



# Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership

January 2026 Meeting

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- Please submit your questions via the chat function.
- Questions will be answered during Q&A.

# Agenda

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Federal Updates & Open Federal Funding Opportunities

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US DOT's BUILD Program - MassDOT

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Partners for Public Good Technical Assistance

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Q&A



# Federal Updates



## WHAT DOES FEDERAL FUNDING DO IN MASSACHUSETTS?



Massachusetts received \$22.9B in federal funding last year



**\$12.5 BILLION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS** scheduled in the next 5 years

**1 IN 4 RESIDENTS RELY ON SNAP** to afford nutritious food for their family.

**115 MILLION SCHOOL MEALS** for low-income students across Massachusetts.



**140,000 HOUSEHOLDS** are housed with the support of federal rental assistance.

**11,000 CHILDREN ATTEND PRESCHOOL** with federal HeadStart programs.

**28% OF MA RESIDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN MassHealth** including low- and moderate-income families, older adults, and people with disabilities.

## Massachusetts is Tracking and Communicating the Impact of Federal Funding Cuts

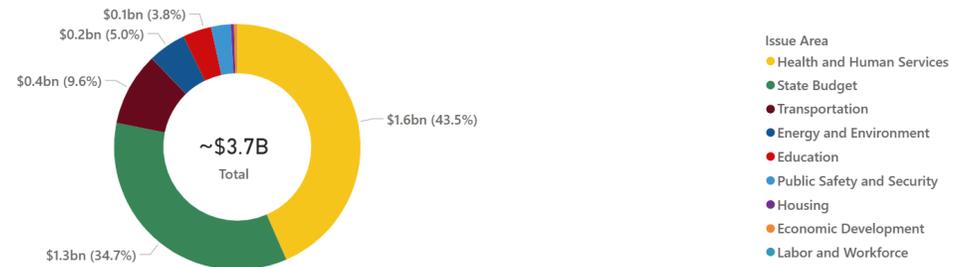
- Website updated weekly on federal funding impacts

### Funding Cuts

Note: Some of the values on this dashboard have been rounded to the nearest decimal value.

Fiscal Year			
All			
Total Funds Cut	Funds Cut from Trump Administration	Funds Cut from Congressional Action	Funds Successfully Defended and Reinstated
~\$3.7B	\$398.9M	~\$3.3B	\$320.3M

### Total Federal Funding Cuts by Issue Area \*



# Federal Budget Updates

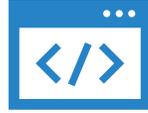


## Latest update:

- So far, **Congress has passed 6 of 12 appropriations bills** required to fund the government for FY26. The 6 remaining appropriations bills **must be passed ahead of January 30<sup>th</sup>** to avert a partial government shutdown.
- **The House has passed the 6 remaining appropriations bills** and sent them to the Senate. Negotiations are ongoing. **It is unclear if the Senate will approve these bills prior to January 30<sup>th</sup>.**



# GET IN TOUCH WITH FFIO



Find more information on Federal Funds Partnership meetings, video recordings, grant lists, and other resources on the [FFIO website](#).



Follow [FFIO on LinkedIn](#) to see the latest updates from our office.



Contact the FFIO email inbox ([FedFundsInfra@mass.gov](mailto:FedFundsInfra@mass.gov)) for questions about federal grant opportunities!



# Open Federal Funding Opportunities

# RECENTLY OPENED FEDERAL GRANTS:

Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share (Match)	Deadline
<a href="#"><u>FY26 National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD) Grants</u></a>	State & Local Governments, Tribes, + (See NOFO for more.)	\$25M	0-20% (See NOFO for details.)	2/24/26
<a href="#"><u>Port Infrastructure Development Program</u></a>	State & Local Governments, Tribes, +(See NOFO for more.)	\$112.5M	0-20% (See NOFO for details.)	2/28/26
<a href="#"><u>Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Program</u></a>	State & Local Governments, Tribes,+ (See NOFO for more.)	\$2.5M	10% minimum	2/26/26
<a href="#"><u>Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program</u></a>	State & Local Governments, Higher Ed, Tribes + (See NOFO for more.)	\$500k	No match requirement.	3/6/26

\*See FFIO's monthly newsletter for the more open grants relevant to municipalities and tribes. To sign up, email [fedfundsinfra@mass.gov](mailto:fedfundsinfra@mass.gov). See grants.gov for full list of open federal grant opportunities.

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<a href="#">YouthBuild</a>	State & Local Governments, Tribes, Higher Ed, Nonprofits	\$2M	25% (With exceptions, see NOFO for full details.)	3/2/26
<a href="#">Institute for Museums &amp; Library Services Grants</a>	State & Local Governments, Tribes Nonprofits	Varies	Varies	3/13/26

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# REMINDER: Apply for the Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance (MTTA) Program!



