs, and Traffic Data Recorders.

#### o Important Note

- A department must provide a current inventory of the above-mentioned equipment and justify the purchase of additional similar allowable equipment.
- Pedestrian safety items: as listed under <u>Section II</u> above.
- Non-enforcement traffic safety activities costs: consultant or contractor fees, media development, printing costs, conference costs, activity-related supplies
- In-state mileage, toll, and parking travel costs. Please refer to the OGR Subgrantee Conditions (pages 29-31) for complete details on travel costs.
- Other costs may be deemed allowable with OGR approval

### OGR Definitions of Budget Cost Categories

Allowable Cost Categories	<b>Definitions and Documentation Requirements</b>
Personnel	Full or part-time regular salaried employees working on the grant. At a minimum, reporting will need to detail employee names, hours worked per pay period, and the hourly rate.
Fringe Benefit	Eligible costs include the employer's share of the following: life insurance, health insurance, social security costs, pension costs, unemployment insurance costs, workers compensation insurance, and payroll taxes.  Cost amounts for direct fringe benefits can be either actual costs or rates per employee calculated by the human resource unit in your organization (rate computations must be included).  Include a copy of the approved rate agreement in the application response.
Indirect	Applicants who want to charge indirect costs through an indirect cost rate may use a federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.  (Include a copy of a current signed agreement.) Applicants that have never received a federally approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs. If the applicant's accounting system permits, indirect costs may instead be allocated in the budget, including the category "other" if the costs being identified do not fit into one of the direct cost categories. For more information, see Title 2 CFR Part 200.
Consultants/Contract	Consultant or contractor fees. The maximum rate for consultants is \$650 for an eight-hour day or \$81.25 per day (excluding travel and subsistence costs). Any request for compensation over \$650 per day hour or \$81.25 per hour requires prior written approval by OGR.
Equipment	Tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year; cost based on classification of equipment. Must be directly related to the program implementation.
Travel	Travel directly related to the purpose of the grant. In-state travel costs associated with the grant shall include mileage rates, not in excess of \$0.55 per mile, as well as the actual costs of tolls and parking. No grant funds may be spent for out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel, or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval by OGR.
Supplies	Supplies required for the program (pens, pencils, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, ink, etc.).
Other	Items (e.g., telephone costs, training material costs).

#### <u>Federal Award Administration Requirements</u>

- The Final Rule, Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 23 CRF Part 1300 [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0057] RIN 2127-AL71 Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs.
- Title 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

#### *Unallowable Costs*

- Any costs not explicitly allowed in the <u>Final Rule 23 CFR Part 1300</u> or <u>Title 2 CFR Part 200</u>.
- Pertaining to Traffic Element:
  - o Any single piece of equipment costing \$5,000 or more.
  - o Any equipment warranty/service plans.
  - o Any equipment specifically identified in <u>Section I</u> above
- Pertaining to Pedestrian Element:
  - o Costs associated with safety item customization
  - O Safety items, including but not limited to reflectorized backpacks or jackets, whose sole purpose is not to improve pedestrian or bicyclist safety
  - o Promotional items, the primary purpose of which is to generate goodwill or to incentivize behavior
  - o Overtime enforcement regarding parking violations
- Out-of-state travel unless authorized by OGR.
- Travel time to and/or from a training or other grant-funded activity.
- Grant management administrative costs.
- Sales tax.
- Meals and beverages.
- Grant funds shall not be used for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.
- The State may not expend funds apportioned to the State under Section 402 to carry out a program to purchase, operate, or maintain an automated traffic enforcement system. The term "automated traffic enforcement system" includes any camera that captures an image of a vehicle for the purposes only of red light and speed enforcement and does not include handheld radar and other devices operated by law enforcement.
- The cost of replacing an officer who is away from duties while at a training is not a reimbursable expense.
- Other funding limitations may apply.

#### OGR Overtime Policy for State and Local Law Enforcement Departments

This policy applies to all subrecipients and contractors that receive a Federal grant award from OGR.

State and local first responders eligible through their department for <u>backfill and/or overtime</u> <u>costs</u> (and preapproved by OGR) may be reimbursed for backfill and/or overtime costs related to grant-funded activities ONLY.

