

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities



FY25 Capital Grants Webinar

Community Planning Grant Program Housing Choice Grant Program HousingWorks Infrastructure Program



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

• Grant Programs Overview

Contracting Information

• Fiscal Information

• Program Information

Questions and Answers

Welcome





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Grant Programs Overview Community One Stop for Growth
 Community Planning Grant Program (CP)
 Housing Choice Grant Program (HC)

HousingWorks Infrastructure Program (HWIP)

Community One Stop for Growth

A single application portal and collaborative review process of grant programs that make targeted investments based on a Development Continuum.

This process streamlines the experience for applicants and better coordinates economic and housing development programs and staff on engagement and grant making. Sterrer Sterrer

Awards granted: 315

Amount awarded: \$161,761,006.00

Highlights:

- Simultaneous grant consideration
- Collaborative review process
- Projects that would otherwise not be awarded due to funding limits have received awards from other grant programs

Community Planning Grant Program

FY25 CP grants may be used for a variety of activities related to community planning, zoning revision, or planning for housing. Funds support direct community engagement efforts and/or producing planning or zoning document(s) in draft, phased, or final form.



Applications Received:97Awards granted:33Amount awarded:\$2,741,336

Grant completion date: June 30, 2026

Awardees: Abington, Acton, Agawam, Athol, Avon, Boxborough, Boylston, Brookline, Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), Clarksburg, Douglas, Egremont, Fairhaven, Falmouth EDIC, Fitchburg, Hardwick, Ludlow, Mansfield Housing Authority, Marblehead, Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC), Montague, Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG), Norton, Orleans, Stoneham, Stoughton, Wareham, Warren, Wenham, West Bridgewater, Westport, Williamsburg, Williamstown



Housing Choice Grant Program

FY25 HC grants may be used for a variety of activities related to community planning, zoning revisions, planning for housing, feasibility, engineering, designs and construction of physical infrastructure and of existing and new buildings, rehabilitation, predevelopment activities, and siterelated upgrades of future development sites.



Applications Received:73Awards granted:22Amount awarded:\$4,993,715

Grant completion date: June 30, 2026

Recipients: Ayer, Barnstable, Beverly, Canton, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Easton, Gloucester, Lawrence, Littleton, Lowell, Malden, Medway, Needham Housing Authority, Newburyport, Provincetown, Revere, Salem, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Westford, Woburn

HousingWorks Infrastructure Program

FY25 HWIP grants awards to municipalities and other public instrumentalities for a variety of infrastructure related activities to support and unlock housing opportunities housing development, preservation, or rehabilitation. Applications Received:84Awards granted:12

Amount awarded: **\$19,252,000**

Grant completion date: June 30, 2028

Recipients: Abington, Brockton Redevelopment Authority, Chilmark, Easthampton, Fitchburg, Framingham, Gardener, Medfield, North Adams, Pittsfield, Rowley, Worcester Housing Authority



Contracting

Contract Documents

Contract Process

Fully Executed Contract



Contracting Documents

Contract Manager: Julissa Tavarez Julissa.Tavarez@mass.gov

Pre-contracting documents:

- Fiscal exercise form
- CASL Form

Contracting documents:

• Contract package (Adobe Sign)

Awardees will receive an **Adobe Sign contract packet** by email from Julissa Tavarez to be executed by an authorized signatory.

Contract package includes:

- Standard Contract Form
- Scope of Services (Attachment A)
- Budget (Attachment B)

Adobe Sign contract is sent to authorized signatory with Cc to project manager.

✓ MUST be e-signed using Adobe Sign



Standard Contract Form

This must be completed to execute a contract. It establishes the contract between EOHLC and the awarded entity. Without a complete and accurate form, a contract may not be executed.

This is included in the contract package sent via AdobeSign.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS | STANDARD CONTRACT FORM This form is jointly issued and published by the Office of the Comptroller, the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, and the Operational Services Division as the default contract



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Thoroughly review the Scope of Services, which includes:

- Contract
- Compliance with laws
- Terms and conditions
- <u>Deadlines</u>
- Key program information
- Contact information

Key sections to be aware of: Section II (CP/HC/HWIP)

- CP & HC grants are 2 fiscal years
 - All expenses **must be incurred** by 6/30/2026
- HWIP grants are 4 fiscal years
 - All expenses must be incurred by 6/30/2028

Section III.A.4 (CP/HC) and III.B.4 (HWIP)

- Quarterly progress reports are **required** by deadlines
- Failure to submit reports may negatively impact invoice payment and future grant awards

Section III.A.5 (CP/HC)

Planning and Zoning projects **must** submit a copy of the planning project outcome



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Key sections to be aware of:

Section III.A.6 (CP/HC), III.B.5 (HWIP)

- Communicate any **possible problems** faced by the project as the issue arises for troubleshooting
- Failure to communicate problems timely may result in denial of budget amendments or extension requests
- Communicate when a project anticipates to be completed sooner or at lower cost

Section III.B.5 (CP/HC), III.C.5 (HWIP)

- Final FY invoices **must be submitted by the close of FY deadline** for the work in the closing FY (07/15)
- LATE INVOICES WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED!