**FFIO's Municipal & Tribal Technical Assistance Grant Program is accepting applications on a rolling basis. Projects must either be pursuing federal funding or have received federal funding.**

Grant funds support the following activities:

- Planning
- Feasibility studies
- Grant-writing
- Post-award implementation support
- Hiring personnel
- & more!

**Learn more at FFIO's website:**

- [FFIO Technical Assistance Programs | Mass.gov](#)
- Email: [fedfundsinfra@mass.gov](mailto:fedfundsinfra@mass.gov) with questions!

**MUNICIPAL & TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

Apply today to access technical assistance programs for local infrastructure projects!

Grants fund activities including (but not limited to) the following:

- Planning
- Feasibility studies
- Grant writing
- Demonstration studies
- & more

Learn more:    
[mass.gov/fedfundsinfra](https://mass.gov/fedfundsinfra)

*Now Open!*

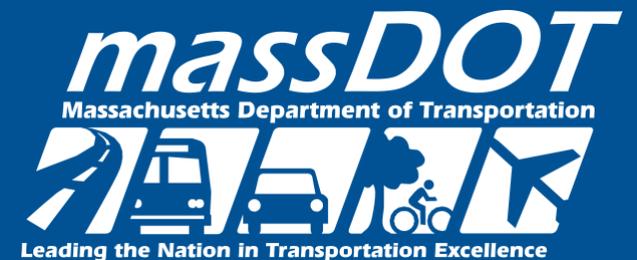
Reimbursement by State, City, or District

The banner features a background image of a group of people gathered around a podium at an event. The podium has a sign that reads "Reimbursement by State, City, or District". The background is a blue and green gradient with a faint image of a bridge.

# **FY26 BUILD:** Information for Massachusetts Municipalities

Leah Pickett and Derek Krevat  
MassDOT Office of Transportation  
Planning

January 27, 2026



# What is BUILD?

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- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) provides grants for **surface transportation infrastructure projects** with significant local or regional impact.
- Previously known as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (**RAISE**) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (**TIGER**).
- For FY 2025 BUILD Round 2, the Department received 815 eligible applications requesting over \$10 billion. 30 projects were awarded a total of \$488 million.