<u>Overtime</u> hours being charged against a federal grant award provided by OGR may only seek reimbursement for actual hours worked regardless of union contract rules. For example, an officer working one hour of overtime on a federally funded project awarded by OGR is prohibited from charging the grant award for 4 hours of overtime due to a union contract. A department that must allow for this will need to cover the remaining 3 hours of overtime from their own state or local budget. Departments found violating this policy will be subject to immediate termination of a grant award and must return all misspent funds to OGR.

#### **Definitions**

For this policy, definitions for the key terms referenced within are listed below:

- Overtime- Expenses limited to the additional costs that result from state and local first responders such as sworn law enforcement personnel working over and above their weekly full-time/part-time schedule as a direct result of their performance of approved activities related to the project receiving federal funding.
- Backfill-related Overtime Expenses are limited to overtime costs resulting from personnel working overtime (as identified above) to perform the duties of other personnel who are temporarily assigned to an approved grant activity outside of their core responsibilities. As it relates to NHTSA funding, backfill can never be used to fill a regular patrol shift.
- Subrecipient- An entity receiving a grant award from OGR.
- First Responder- State or local law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, emergency management, health care, hazardous materials, public safety communications, public health, public works, and government administrative type employees. Note: each federal award has different criteria for the type of individual allowed to be reimbursed for overtime costs. Please reference your specific grant application or OGR point of contact to determine qualifying personnel for overtime.

If awarded to utilize grant funding for overtime costs, OGR staff will provide additional criteria and reporting forms needed at the time an award is made to justify and support such reimbursement costs being charged against the grant.

A copy of the department's overtime policy (which can be an excerpt from a collective bargaining agreement) will be required during the contract process.

#### H. Selection Criteria/Review Process

The MRS Program is a <u>competitive</u> grant opportunity. OGR will conduct a peer review process consisting of each application being read and scored by a minimum of three reviewers. The applicants with the highest average scores within each Tier will be recommended to receive a grant award. The Executive Director of OGR and the Secretary of EOPSS will make final award determinations.

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be scored as follows:

Review Criteria	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Department's statement on commitment to traffic safety was clear, informative, and supported by facts.	15
Questions were thoroughly addressed, including data from previous years, identification of measurable goals, and well-defined problem areas/trends for all elements being applied for.	50
Demonstrated a justified need and clearly outlined a plan for usage of the equipment or distribution.	10
Both the budget and attached Excel spreadsheet are clear, and required elements are identified within their maximum amount.	20
Participation in the Motor Vehicle Automated Citation and Crash System (MACCS) program.	5
Total Score:	100

*NOTE*: Application review scoring will be pro-rated based on the Elements being applied for.

#### Motor Vehicle Automated Citation and Crash System (MACCS)

MACCS is a browser-based application in CJIS and is available statewide to law enforcement agencies to issue electronic citations and crash reports. It maintains traffic stop data and can be used to collect, reconcile, and exchange motor vehicle incident information. MACCS can be used in a cruiser, on a motorcycle, or in the station. The MACCS project is the result of a partnership between OGR and the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS), local and state law enforcement, and MassDOT. The goals of the MACCS project are to ensure greater officer and citizen safety by making the reporting process more efficient at the roadside, improve data quality by validating information at the point of entry and upon submittal, and eliminate redundant data entry processes. To learn more about MACCS, contact Joe Demers at DCJIS at joseph.demers@mass.gov.

#### I. Post-Award Requirements

- <u>OGR</u> Funding is subject to appropriation and is contingent upon compliance with all grant conditions and eligibility requirements. If the federal government determines that a subrecipient agency does not comply with federal eligibility requirements, OGR will not provide alternative funding sources. The subrecipient agency must ensure compliance with all eligibility requirements.
- At the option of OGR, reimbursement will be held if any program requirements are not met or completed as specified in the grant program.
- All subrecipients who are law enforcement agencies receiving any state or federal grant award from OGR may be required to participate and submit case-specific information on officer-administration of Narcan/Naloxone using a reporting tool determined by EOPSS.
- Subrecipients must accept their award no later than 30 days from the award date. Failure to accept a grant award within the 30-day timeframe may result in a loss of funds.
- Subrecipients are expected to initiate program activities within 90 days of a contract being executed. Failure to do so may result in a loss of funds.

