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# **Power Forward: Overview & Funding Structure**

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# Power Forward Program Overview

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- **Purpose:** Accelerates electric grid planning to unlock housing development, including affordable and mixed-use projects.
- **Who can apply:** All municipalities served by Eversource and National Grid.
- **What's included:** One consolidated engineering study covering up to three sites within a defined area (on a shared or adjacent feeder).
- **Funding availability:** Eligible municipalities may receive funding to help alleviate financial hurdles (more information in the following slides).
- **Key benefit:** Reduces time, cost, and uncertainty in evaluating grid capacity for development.

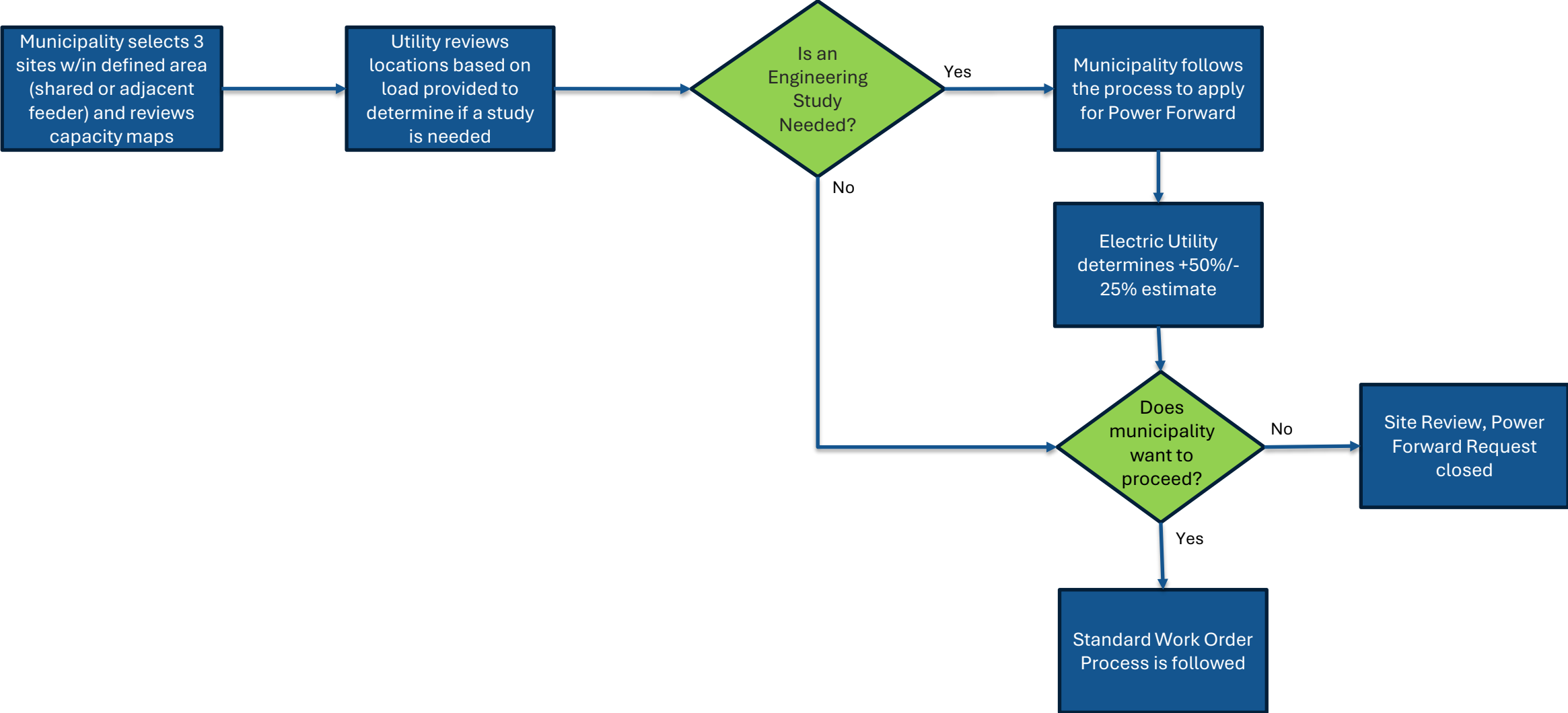


# Power Forward Funding Structure for Eligible Municipalities

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- **Eligibility:** Available to select municipalities, subject to program criteria:
  - "Adjacent", "Commuter Rail", or "Rapid Transit" MBTA communities that have adopted specialized stretch codes;
  - "Adjacent", "Commuter Rail", or "Rapid Transit" MBTA communities that are Gateway Cities;
  - Top three MBTA communities for pending housing units (as of November 2025);
  - Gateway Cities and mid-sized towns selected based on per capita income, recent growth, grid capacity, and location (Central and Western Massachusetts).
- **Funding availability:** Up to \$100,000 per municipality per year. Maximum \$200,000 over 2 years.
- **Program cap:** \$1.5 million in 2026, and \$1.5 million in 2027 (\$3.0M total).
- **Limitations:** One funding allocation per eligible municipality per year.
- **Administration:** Funding available through Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), in coordination with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA).

# Power Forward Flow





**Questions?**



# Eligible Municipalities

Municipalities Eligible for DOER Funding for Power Forward			
Acton – Eversource	Fall River – National Grid	Melrose – National Grid	Springfield – Eversource
Amesbury – National Grid	Gardner – National Grid	Methuen – National Grid	Sudbury – Eversource
Andover – National Grid	Grafton – National Grid	Milton – Eversource	Swampscott – National Grid
Arlington – Eversource	Greenfield – Eversource	Natick – Eversource	Wareham – Eversource
Ashland – Eversource	Haverhill – National Grid	New Bedford - Eversource	Watertown – Eversource
Attleboro – National Grid	Hingham – National Grid / Hingham Muni (N/A)	Needham – Eversource	Wayland – Eversource
Bedford – Eversource	Hopkinton – Eversource	Newburyport – National Grid	Wenham – National Grid
Beverly – National Grid	Lawrence – National Grid	Newton – Eversource	Westborough – National Grid
Brockton – National Grid	Leominster – National Grid	Palmer – National Grid	Westford – National Grid
Brookline – Eversource	Lexington – Eversource	Pittsfield – Eversource	West Springfield – Eversource
Cambridge – Eversource	Lincoln – Eversource	Quincy – National Grid	Weston – Eversource
Chelmsford – National Grid	Lowell – National Grid	Randolph – National Grid	Winchester – Eversource
Chelsea – Eversource	Lynn – National Grid	Revere – National Grid	Worcester – National Grid
Dedham – Eversource	Malden – National Grid	Salem – National Grid	
Easthampton – Eversource	Maynard – Eversource	Sharon – Eversource	
Everett – National Grid	Medford – National Grid	Somerville – Eversource	