



The Healey-Driscoll administration is pleased to provide support to rural and small towns through the Office of Rural Affairs. Communities with a population under 7,000 (small towns) or with a population density of under 500 persons per square mile (rural towns), as measured by the 2020 US Census, automatically receive this designation. These towns are also eligible for the Rural Development Fund grant program. 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 and rural towns.

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

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

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**88.** Mendon

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**89.** Merrimac

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**90.** Middleborough

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**91.** Middlefield

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**92.** Millville

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**93.** Monroe

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**94.** Monson

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**95.** Montague

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**96.** Monterey

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**97.** Montgomery

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**98.** Mount Washington

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**99.** Nahant

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**100.** Nantucket

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**101.** New Ashford

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**102.** New Braintree

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**103.** New Marlborough

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**104.** New Salem

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**105.** Newbury

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**106.** North Brookfield

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**107.** Northfield

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**108.** Oak Bluffs

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**109.** Oakham

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**110.** Orange

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**111.** Orleans

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**112.** Otis

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**113.** Oxford

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**114.** Palmer

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**115.** Paxton

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**116.** Pelham

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**117.** Pepperell

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**118.** Peru

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**119.** Petersham

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**120.** Phillipston

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**121.** Plainfield

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**122.** Plympton

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**123.** Princeton

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**124.** Provincetown

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**125.** Rehoboth

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**126.** Richmond

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**127.** Rochester

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**128.** Rockport

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**129.** Rowe

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**130.** Rowley

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**131.** Royalston

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**132.** Russell

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**133.** Rutland

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**134.** Sandisfield

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**135.** Sandwich

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**136.** Savoy

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**137.** Sheffield

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**138.** Shelburne

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**139.** Sherborn

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**140.** Shirley

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**141.** Shutesbury

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**142.** Southampton

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**143.** Southwick

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**144.** Spencer

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**145.** Sterling

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**146.** Stockbridge

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**147.** Stow

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**148.** Sturbridge

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**149.** Sunderland

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**150.** Sutton

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**151.** Templeton

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**152.** Tisbury

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**153.** Tolland

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**154.** Topsfield

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**155.** Townsend

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**156.** Truro

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**157.** Tyringham

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**158.** Upton

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**159.** Uxbridge

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**160.** Wales

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**161.** Ware

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**162.** Warren

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**163.** Warwick

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**164.** Washington

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**165.** Wellfleet

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**166.** Wendell

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**167.** Wenham

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**168.** West Bridgewater

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**169.** West Brookfield

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**170.** West Newbury

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**171.** West Stockbridge

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**172.** West Tisbury

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**173.** Westhampton

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**174.** Westminster

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**175.** Westport

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**176.** Whately

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**177.** Williamsburg

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**178.** Williamstown

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**179.** Winchendon

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**180.** Windsor

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**181.** Worthington

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