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FY25 DRAFT FULL APPLICATION

FORM 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.1. Applicant Organization Name: _____

1.2. Organization Location: (Select from drop-down)

1.3. Organization Type:

Public Entity:

Municipality

Public Housing Authority

Redevelopment Authority

Regional Planning Agency

Quasi-Governmental Agency

Water, Sewer, or Service District

Non-Public Entity:

Community Development Corporation

Non-Profit Organization

For-Profit Organization

1.4. Applicant Organization Legal Address

Address: _____

State: _____

City/Town: _____

Zip Code: _____

1.5. Organization CEO

CEO Name: _____

CEO Tel.: _____

CEO Title: _____

CEO Email: _____

1.6. Project Contact (if different)

Contact Name: _____

Contact Tel: _____

Contact Title: _____

Contact Email: _____

1.7. Organization Description – Describe your organization’s structure, including staff capacity, and housing, economic, and/or community development goals.

(1,000 Characters)

1.8. Joint Application - Is this a joint application between two or more applicants, which will entail a formal arrangement for a shared scope of work and allocation of funds?

Yes No

1.8.a. If yes, provide the contact information for each additional partner municipalities (and/or entities):

	Organization Name	CEO Name	CEO Title	Email
+				

1.10. Community Housing Restrictions - Does the community have any active housing restrictions, such as phased growth zoning or an active housing moratorium?

Yes No

If Yes, provide an explanation and date when moratorium expires:

(1,000 characters)

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1.11. Community Development Tools - Is your community interested in pursuing any of the following economic development tools offered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting Program Designation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Massachusetts Vacant Downtown Storefronts Program Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Adoption	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Show for Any Public Entity in an MBTA Community:

MBTA COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

1.12. Choose the option below that best reflects your municipality’s compliance status with the Guidelines for Multi-family Zoning Districts Under Section 3A of the Zoning Act (MGL c. 40A). If unsure you can find community compliance status at www.mass.gov/mbtacomunities. Has your municipality:

- Received a determination of District Compliance from EOHLC
- Submitted a District Compliance Application but have not yet received a letter of determination from EOHLC.
- Have a deadline of December 31, 2024 or later, AND have submitted an Action Plan to EOHLC, AND have received a letter confirming Interim Compliance, AND have not yet submitted application for District Compliance.
- Have a deadline of December 31, 2023 BUT not yet submitted an application for District Compliance in accordance with the Guidelines for Multi-family Zoning Districts.

If “Have a deadline of December 31, 2023 but not yet submitted an application for District Compliance in accordance with the Guidelines for Multi-family Zoning Districts”, the following note shows:

An MBTA Community must be in compliance with the referenced guidelines in order to be eligible for funding from the MassWorks, HousingWorks Infrastructure Program, and/or Housing Choice Grant Program. All other One Stop programs will take non-compliance into consideration as part of their grant making process.

If “Have a deadline of December 31, 2024 or later, AND have submitted an Action Plan to EOHLC, AND have received a letter confirming Interim Compliance, AND have not yet submitted application for District Compliance”, then the following shows:

1.12.a. Does the community anticipate any changes to its approved Section 3A Action Plan that may result in delays to the plan’s schedule of more than 180 days?

- Yes No

If yes:

1.12.b. Briefly describe the nature of the changes/delays.

(500 Characters)

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FORM 2. PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT CORE

2.1. **Project Name:** _____ *(25 Characters)*

2.2. **Project Location:** *(Select from drop-down)*

Housing Choice	<i>(auto-filled)</i>	Rural or Small Town	<i>(auto-filled)</i>
Region	<i>(auto-filled)</i>	Regional Planning Agency	<i>(auto-filled)</i>
MBTA Community	<i>(auto-filled)</i>		

2.3. **Short Project Description / Abstract** – Provide a concise description of the project, with a focus on how the grant funds would be used if awarded.
(500 characters)

2.4. **Project Category for Grant Consideration** – Select the [Development Continuum](#) category, Project Type and Project Focus that best fits the project. Applicants can see the One Stop grant program most likely to review each type of project by hovering over the radio button next to each Project Focus option.

Community Activation and Placemaking

Project Type (check one):

Technical Assistance for Downtowns

Project Focus (check one):

- Downtown Design Consultant Services
- Downtown Mobility/Parking Consultant Services
- Downtown Wayfinding/Branding Consultant Services
- Economics of Downtown Consultant Services
- Pedestrian Orientation/Placemaking Consultant Services
- Small Business Support/E-commerce Consultant Services
- Forming a Downtown Management District
 - Phase 1 Feasibility
 - Phase 2 Implementation
- Equitable Workforce and Business Development Programming
- Planning and Zoning
- Site Preparation
- Building
- Infrastructure

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Based on the selection above, your project is likely best fit for consideration by the following program(s):

Massachusetts Downtown Initiative

Before you proceed, it is recommended that you visit the program website and review program guidelines.