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Key sections to be aware of:

Section III.C.1 (CP/HC), III.D.1 (HWIP)

- Contract extensions are considered on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed
- Requests for extensions must be received by request deadline in contract

Section III.C.2 (CP/HC), III.D.2 (HWIP)

- Budget changes can be made upon request and through conversations with program staff
- Budget changes do not require a contract amendment if approved



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Key sections to be aware of:

Section III.J (CP/HC), III.K (HWIP)

- Take measures to protect security of personal data, ensure that software and security meets, at a minimum, the <u>"Enterprise Information Security</u> <u>Policies and Standards"</u>
- Notify EOHLC of any security breach

Section III.K (CP/HC), III.L (HWIP)

 Maintain & use systems and procedures to prevent, detect, and correct fraud, waste, and abuse



Budget Attachment B

Each contract package includes a budget populated with information from your One Stop application. Review this as part of your contract.

If changes to line-item amounts or project contact info are needed, contact us immediately before esigning the contract.

Contacts:

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Attachment B Budget FY2025 HousingWorks Infrastructure Program Grant

Name of Contractor Include name of Subcontractor if applicable	Project Manager Name, phone and email Include name and contact information of person preparing report if				
	different from project manager				
Town of Anytown	Name: Jane Doe				
	Phone: 617-555-5555				
	Email: jdoe@townofanytown.gov				

Project Name					
Anytown's Sewer Infrastructure Project					
Project Description					
Brief Summary of Project					
Anytown will replace and extend sewer to help develop "missing middle" housing units in its downtown.					

Project Tasks	Cost by Task		
Pre-Construction (Design, Engineering, Permitting, Bidding, etc.)	\$50,000		
Construction (Including Demolition)	\$1,500,000		
Construction Admin	\$50,000		
Contingency	\$75,000		
Other/Miscellaneous	\$		
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Contracting Process

Contract Manager: Julissa Tavarez Julissa.Tavarez@mass.gov

Contracting documents:

Contract package (Adobe Sign)

NOTE: HARD COPY DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Awardees will:

- 1. Review contract package in Adobe Sign, alerting staff if any Attachment B (Budget) changes are needed prior to e-signing
- 2. E-sign the contract package in Adobe Sign

EOHLC will:

- 1. Prepare and email the contract package via Adobe Sign to awardee CEO (Cc project contact)
- 2. Review, approve, execute, and store final contract

After contracting, staff will email a custom template invoice form, quarterly progress report, and an invoice and reporting guide, as well as tutorial videos and any other relevant materials for a successful grant/project implementation.





Fiscal Information

○ Fiscal Documents

• Invoicing Process

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Fiscal Documents

Direct fiscal questions to: Brett Morton Fiscal Representative Brett.Morton2@mass.gov After contracts are executed, grantees will receive the following fiscal documents by email:

- ✓ Invoicing and reporting guide, including:
 - How to submit reimbursement requests for grant funds (invoices)
 - Key dates and deadlines
- ✓ Reimbursement request (invoice) template
 - Pre-populated invoice template to fill out to request reimbursement of grant funds

Review the invoice template and communicate any needed updates or corrections.



Invoice & Reporting Guide

Invoice Template

Invoice & reporting guide can be found on our resources for <u>EOHLC</u> <u>capital grantees webpage</u>.

Invoice templates are emailed individually to you because they include pre-populated information of your project and contract.



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FY25 GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST AND REPORTING INFORMATION

Community Planning Grant Program (CP) | Housing Choice Grant Program (HC)

Contract Dates:

The contract begins on the date it is executed by EOHLC (page 1). Funds spent before the execution date will not be reimbursed. Community Planning (CP) and Housing Choice (HC) contracts end **June 30, 2026.** You must complete all services by this contract end date.

Grant Reimbursement Request Deadlines & Standards:

You must submit grant reimbursement requests by certain deadlines. Failure to submit timely reimbursement requests shall result in non-payment.

- Expenses incurred in FY25 (contract execution 6/30/2025) must be submitted no later than 7/15/2025.
- Expenses incurred in FY26 (7/1/2025 6/30/2026) must be submitted no later than 7/15/2026.

Submit up to one reimbursement request per month to EOHLC. These requests should not cover more than 3 months of services.

 Requests that include more than 3 months of services powerhallenges for fiscal account management and may significantly delay payment.

Reimbursement Request Form and Submission: You must complete a **standard reimbursement req. jest nom (invoice)**, which will be emailed to you after your contract is executed. See instructions below on completing the invoice and page 3 for a sample invoice.