#### Federal Funding Sources

Funding for these activities will come from one or more of the following federal NHTSA grant programs as established in Title 23, Chapter 4, and 23 CFR Part 1300 sections as follows:

- 402: Highway Safety Programs- Programs (1) to reduce injuries and deaths resulting from motor vehicles being driven in excess of posted speed limits, (2) to encourage the proper use of occupant protection devices (including the use of safety belts and child restraint systems) by occupants of motor vehicles, (3) to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from persons driving motor vehicles while impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance, (4) to prevent crashes and reduce deaths and injuries resulting from crashes involving motor vehicles and motorcycles, (5) to reduce injuries and deaths resulting from crashes involving school buses, and (6) to reduce crashes resulting from unsafe driving behavior (including aggressive or fatigued driving and distracted driving arising from the use of electronic devices in vehicles) and (7) to improve law enforcement services in motor vehicle crash prevention, traffic supervision, and post-crash procedures.
- 405b: Occupant Protection Grants- This section establishes criteria, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 405(b), for awarding grants to States that adopt and implement effective occupant protection programs to reduce highway deaths and injuries resulting from individuals riding unrestrained or improperly restrained in motor vehicles.
- 405d: Impaired Driving Countermeasures Grants- This section establishes criteria, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 405(d), for awarding grants to States that adopt and implement effective programs to reduce traffic safety problems resulting from individuals driving motor vehicles while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs
- 405h: Nonmotorized Safety-States are eligible if their annual combined pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities exceed 15 percent of their total annual crash fatalities. Eligible states may use grant funds *only* for training law enforcement on state laws applicable to pedestrian and bicycle safety; enforcement mobilizations and campaigns designed to

enforce those state laws, or public education and awareness programs designed to inform motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists of those state laws.

#### **OGR Subrecipient Grant Conditions**

A complete copy of the conditions document can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants</a>. Applicants should thoroughly review the conditions prior to applying for funds. This document must later be signed, initialed, and included during the contract process.

#### Reporting and Recordkeeping

- All subrecipients must submit to OGR both Programmatic Activity and Financial Expenditure Reports. Submission of reimbursement requests to OGR must be made every month, due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month following the month of activity. A signed report by an agency or department representative must be submitted whether or not any activity has taken place in each of the program Elements. If no activity was conducted in a given month, departments must submit the Expenditure report indicating the month, 0 dollars. OGR will provide further submission instructions and reporting form templates during the contract process.
- For purchased equipment and safety items, an itemized invoice must be submitted with the expenditure report and reported in the month when purchases were delivered. *Proof of payment should be kept on file at the department*.
- For non-enforcement activities, itemized invoices and receipts are required for any expenditures.
- In certain circumstances and within reason, a subrecipient may request an extension of the due date of a report. OGR must authorize this extension request before the late submission of the report.
- Individuals working on grant-funded activities may not sign off on the Expenditure Reports. A signatory may not sign off on the Expenditure Report if reimbursement is requested for their spouse, child, sibling, or another person that may cause a conflict of interest.
- With 48 hours' notice, a site visit may be conducted of department grant records.
- All subrecipients must comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and
  Transparency Act (FFATA). Compliance only requires subrecipients to submit the
  required information to OGR in the FFATA form included in the application package.
  OGR will enter all required information to the FFATA Subaward Reporting System
  (FSRS) to meet the federal reporting requirements. The blank form is available at
  https://www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants.
- In addition to the requirements set forth above, subrecipients will be required to agree to and abide by all state and federal rules, regulations, and conditions pertaining to the receipt, administration, and management of federal funding.

- Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in non-reimbursement of funds and contract termination and may negatively affect a department's eligibility for future OGR grants. Additionally, repayment to OGR for any equipment, safety item, or non-enforcement activity supplies purchased will be immediately mandated.
- No department may begin grant activities until the department receives official written notification to proceed from OGR and the fully executed contract signed by the OGR Executive Director.
  - No costs incurred before the department receives written notification will be reimbursed.
  - o No costs incurred after the grant award terminates will be reimbursed.
- All activities must be completed, goods <u>received</u>, and services provided no later than the termination date of the grant period.

