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## MassDOT Regional Transit Innovation Grant (RTIG) State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 Awards

The FY24 state budget allotted MassDOT \$15 million in discretionary operating and capital funding to award to transit providers for projects that aim to enhance and expand existing transit service; implement new and innovative transit services; expand service hours or weekend service; improve rural connectivity; improve connectivity across regional transit service areas; transit electrification; or other initiatives. MassDOT received 60 applications for a total request of over \$47 million and is pleased to award \$15 million to 18 projects through RTIG.

In addition to these 18 awards, MassDOT is pleased to fund an additional 11 RTIG applications that qualify through FY24 state funding to expand the Community Transit Grant Program.

Applicant	Project Description	Award
Brockton Area Transit Authority	Brockton Area Transit Flexible Service (BAT Flex) - to continue and expand microtransit service hours in Brockton and Rockland to cover second and third-shift employees when fixed-route service is unavailable, through BAT vehicles and a partnership with Uber and Lyft.	\$430,000
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, and Franklin Regional Transit Authority	413 Commuter and Regionally Interconnected Bus network (CRIB) – To rehabilitate seven (7) buses and operate a commuter bus network to increase regional connectivity between BRTA, PVTA, and FRTA.	\$4,460,701
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	Cape Ann Works - providing transportation along a set route to/from Gordon College and Gordon Conwell in support of an employment	\$684,089

	program, with a service area in Gloucester, Rockport, Ipswich, Essex, Hamilton, and Wenham.	
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	CATA On Demand Expansion and Enhanced Summer Service - A pilot program for on-demand transportation within the town of Rockport during weekends and holidays in the summer, to determine if there is a demand to permanently expand the service to cover all of Gloucester and Rockport or a demand for weekend service.	\$547,333
Franklin Regional Transit Authority	Connecting Communities in Franklin County - To expand FRTA Access areas and provide a new transportation connection to Shutesbury, a rural town that is unserved by public transit, and will provide connections for the South County Senior Center to both the FRTA and PVTA service areas.	\$404,112
Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority	Brockton-Taunton-Fall River Connection - To pilot a program for a Fall River/Brockton/Taunton Connector to fill gaps in transportation services between these communities for medical appointments, employment opportunities, or to access educational institutes., in partnership with BAT and SRTA	\$1,500,000
Town of Great Barrington	Tri-Town Connector Expansion - To allow continued and expanded transportation for older adults and those with disabilities to medical appointments, employment, social outings, etc. by expanding services to Sheffield, and transitioning 3-4 operators from part-time to full-time.	\$200,000
Town of Lexington	Vehicles for Lexpress Bus Service – To fund one type D vehicle for the existing Lexpress bus service.	\$116,000
City of Marlborough	Marlborough Commuter Shuttle - A complimentary shuttle service for both residents and employees to travel from the MBTA commuter rail into the MWRTA service area, filling a gap in public transit. The service is open to all residents, commuters/local employees, seniors, and veterans regardless of their income level.	\$425,000
Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority	Rideshare & Taxi Electric Vehicles Pilot - 2 electric vans, 2 electric sedans/small SUV, 1 level 3 charger installation for local taxi providers and in support of an Island GoGo Grandparent initiative subsidizing on-demand rides for older adults	\$750,000
Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority	Connecting the Merrimack Valley for Economic Growth and Transit Equity - To create an extension of the existing #14 fixed-route bus service connecting Lawrence with Haverhill via Route 125 in North Andover, and to create a new #11 to connect the cities of Lawrence, Methuen, and Haverhill with the City of Newburyport.	\$1,900,000
Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	Regional Rural Connector-Intercity Loop Northwest - To create a new van service, as well as use taxi and livery companies that will transport riders to an Intercity loop route to connect riders from Ashburnham, Templeton, and Winchendon to Gardner	\$124,375
Nantucket Regional Transit Authority	The WAVE/ fast ferry parking connector - A new electric shuttle from a remote parking lot to downtown Nantucket, addressing a lack of parking access in downtown Nantucket.	\$686,500
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Connecting Rural Communities - To provide improved connections between Greenfield and Amherst with stops in the communities of	\$188,008

	Leverett and Sunderland and provide improved access to employment, medical care, and social activities.	
Cities of Revere and Chelsea	Revere and Chelsea Regional Microtransit Pilot - to pilot microtransit service across a 6.5-square-mile zone in Chelsea and Revere. Which will fill first and last-mile gaps in the existing transit system and expand access to critical destinations such as grocery stores, healthcare facilities, places of employment, and educational institutions. This award is recommended with a condition to focus their program on MBTA connections to reduce duplication.	\$1,000,000
SCM & City of Cambridge	Door2Door Transit Innovation Grant - expand existing service for older adults in Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, Malden, and Everett to pilot early morning and later afternoon service and more efficient routing. This award is contingent upon SCM making continued progress on meeting its open and any future compliance reviews <u>as identified in the Oversight section of MassDOT's GrantsPlus+ database</u> , and further demonstrated through 80% or better preventative maintenance rates at quarterly MassDOT checks and continued cooperation with MassDOT compliance staff.	\$433,750
Southeastern Regional Transit Authority	Micro-Transit: South Coast Rail Connector - A pilot micro-transit service to provide first and last-mile connections to the Fall River and New Bedford South Coast Rail MBTA commuter rail stops.	\$651,392
Town of Winchendon	Winchendon Community Connection & Access Project (WCCAP) – To expand the existing service hours within the town of Winchendon and contiguous communities in support of access to healthy food, economic empowerment, and social inclusion and wellness.	\$498,740
		Total \$15,000,000