- Verify the information on the involve is prrect, including Grantee contact information and Project Name.
- Insert your municipality/entity letter lead at the top.
- Submission Date field: Select the date you are submitting the invoice to EOHLC.
 - This date must come after the end date listed in Date(s) of Service. For example, you cannot submit a request form with a Submission Date of 5/20/2025 if the Date(s) of Service are listed as 5/1/2025 to 5/31/2025.
- Invoice Number field: Select the number of reimbursement request you are submitting for the grant.
- Date(s) of Service field: Select one start date and one end date to indicate the service dates of grant activities to be covered by this request. Make sure these dates do not fall into two different fiscal years per the deadlines indicated above.
- Description of Service field: Input a detailed description of grant activities to be reimbursed with this request.
- Total Amount Due this Invoice field: Input the total amount to be reimbursed from grant funds.
- Name of Authorized Signatory field: Type the name of the authorized signatory wet signing the form. Authorized
 signatories must be listed on the Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing (CASL) form submitted to EOHLC.
- Wet Signature of Authorized Signatory field: An authorized signatory wet signs the request.

All reimbursement requests must be typed except for the wet signature.

- · Submit the reimbursement request as its own document in PDF format.
- Include backup evidence of all expenses as a separate PDF.
- Email the completed reimbursement request and backup evidence to Brett Morton at <u>Brett.Morton2@mass.gov</u> (Fiscal Rep) and EOHLC's assigned Program Rep, with a copy to McKenzie Bell at <u>McKenzie.Bell@mass.gov</u> (Program Rep).



Invoicing Process

Grant funds are disbursed on a costreimbursement basis.

Eligible costs may include any expenses related to an element(s) of the awarded project as approved by a contract with EOHLC.

Email to:

Brett Morton, Fiscal Rep. Assigned Program Rep. Cc McKenzie Bell, Program Rep. Email a completed invoice template as a PDF with backup evidence (proof of incurred costs) as a separate document

- Submit requests efficiently: up to 1 per month covering no more than 3 months of service
 - Exception: you cannot submit invoices with dates of services that span multiple fiscal years

Examples

- DO email a request on March 3 for services between 1/1/25 2/28/25
- DO NOT email <u>two</u> requests on March 3 for services between 1/1/25 1/31/25 and 2/1/25 – 2/28/25
- DO NOT email a request on August 1 for services between 4/1/25 7/31/25

*VERIFY INVOICES ARE COMPLETE & ACCURATE BEFORE SUBMITTING. MAKE SURE INVOICES TOTAL AND BACKUP DOCUMENTS TOTAL MATCH**

Common Issues & Errors

We will return an invoice and ask for corrections if there are errors. Completing an invoice template correctly avoids delays in reimbursement disbursement.

• Incomplete invoice (e.g., no signature, missing field)

- Service dates errors, such as...
 - Spanning two fiscal years
 - Starting BEFORE contract start date
- Invoice number field omits award FY, grant initials, or awardee name
- Pre-populated fields (e.g., vendor code and contract ID) are changed
- Backup evidence is included in the same PDF as the invoice template or is missing entirely
- Invoice is not wet signed or signed by someone not listed as an authorized signatory

Check Vendor Web to verify payment deposit:

https://massfinance.state.ma.us/VendorWeb/vendor.asp

- \checkmark Follow instructions on the website
- ✓ For questions about navigating this website, contact: <u>comptroller.info@state.ma.us</u>



Program Information

Quarterly Progress Reports

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• Project Outcomes

○ Digital Media

Quarterly Progress Reports

Reports are a contractual requirement and must be submitted to receive grant reimbursement.

Report on: incurred grant expenses, estimated future spending, project progress (including explanation if no expenses are reported), and community engagement activities, as applicable.

One Excel workbook will last you the entire grant cycle!

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Deadlines & Resources

Reports are required and must be received by the deadlines so we can effectively conduct fiscal exercises, troubleshoot issues, and consider potential grant/contract modifications. Quarterly progress reports are due the 15th of the month following the end of a FY quarter.

• First report due April 15

General reminders:

- Concerns about project/spending timeline as it relates to grant deadlines? Contact us!
- Changing staff/project point of contact for the grant? Contact us!

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• See the resources page for the invoice and reporting guide, video guides, and guidance webinar slide deck.



Project Outcomes & Digital Media

Staff will request copies of project outcomes as part of grant closeout.

Note that **planning and zoning projects** funded by CP or HC **must** provide the document/outcome created as part of the planning process.

HWIP projects will have a separate closeout form to complete.

Please also provide us with photos, videos, or other digital media of your project.

Examples of project outcomes

- Final or draft copy of a Master Plan
- Report making recommendations for zoning changes
- 3A compliance materials
- Final or draft engineering or design documents
- Photos of a completed construction project

Digital media from projects will help us create a portfolio of impact, encourage peer learning, and highlight the work you're doing

- Before, during, and after project photos and/or videos
- Design materials, schematics, layouts, etc.





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