MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP

September 2025 Meeting

- -This meeting will be recorded.
- -Please mute yourself after arrival.
- -Please submit your questions via the chat

function. Questions will be answered

during Q&A.

AGENDA

FFIO Updates

Federal Updates

Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities

Presentation on FFIO Municipal TA Programs

Presentation on Grantwell – new Al tool for municipal grant applications

Q&A

FFIO UPDATES

FFIO COMMUNITY TOUR

Since November of 2024, FFIO has hosted 11 Community Tour events across Massachusetts to:

- Provide information on federal grant application resources made available by the new legislation
- Seek community input on priority projects seeking federal funding
- Solicit feedback on the Federal Funds Partnership and other FFIO processes

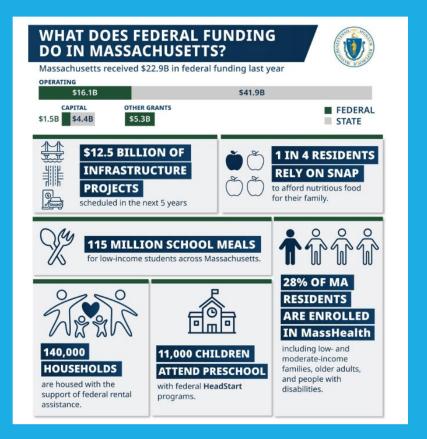
FFIO plans to host two more events:

- Lynn October 15th
- Leominster October 23rd



FFIO Director, Quentin Palfrey presents to Greenfield community leaders

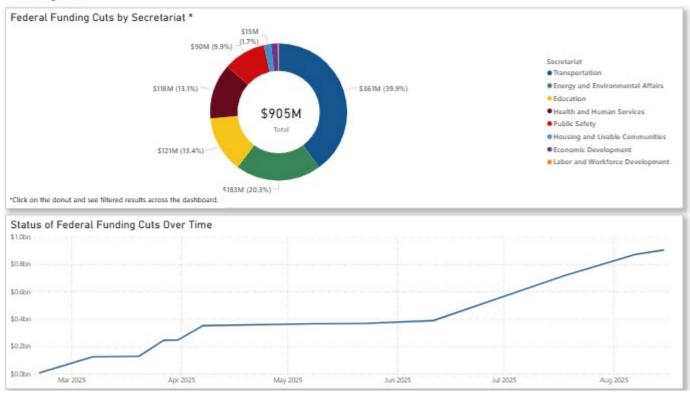
FED-IMPACT EXERCISE & PUBLIC FACING RESOURCES



Massachusetts is Tracking and Communicating the Impact of Federal Funding Cuts

Website updated weekly on federal funding impacts

Funding Cuts



GET IN TOUCH WITH FFIO



Find more information on Federal Funds Partnership meetings, video recordings, grant lists, and other resources on the <u>FFIO website</u>.



Follow <u>FFIO on LinkedIn</u> to see the latest updates from our office.



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

FEDERAL BUDGET

Congressional Appropriations Process

- House: 12 bills are out of committee. 3 bills have been passed.
- Senate: 8 bills are out of committee. 3 bills have been passed.

Appropriations Status Table

Continuing Resolution & Government Shutdown

- Existing government funding is set to expire on October 1.
- A continuing resolution was passed in the House earlier this month but has failed to pass in the Senate, making a government shutdown likely.

- Federal agencies create budget requests and submit them to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- OMB refers to the agencies' requests as it develops the budget proposal for the president.
- The president submits the budget proposal to Congress early the next year.
- Proposed funding is divided among 12 subcommittees, which hold hearings. Each is responsible for funding for different government functions such as defense spending or energy and water.
- The House and Senate create their own budget resolutions, which must be negotiated and merged. Both houses must pass a single version of each funding bill.
- 6 Congress sends the approved funding bills to the president to sign or veto.

OPEN FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OPEN GRANTS

Program	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share	Deadline
National Fish Passage Program	State, Local Governments, Tribes, NGOs, +	\$1,000,000	No	11/12/2025
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia	Tribes + Intertribal consortia	\$1,500,000	No	12/12/2025
Farm to School Grant Program	State + Tribes. Partnerships of Local Governments, NGOs, agricultural producers, CNP operators	\$500,000	25%	12/5/2025
Archival Projects	State, Local Governments, NGOs, Academic Institutions, Tribes (Fed and State- recognized)	\$150,000	No	11/5/2025



Background:



- FFIO/A&F deployment of technical assistance is **enabled by Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024** ("**An Act to Provide for Competitiveness and Infrastructure Investment in Massachusetts**" or "the Act") to support projects for cities and towns across the state.
- The Act enables new resources for local government technical assistance to pursue federal funding opportunities.
- FFIO/A&F has established a Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance (MTTA) Grant Program, and a Technical Assistance Grant Program for Regional Planning Agencies (TARPA.)

Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance Program



- *Grant type:* Competitive, direct funding for selected municipalities
- *Funding Cap:* None; decisions made on a rolling, first-come-first-serve basis (up until a fixed amount per year)
- Covered Services (related to pursuing federal opportunities): Including but not limited to:

Tax assistance (e.g. for Direct Pay) and legal assistance

Grant-writing, project scoping and financial analysis

Planning and feasibility studies,

Demonstration activities

Post-award grant management support.

- **Administration:** In coordination with ANF, FFIO will establish and oversee a process to receive requests for technical assistance services and select successful applicants
- Funding amount: approximately \$2,500,000 over 2 years

Technical Assistance Grants for Regional Planning Agencies



- *Grant type:* Formula-based, direct funding for all 13 RPAs with grant conditions.
- *Eligibility:* All Massachusetts RPAs.
- Covered Scope of Work (related to pursuing federal opportunities): Including but not limited to: hiring
 in-house capacity to provide technical assistance, grant application support, project development and
 implementation support such as project scoping and financial analysis, planning and feasibility studies,
 cost-benefit analysis.
- **Administration:** In coordination with ANF and DLS, FFIO will establish and oversee a process to allocate grant funding to RPAs on *an opt-in basis*. Funding would be tied to specific conditions and reporting requirements:
 - (1) Projects pursuing federal funds;
 - (2) Regular updates to FFIO, and coordination with FFIO as needed;
 - (3) Annual spending reports
- Funding amount: \$2,000,000 over 2 years

Learn about the technical assistance programs here:



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- mass.gov/MTTA
- mass.gov/TARPA
- mass.gov/FFIO-TA

Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance Grant Program Application

Apply to the FFIO Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance Grant Program (MTTA)

This application is for all Massachusetts local governments and federally recognized tribes, as well as regional organizations whose membership is exclusively composed of municipal governments, community development corporations and other development authorities or agencies eligible for MTTA grants. To qualify for funding under this program, applicants must demonstrate:

GRANTWELL PRESENTATION - NORTHEASTERN BURNES CENTER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Meetings:

4th Tuesday of each month

- Tuesday, October 28th, 2-3pm
- Tuesday, November 25th 2-3 pm

Q&A

Put questions in the chat you would like our speakers to answer!

If we are unable to get to your question today, please send it to us at FedFundsInfra@mass.gov.