MassDOT Community Transit Grant Program
State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 Awards

The FY24 state budget allotted MassDOT $4 million to expand the Community Transit Grant Program to fund projects expanding mobility for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals. Just under half of that funding was awarded in November 2023. MassDOT is pleased to award the remaining $2,137,405 to qualifying projects that applied through the Regional Transit Innovation Grant process.

Mobility Management and Operating Awards

Applicant	Project Description	Award
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	Evening Paratransit Service in Pittsfield - expand paratransit service hours to cover 7-10 PM.	$128,420
Helping Our Women, Inc.	Helping Our Women Transportation Program - To continue existing transportation services that provide rides to healthcare or medical, appointments for residents of the Outer Cape area. Additionally, in Provincetown and Truro, local rides to grocery stores, pharmacies, soup kitchens, social outings, or other venues in the community that offer support related to health conditions or social needs.	$195,173
Hilltown Community Development Corporation	Hilltown Driver Pool Expansion Program - To expand a driver pool service into additional rural communities that currently lack public transit support	$150,000
Lowell Regional Transit Authority	LRTA Ridership Experience and Assistance Program - To create a new ridership experience and assistance program to enhance outreach to new non-English speaking and underserved populations in the greater Lowell region – especially newly arrived immigrants - and aid their integration into the community. As well as providing new, accessible information through educational videos on existing transit services.	$222,000
Montachusett Regional	MART Westminster - Gardner Connector Shuttle - To create a shuttle service for migrants and unserved residents in the two communities who will be able to travel to essential services such as education,	$144,000

Transit Authority	healthcare, shopping, city services, employment opportunities, etc. in Gardner. The shuttle route will serve Westminster (not currently served) and areas of Gardner not currently served by MART's transit services.	
Town of Sudbury	Boston Hospital Shuttle and Emergency Ride in/from Boston - expand MWRTA Boston Hospital Shuttle to serve Sudbury and Wayland, with taxi, Uber, or Lyft as backup if a rider faces a lengthy wait for a shuttle home or needs to transfer to a different medical facility within Boston.	$127,000
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Connecting Individuals to Employment - To provide access to employment for seniors and adults with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness. This project will improve the connection between Amherst residents and employers in Hatfield, Whately, and Deerfield.	$82,133
Tri-Valley Elder Services	Transportation Partners Program - Allow continued transportation services for older adults, those with disabilities, caregivers, and veterans and their dependents for social or non-emergency medical purposes throughout the Tri-Valley service area.	$310,388
Town of Ware	Quaboag Connector -pursue sustainability and replicability of the Quaboag Connector, a demand-response service serving 10 rural towns between the PVTA and WRTA service areas, such as through the development of a Rural Transportation Toolkit, documenting their processes and learnings that can be used to inform potential funders of their work and distributed to other communities and organizations working to develop transportation solutions.	$300,000
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Local Link - Assists with the transportation needs of a new migrant population in Sutton and Sturbridge by providing a demand-response service for access to job opportunities, groceries, etc. The service will be provided by SCM Elderbus, through an existing partnership with the WRTA.	$210,865
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Lakeway Express - Assists with the transportation needs of a new migrant population in Shrewsbury by providing a taxi service for access to job opportunities, groceries, etc. The service will be provided by a local taxi can provider, through an existing partnership with the WRTA.	$267,426
		Total $2,137,405