

Intervenor Support Grant Program

The Intervenor Support Grant Program (“Program”) established by the “2024 Climate Act,” provides financial assistance to eligible groups that lack resources to intervene and meaningfully participate in proceedings before the Department of Public Utilities (“DPU” or “Department”) and the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“EFSB” or “Siting Board”). Recognizing that participation as an intervenor can be costly and often requires specialized knowledge, the Program helps reduce barriers to active participation. It provides eligible groups that may be affected by a proposed policy or energy infrastructure project with funding to engage in the proceeding and contribute to the decision-making process. The Department’s Division of Public Participation (“DPP”) administers all aspects of the Program.

Make an Impact as an Intervenor



Intervenors are legally recognized participants in a proceeding with an opportunity to play a meaningful role in the outcome.

Intervenors have a higher level of involvement in a proceeding. They can submit testimony, ask questions, present and cross-examine

witnesses, and contribute evidence to influence the final decision.

While proceedings last months and often stretch for a year or two, intervenor status gives you a seat at the table and ensures your perspective is considered in decision making.

Eligibility for Grant Funding



Community groups, advocacy organizations, municipalities, Tribes, regional planning agencies (e.g., Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission), and groups of three or more individuals who may be specifically and substantially impacted by a Department or Siting Board proceeding are eligible to apply for a grant.

As part of their grant application, applicants need to demonstrate that they are unable to

participate in the proceeding without grant support. Applicants are also required to describe their interest in the proceeding, outline their plan for participation, and submit a proposed itemized budget.

Applicants receive grant funding if their petition to intervene is approved by the Department or Siting Board and their grant application is approved by DPP. An applicant whose petition to intervene is denied is not eligible to receive funding.

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Grant Application Timing



Applications for the Program are accepted on a rolling basis. To be considered for a grant, applicants must submit their application by the deadline for filing a petition to intervene, as specified in the Notice for the proceeding in which they seek to participate.

Applicants should use the online Grants Management System (“GMS”) hosted by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs to apply for the grant; upload required documentation, submit payment requests, and upload the post-proceeding report.

Funding Available and Eligible Use



Each grantee can receive up to \$150,000, not exceeding actual costs. For a single proceeding, the total grant funding is capped \$500,000 across all grantees.

Grant funds may be used to cover the cost of attorneys, technical experts, expert witnesses,

and community experts with lived experience or knowledge relevant to the proceeding. Funding may also be used to cover up to ten percent in administrative costs associated with a proceeding, including for community meetings and contractors retained to assist with preparing the grant application.



Access Intervenor Program resources

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Apply for a grant: mass.gov/isgpapply

Email dpu.isgp@mass.gov with questions.

