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SFY26 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Program

Police and Fire

Availability of Grant Funds Q&A

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Overview & Applicant Eligibility

- ❑ Due to level funding, OGR expects to make available \$5,760,000.00 in funding for SFY26.
- ❑ Per legislative language, these grant funds are only available to communities that submitted qualifying applications that were approved by OGR in SFY25.
- ❑ Eligible municipalities are encouraged to apply for the **same total amount** that they were awarded in SFY25, which may be allocated at the discretion of the Mayor, as needed, between the Fire Department and/or Police Department. **Please note: a separate online application form will need to be submitted for both Police and Fire Department requests.**

Eligible Municipalities

To be eligible, a municipality must have a population of at least 60,000 according to the 2010 Census and demonstrate that their police departments had an operating budget per capita of less than \$200 in 2010.

10 communities meet this criteria:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>SFY25 Award</u>
Brockton	\$676,442.71
Fall River	\$1,610,838.00
Framingham	\$148,528.80
Haverhill	\$333,792.00
Lawrence	\$1,208,942.73
Lowell	\$307,740.00
Lynn	\$633,985.48
Malden	\$518,942.71
Newton	\$123,677.35
Somerville	\$196,746.00



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Changes for SFY2026

- ❑ New this year: The administration has made the SFY26 funding available earlier than usual to assist first responders with staffing shortfalls in calendar year 2025.
- ❑ If municipalities need funding for calendar year 2025, please indicate so in the online application. We also encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible, as contracting will begin as applications are approved.
- ❑ If your municipality has concerns with meeting the submission due date of 8/8/25, please contact Emily Haines to discuss the possibility of an extension.



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SFY26 Budget & Quarterly Reporting

- ❑ The SFY26 budget can be for up to 17 months of funding, ending no later than December 31, 2026.
- ❑ SFY25 and SFY26 funds cannot be comingled.
 - ❑ **Comingling:** When an award recipient uses one account for multiple streams of funding, making it difficult to track the expenditures for each funding stream separately. With awards from two different fiscal years active at the same time, please avoid comingling by having a separate account for each award to show inflows and outflows of each award. **SFY25 and SFY 26 MUNI FUNDS MUST BE TRACKED SEPARATELY.**
- ❑ If your department chooses to use SFY26 funds in calendar year 2025, you will need to complete TWO separate quarterly reporting forms for Q3 and Q4; one for the SFY25 funds (which your department already has), and one for the SFY26 funds. This allows OGR to ensure there is no comingling of funds between the two years.
 - ❑ Your department will receive a separate SFY26 expenditure workbook and quarterly reporting form link after the contract is executed.



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