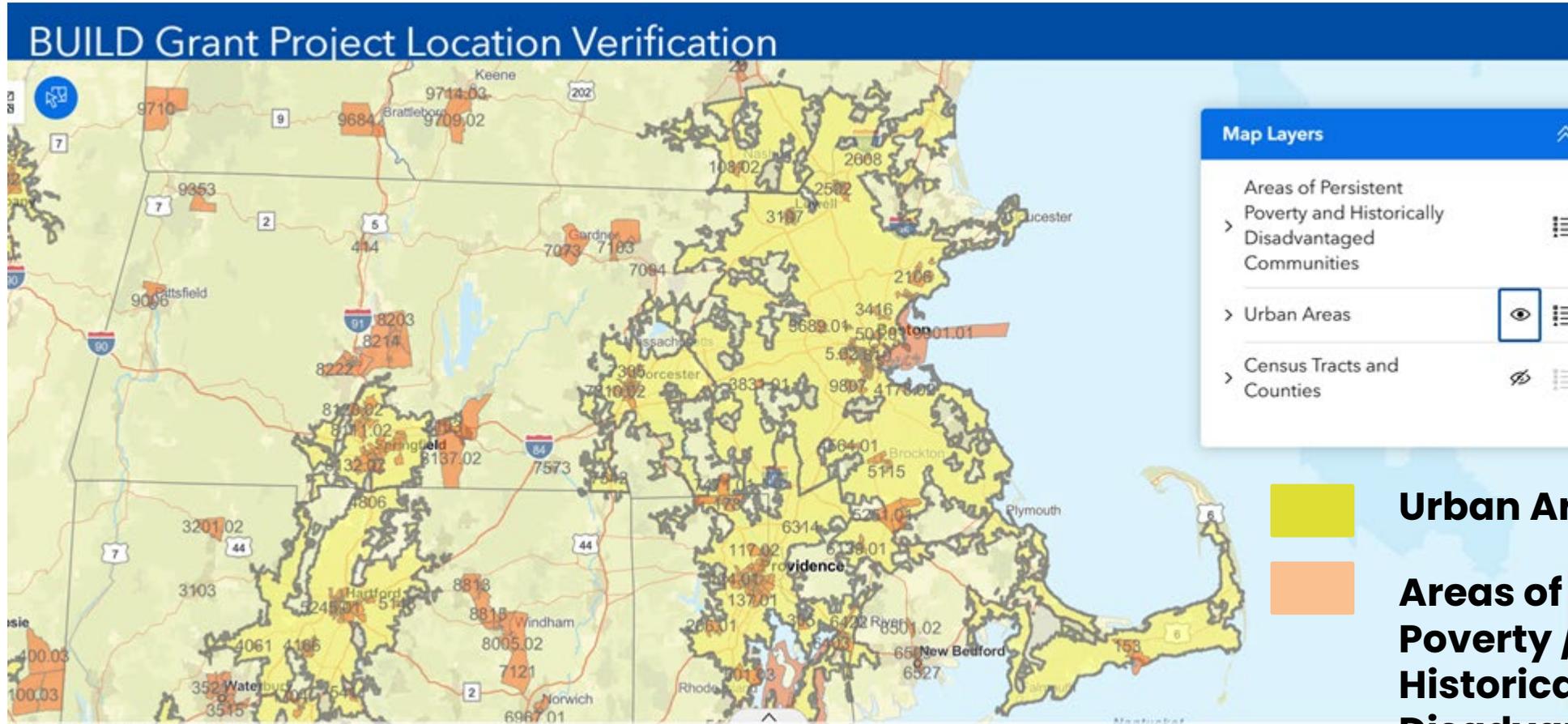


# Funding Details and Requirements

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- Up to **\$1.5 billion** nationally is available for FY 2026 grants.
- **Minimum** Award Size:
  - \$1 million for rural capital projects
  - \$5 million for urban capital projects
  - Planning projects do not have a minimum award size
- **Maximum** Award Size: \$25 million
- The **Federal share** for BUILD grant projects shall not exceed 80 percent unless the project is rural or in an Area of Persistent Poverty (APP) / Historically Disadvantaged Community (HDC).
- Application Deadline: 5:00 PM ET on **February 24, 2026**

# BUILD Grant Project Location Verification



<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/09642b69d90f4377856a6ae-f3e0bd2e9>

# Who is Eligible to Apply?

- States and territories
- Units of local government such as Towns, Cities, and County governments
- Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs)
- Multijurisdictional groups of eligible entities
- Transit agencies and public authorities (such as a port authority)
- Federally recognized Tribe or a consortium of Tribes



# What Types of Grants are Available?

## Planning Grants:

- Planning, preparation, design, or engineering of eligible surface transportation capital projects that will not result in construction with FY 2026 BUILD funding
- Master plans, comprehensive plans, corridor plans, and integrated economic development, land use, housing, and transportation plans, risk assessments, etc.

## Capital Grants:

- Highway, bridge, public transportation, passenger or freight rail, port infrastructure projects
- Surface transportation components of an airport project
- Culvert projects
- Additional detail provided in NOFO



# Key Changes in this NOFO

- FY 2025 BUILD applications designated “**Projects of Merit**” will not be carried over into this round. Such applicants will need to submit a new application to be considered under this round.
- **Merit Criteria:** Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Quality of Life, Mobility and Community Connectivity, Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity, State of Good Repair, Partnership and Collaboration, Innovation
- Changes reflecting **administrative priorities** throughout. For example:
  - Quality of life now includes “beautifying transportation infrastructure” and “improving travel experience for families”
  - Mobility and Community Connectivity now references “improving roadway capacity”

# Other Key Information

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- **Benefit-cost analyses** are required for construction applications (but not engineering and design)
- **Project Readiness** is a key component of US DOT's review. For construction projects, they would like to see projects begin construction **within 18 months of selection**. For planning projects, they would like funding obligated **within 6 months** of selection, which requires NEPA clearance within that timeframe.
- The Project Readiness review will also evaluate **project risk review (for capital projects only), applicant capacity review, and financial completeness review**.

# How to Apply and Where to Find More Information

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- Applications must be submitted electronically via **Valid Eval**; there are different portals for Planning and Capital Grants
- **For technical assistance with Valid Eval:** [support@valideval.com](mailto:support@valideval.com).
- **Agency Contact Information:** [BUILDgrants@dot.gov](mailto:BUILDgrants@dot.gov)
- **Website:** <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/apply>
- USDOT will regularly post answers to common questions and schedule information regarding webinars on the website



Register on Valid Eval to apply for a Planning Grant

Register on Valid Eval to apply for a Capital Grant

# MassDOT Resources & Contact Info

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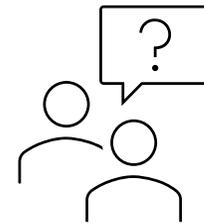
- Please contact MassDOT for any questions or requests related to **application review, letters of support** and **match funding**
- **Derek Krevat:** [Derek.Krevat@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Derek.Krevat@dot.state.ma.us)
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# Partners for Public Good Technical Assistance

# Q&A

*Place your questions in the chat!*



# Federal Funds Partnership Meeting Schedule

## **Future meeting dates:**

- Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2-3 pm
- Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2-3 pm