#### Risk Assessment and Compliance Monitoring

- All subrecipients are subject to compliance monitoring.
- If OGR perceives issues relating to any of the requirements above, appropriate action will take place, including, but not limited to, a site visit, file reviews, and suspension of funding.
- Subrecipients that do not observe reporting deadlines, submit incomplete reports, fail to follow the timeline promised in the grant application, or engage in other practices not in keeping with grant requirements will be at risk of losing OGR grant funding and becoming ineligible to receive any future OGR grant funding.

#### J. Submission of Application

#### Application Deadline - June 30, 2022

Responses to this AGF must be submitted on the OGR-provided documents. Electronic versions of the blank Application template, Grant Application Budget Excel spreadsheet, and other required documents are available to download at <a href="www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants">www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants</a>. The application template contains full detailed instructions and checklists of all required elements.

#### **Two (2) Step Application Submission Process**

- 1. OGR requires one (1) unsigned version of the entire application and supporting documents submitted electronically on or before June 30, 2022, to:

  OGR.MRS@mass.gov
- 2. OGR also requires two (2) hard copies, one (1) original signed and one (1) copy, of completed application packets to be received.
  - Original signed application packets must be hand-delivered or submitted by <u>certified</u> mail and postmarked no later than June 30, 2022, to:

Office of Grants and Research ATTN: Highway Safety Division (MRS Grant) 10 Park Plaza, Suite 3720-A Boston, MA 02116-3933

- Acceptable Forms of Signature for the Application, OGR will accept signatures executed by an authorized signatory in any of the following ways:
  - o Traditional "wet signature" (ink on paper)
  - o An electronic signature that is either: a) hand-drawn using a mouse or finger if working from a touch screen device or b) a printed picture of the signatory's hand-drawn signature.
  - Electronic signatures affixed using a digital tool such as Adobe Sign or DocuSign. If using an electronic signature, the signature must be visible, include the signatory's name and title, and must be accompanied by a signature date. Please be advised that typed text of a name not generated by a digital tool such as Adobe Sign or DocuSign, even in computer-generated cursive, is not acceptable.

The documents listed below comprise the application packet:

- Completed FFY2023 Municipal Road Safety Grant Application Template with Signed Assurances Page Attachment A
- Grant Application Budget Spreadsheet Attachment B
- Organization's Employee Seat Belt Policy
- Organization's Overtime Policy (this can be an excerpt from the policy manual)
- Copy of Federal or Auditor approved Fringe Rate Agreement and/or Indirect Rate Agreement (if applicable)

For more information about this grant, please email Richard Valeri at OGR.MRS@mass.gov.

OGR will conduct a Technical Assistance or Bidder's Virtual Workshop on **June 8, 2022**, at 10:00 am, and **June 9, 2022**, at 1:00 pm. During the webinar, questions may be asked. Once the webinar has concluded, only written questions will be accepted. A link to register for the workshop will be posted at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants">www.mass.gov/service-details/traffic-safety-grants</a> on/about June 3, 2022.

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Abington	17,062	3
Acton	24,021	2
Acushnet	10,559	4
Adams	8,166	4
Agawam	28,692	2
Alford	486	4
Amesbury	17,366	3
Amherst	39,263	2
Andover	36,569	2
Aquinnah	439	4
Arlington	46,308	1
Ashburnham	6,315	4
Ashby	3,193	4
Ashfield	1,695	4
Ashland	18,832	3
Athol	11,945	4
Attleboro	46,461	1
Auburn	16,889	3
Avon	4,777	4
Ayer	8,479	4
Barnstable	48,916	1
Barre	5,530	4
Becket	1,931	4
Bedford	14,383	3
Belchertown	15,350	3
Bellingham	16,945	3
Belmont	27,295	2
Berkley	6,764	4
Berlin	3,158	4
Bernardston	2,102	4
Beverly	42,670	1
Billerica	42,119	1
Blackstone	9,208	4
Blandford	1,215	4
Bolton	5,665	4
Boston	675,647	1
Bourne	20,452	2

