



The Rural and Small Town Development Fund provides funding for projects in towns with populations of less than 7,000 or with a population density of less than 500 persons per square mile (measured by the 2020 US Census). These grants may be used for a variety of activities that support economic development, job creation, housing and climate resilience initiatives, and planning and zoning projects in small towns or rural areas of the state.

The following 181 towns are eligible to apply for the Rural and Small Town Development Fund:

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| 1. Adams | 30. Cheshire | 59. Groveland |
| 2. Alford | 31. Chester | 60. Hadley |
| 3. Aquinnah | 32. Chesterfield | 61. Halifax |
| 4. Ashburnham | 33. Chilmark | 62. Hampden |
| 5. Ashby | 34. Clarksburg | 63. Hancock |
| 6. Ashfield | 35. Colrain | 64. Hardwick |
| 7. Athol | 36. Conway | 65. Harvard |
| 8. Avon | 37. Cummington | 66. Hatfield |
| 9. Barre | 38. Dalton | 67. Hawley |
| 10. Becket | 39. Deerfield | 68. Heath |
| 11. Belchertown | 40. Dighton | 69. Hinsdale |
| 12. Berkley | 41. Douglas | 70. Holland |
| 13. Berlin | 42. Dover | 71. Hopedale |
| 14. Bernardston | 43. Dunstable | 72. Hubbardston |
| 15. Blandford | 44. East Brookfield | 73. Huntington |
| 16. Bolton | 45. Eastham | 74. Ipswich |
| 17. Bourne | 46. Edgartown | 75. Lakeville |
| 18. Boxborough | 47. Egremont | 76. Lancaster |
| 19. Boxford | 48. Erving | 77. Lanesborough |
| 20. Boylston | 49. Essex | 78. Lee |
| 21. Brewster | 50. Florida | 79. Leicester |
| 22. Brimfield | 51. Freetown | 80. Lenox |
| 23. Brookfield | 52. Gill | 81. Leverett |
| 24. Buckland | 53. Goshen | 82. Leyden |
| 25. Carlisle | 54. Gosnold | 83. Lincoln |
| 26. Carver | 55. Granby | 84. Lunenburg |
| 27. Charlemont | 56. Granville | 85. Manchester-By-The-Sea |
| 28. Charlton | 57. Great Barrington | 86. Marion |
| 29. Chatham | 58. Groton | 87. Mattapoiset |

88. Mendon

89. Merrimac

90. Middleborough

91. Middlefield

92. Millville

93. Monroe

94. Monson

95. Montague

96. Monterey

97. Montgomery

98. Mount Washington

99. Nahant

100. Nantucket

101. New Ashford

102. New Braintree

103. New Marlborough

104. New Salem

105. Newbury

106. North Brookfield

107. Northfield

108. Oak Bluffs

109. Oakham

110. Orange

111. Orleans

112. Otis

113. Oxford

114. Palmer

115. Paxton

116. Pelham

117. Pepperell

118. Peru

119. Petersham

120. Phillipston

121. Plainfield

122. Plympton

123. Princeton

124. Provincetown

125. Rehoboth

126. Richmond

127. Rochester

128. Rockport

129. Rowe

130. Rowley

131. Royalston

132. Russell

133. Rutland

134. Sandisfield

135. Sandwich

136. Savoy

137. Sheffield

138. Shelburne

139. Sherborn

140. Shirley

141. Shutesbury

142. Southampton

143. Southwick

144. Spencer

145. Sterling

146. Stockbridge

147. Stow

148. Sturbridge

149. Sunderland

150. Sutton

151. Templeton

152. Tisbury

153. Tolland

154. Topsfield

155. Townsend

156. Truro

157. Tyringham

158. Upton

159. Uxbridge

160. Wales

161. Ware

162. Warren

163. Warwick

164. Washington

165. Wellfleet

166. Wendell

167. Wenham

168. West Bridgewater

169. West Brookfield

170. West Newbury

171. West Stockbridge

172. West Tisbury

173. Westhampton

174. Westminster

175. Westport

176. Whately

177. Williamsburg

178. Williamstown

179. Winchendon

180. Windsor

181. Worthington

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