NOTE: MDI Technical Assistance grant funds are to be used exclusively for up to \$25,000 worth of technical assistance. The consultant used to deliver the technical assistance will be chosen by MDI staff from a list of pre-qualified consultants. The consultant is paid directly through the MDI program.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

2.5. **Narrative / Scope of Work** – Explain the project. Describe the proposed work that would be funded by the grant and carried out to execute this project.
(4,000 characters)

2.6. **Project Need** – Describe why this project is necessary in enhancing housing and/or job growth.
(2,000 characters)

GRANT FUNDING REQUEST

2.7. **Grant Funding Request** – In the table below, provide a breakdown, by spending category, of the total funding request for the proposed project.

Spending Category	Funding Request
Consultant/Professional Fees	\$25,000

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2.12. **Project Location Map** – Attach a map showing the location of the project/project area.

ATTACHMENT HERE

2.13. **Environmental Justice** – Is the project site located within one mile of an Environmental Justice census block group? [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Commonwealth’s Environmental Justice Map Viewer.
 Yes No

2.14. **Community Description and Engagement Plan** – Describe the population that will be impacted by the project and describe the community engagement efforts that have or will inform the project. Include how the project will promote an inclusive participation process, engage new voices, and/or empower diverse

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stakeholders. If applicable, describe how the project advances opportunities for community members who have been socially and economically disadvantaged, and/or historically underrepresented.

Note: Technical Assistance for Downtowns applicants should note if the community has an existing downtown district management entity.

(2,000 characters)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

2.15. Leadership and Ability to Execute – Describe the leadership and project management group for this project and why it is an effective team to advance this project. Identify the full name of the person(s) that will serve as the applicant’s project contact and describe the experience they have on previous similar or related project and their contribution to the successful completion of this project.

(2,000 characters)

2.16. Progress to Date – What progress has the applicant/partner organization(s) made on this project to date? Include details such as planning (noting if the project is included in any adopted district, municipal, and/or regional plans), community engagement, prior State/Federal funding, development tools used, and any environmental remediation efforts.

(2,000 characters)

2.17. Project Implementation Timeline – Describe the steps and timeline to implement the project. Include any tasks that the applicant would need to complete before expending grant funds, if awarded (i.e. local approvals, procurement, hiring contractors, etc.), as well as information about any notable dates and/or milestones. **Note:** Grants awards will be announced in Fall 2024 for contracts starting in FY25.

(2,000 characters)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION

2.18. Environmental Sustainability – Describe how the applicant will take climate change and environmental sustainability into consideration in the execution of the project.

(2,000 characters)

PROJECT OUTCOMES

2.19. Anticipated Outcomes and Impacts – Explain how the project will catalyze community economic development and/or provide public benefit. Describe the tangible outcomes, including impacts on housing production, job growth, workforce development, entrepreneurship, local business and/or other social benefits.

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2.20. Project Impacts – Complete the below table to show the expected impacts of the project (estimate as needed):

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Housing Outcomes	
Market Rate Housing Units currently within Project Area:	
Affordable Housing Units currently within Project Area:	
Business Outcomes	
Total number of active businesses within project area:	
Total number of commercial vacancies within project area:	

ADDITIONAL/OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS

Applicants may submit other attachments to support the application, which may be reviewed and/or filed. However, please note that these items will generally not be scored or assessed as part of the formal evaluation of the proposal.

Attachment Type	Description
Letters of Support	Attach any letters in support of the project.
Other Partner Letters	Letters from any partner organizations that are collaborating on this project.
Other Site Images	Other site photographs, illustrations, and/or maps.
Other	Any other attachment.

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FORM 3. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION

If the applicant is a public entity, does the submission of this application require a formal vote of any board, commission, or other local entity? If Yes, attachment required.

- Yes No Not Applicable

ATTACHMENT HERE : *If yes, attach a certified copy of the vote taken by the relevant entity.*

If the applicant is a non-public entity, does the submission of this application require the authorization of the entity’s board of directors, or other governing body or bylaw? If Yes, attachment required.

- Yes No Not Applicable

ATTACHMENT HERE : *If yes, attach a document demonstrating such authorization.*

If No to the items above, are you authorized to submit this application on behalf of the applicant entity, by virtue of your administrative role (chief elected official, chief executive officer, city/town manager, authorized signatory, etc.), or as a designee of an administrator and/or authorized signatory?

- Yes No

I, _____ (Submitter Name), hereby certify that I am duly authorized to submit this application on behalf of _____ (Applicant Organization Name). By entering my name in the space below, I further certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the responses to the questions provided in this application, and the attached documentation, are true, accurate, and complete. I understand that the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) and its partner organizations, specifically the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MDFA), will rely on the information provided in this application to make decisions about whether to award a grant from their respective funding sources. Also, that the Commonwealth reserves the right to take action against me, the applicant organization, and/or any other beneficiary of a grant, if any of the information provided is determined to be false, inaccurate, or misleading. I also affirm that, if awarded, the applicant organization has the capacity to carry out the project in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Name

Title

Date