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Boxborough	5,506	4
Boxford	8,203	4
Boylston	4,849	4
Braintree	39,143	2
Brewster	10,318	4
Bridgewater	28,633	2
Brimfield	3,694	4
Brockton	105,643	1
Brookfield	3,439	4
Brookline	63,191	1
Buckland	1,816	4
Burlington	26,377	2
Cambridge	118,403	1
Canton	24,370	2
Carlisle	5,237	4
Carver	11,645	4
Charlemont	1,185	4
Charlton	13,315	3
Chatham	6,594	4
Chelmsford	36,392	2
Chelsea	40,787	1
Cheshire	3,258	4
Chester	1,228	4
Chesterfield	1,186	4
Chicopee	55,560	1
Chilmark	1,212	4
Clarksburg	1,657	4
Clinton	15,428	3
Cohasset	8,381	4
Colrain	1,606	4
Concord	18,491	3
Conway	1,761	4
Cummington	829	4
Dalton	6,330	4
Danvers	28,087	2
Dartmouth	33,783	2
Dedham	25,364	2

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Deerfield	5,090	4
Dennis	14,674	3
Dighton	8,101	4
Douglas	8,983	4
Dover	5,923	4
Dracut	32,617	2
Dudley	11,921	4
Dunstable	3,358	4
Duxbury	16,090	3
East Bridgewater	14,440	3
East Brookfield	2,224	4
East Longmeadow	16,430	3
Eastham	5,752	4
Easthampton	16,211	3
Easton	25,058	2
Edgartown	5,168	4
Egremont	1,372	4
Erving	1,665	4
Essex	3,675	4
Everett	49,075	1
Fairhaven	15,924	3
Fall River	94,000	1
Falmouth	32,517	2
Fitchburg	41,946	1
Florida	694	4
Foxborough	18,618	3
Framingham	72,362	1
Franklin	33,261	2
Freetown	9,206	4
Gardner	21,287	2
Georgetown	8,470	4
Gill	1,551	4
Gloucester	29,729	2
Goshen	960	4
Gosnold	70	4
Grafton	19,664	3
Granby	6,110	4

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Granville	1,538	4
Great Barrington	7,172	4
Greenfield	17,768	3
Groton	11,315	4
Groveland	6,752	4
Hadley	5,325	4
Halifax	7,749	4
Hamilton	7,561	4
Hampden	4,966	4
Hancock	757	4
Hanover	14,833	3
Hanson	10,639	4
Hardwick	2,667	4
Harvard	6,851	4
Harwich	13,440	3
Hatfield	3,352	4
Haverhill	67,787	1
Hawley	353	4
Heath	723	4
Hingham	24,284	2
Hinsdale	1,919	4
Holbrook	11,405	4
Holden	19,905	3
Holland	2,603	4
Holliston	14,996	3
Holyoke	38,238	2
Hopedale	6,017	4
Hopkinton	18,758	3
Hubbardston	4,328	4
Hudson	20,092	2
Hull	10,072	4
Huntington	2,094	4
Ipswich	13,785	3
Kingston	13,708	3
Lakeville	11,523	4
Lancaster	8,441	4
Lanesborough	3,038	4

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Lawrence	89,143	1
Lee	5,788	4
Leicester	11,087	4
Lenox	5,095	4
Leominster	43,782	1
Leverett	1,865	4
Lexington	34,454	2
Leyden	734	4
Lincoln	7,014	4
Littleton	10,141	4
Longmeadow	15,853	3
Lowell	115,554	1
Ludlow	21,002	2
Lunenburg	11,782	4
Lynn	101,253	1
Lynnfield	13,000	3
Malden	66,263	1
Manchester-by- the-Sea	5,395	4
Mansfield	23,860	2
Marblehead	20,441	2
Marion	5,347	4
Marlborough	41,793	1
Marshfield	25,825	2
Mashpee	15,060	3
Mattapoisett	6,508	4
Maynard	10,746	4
Medfield	12,799	3
Medford	59,659	1
Medway	13,115	3
Melrose	29,817	2
Mendon	6,228	4
Merrimac	6,723	4
Methuen	53,059	1
Middleborough	24,245	2
Middlefield	385	4
Middleton	9,779	4
Milford	30,379	2

