

LOCAL FINANCE COMMONWEALTH FELLOWSHIP



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Local Finance Commonwealth Fellowship, a collaborative program between the Division of Local Services (DLS) and Massachusetts' Community Colleges, will train and produce the next generation of qualified, diverse, and dedicated municipal officials for the Commonwealth's cities and towns. The Fellowship will prepare participants for employment in municipal finance offices, including accountant/auditor, collector, treasurer and budget management.

Tasks, functions and assignments performed by Local Finance Commonwealth Fellows may include:

- Budgeting/Capital Planning
- Payroll
- Cash & Debt Management
- Accounts Payable/End of Year Processing
- Property Tax Billing & Collection
- Cash & Receivables Reconciliation

FELLOWS RECEIVE

- 160 total hours of paid immersive Municipal Finance training with certificate of completion (Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm June 2026)
- Paid full-time internship placement during the months of July – August, 2026 within municipal government partners on site at a city or town hall

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An ideal candidate for this Fellowship will be enrolled in an Associate Degree program in Accounting or Business Administration. Students who have taken accounting, economics, statistics, management, computer application (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) and finance courses are highly encouraged to apply. Candidates should have an interest in public service and strong mathematic, organization, written and verbal skills.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit <https://www.mass.gov/local-finance-commonwealth-fellowship-program>. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis.

If accepted, fellows will be placed at a city/town hall that is geographically convenient.