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Millbury	13,831	3
Millis	8,460	4
Millville	3,174	4
Milton	28,630	2
Monroe	118	4
Monson	8,150	4
Montague	8,580	4
Monterey	1,095	4
Montgomery	819	4
Mount	160	4
Washington		4
Nahant	3,334	4
Nantucket	14,255	3
Natick	37,006	2
Needham	32,091	2
New Ashford	250	4
New Bedford	101,079	1
New Braintree	996	4
New Marlborough	1,528	4
New Salem	983	4
Newbury	6,716	4
Newburyport	18,289	3
Newton	88,923	1
Norfolk	11,662	4
North Adams	12,961	3
North Andover	30,915	2
North Attleborough	30,834	2
North Brookfield	4,735	4
North Reading	15,554	3
Northampton	29,571	2
Northborough	15,741	3
Northbridge	16,335	3
Northfield	2,866	4
Norton	19,202	3
Norwell	11,351	4
Norwood	31,611	2
Oak Bluffs	5,341	4

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Oakham	1,851	4
Orange	7,569	4
Orleans	6,307	4
Otis	1,634	4
Oxford	13,347	3
Palmer	12,448	3
Paxton	5,004	4
Peabody	54,481	1
Pelham	1,280	4
Pembroke	18,361	3
Pepperell	11,604	4
Peru	814	4
Petersham	1,194	4
Phillipston	1,726	4
Pittsfield	43,927	1
Plainfield	633	4
Plainville	9,945	4
Plymouth	61,217	1
Plympton	2,930	4
Princeton	3,495	4
Provincetown	3,664	4
Quincy	101,636	1
Randolph	34,984	2
Raynham	15,142	3
Reading	25,518	2
Rehoboth	12,502	3
Revere	62,186	1
Richmond	1,407	4
Rochester	5,717	4
Rockland	17,803	3
Rockport	6,992	4
Rowe	424	4
Rowley	6,161	4
Royalston	1,250	4
Russell	1,643	4
Rutland	9,049	4
Salem	44,480	1

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Salisbury	9,236	4
Sandisfield	989	4
Sandwich	20,259	2
Saugus	28,619	2
Savoy	645	4
Scituate	19,063	3
Seekonk	15,531	3
Sharon	18,575	3
Sheffield	3,327	4
Shelburne	1,884	4
Sherborn	4,401	4
Shirley	7,431	4
Shrewsbury	38,325	2
Shutesbury	1,717	4
Somerset	18,303	3
Somerville	81,045	1
South Hadley	18,150	3
Southampton	6,224	4
Southborough	10,450	4
Southbridge	17,740	3
Southwick	9,232	4
Spencer	11,992	4
Springfield	155,929	1
Sterling	7,985	4
Stockbridge	2,018	4
Stoneham	23,244	2
Stoughton	29,281	2
Stow	7,174	4
Sturbridge	9,867	4
Sudbury	18,934	3
Sunderland	3,663	4
Sutton	9,357	4
Swampscott	15,111	3
Swansea	17,144	3
Taunton	59,408	1
Templeton	8,149	4
Tewksbury	31,342	2

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Tisbury	4,815	4
Tolland	471	4
Topsfield	6,569	4
Townsend	9,127	4
Truro	2,454	4
Tyngsborough	12,380	3
Tyringham	427	4
Upton	8,000	4
Uxbridge	14,162	3
Wakefield	27,090	2
Wales	1,832	4
Walpole	26,383	2
Waltham	65,218	1
Ware	10,066	4
Wareham	23,303	2
Warren	4,975	4
Warwick	780	4
Washington	494	4
Watertown	35,329	2
Wayland	13,943	3
Webster	17,776	3
Wellesley	29,550	2
Wellfleet	3,566	4
Wendell	924	4
Wenham	4,979	4
West Boylston	7,877	4
West Bridgewater	7,707	4
West Brookfield	3,833	4
West Newbury	4,500	4
West Springfield	28,835	2
West Stockbridge	1,343	4
West Tisbury	3,555	4
Westborough	21,567	2
Westfield	40,834	1
Westford	24,643	2
Westhampton	1,622	4
Westminster	8,213	4

Name	2020 Census	Tier
Weston	11,851	4
Westport	16,339	3
Westwood	16,266	3
Weymouth	57,437	1
Whately	1,607	4
Whitman	15,121	3
Wilbraham	14,613	3
Williamsburg	2,504	4
Williamstown	7,513	4
Wilmington	23,349	2
Winchendon	10,364	4
Winchester	22,970	2
Windsor	831	4
Winthrop	19,316	3
Woburn	40,876	1
Worcester	206,518	1
Worthington	1,193	4
Wrentham	12,178	3
Yarmouth	25,023	2