

Trails + Path Funding Sources in MA

GRANT SOURCES

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								LAND USE			DESIGN		BUILD	POST / SPECIFIC TYPES OF PROJECTS			
Type	Source (Click link for website)	Descriptions	Due Date	Type	Eligibility	Amount - Range	Additional funding considerations	Land Acquisition	Easement	Permitting	Visioning/Planning	Design	Construction	Programming	Maintenance	Wayfinding	
Local Funding																	
	Chapter 90	State allocation of funding to municipalities for capital improvements on locally owned public ways.	Municipal apportionments are calculated before the start of each fiscal year. Munic	streets, trails, multi-use path, sidewalks	municipality	varies by municipality from 1m+ to 40k https://www.mass.gov/service-details/chapter-90-apportionment						Y	Y		Y	? direction and warning signs and signage in general is eligible	
	Community Preservation Act (CPA)	Community Preservation Act (CPA) allows communities to create a local Community Preservation Fund for open space protection, historic preservation, affordable housing and outdoor recreation. Community preservation monies are raised locally through the imposition of a surcharge of not more than 3% of the tax levy against real property, and municipalities must adopt CPA by ballot referendum. To date, 187 municipalities in the state have adopted CPA. Check for individual municipality sites.	Varies by community	trails, multi-use path	municipal agencies, nonprofits	varies by community		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	
	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program supports community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities. Activities may address needs such as infrastructure, economic development projects, public facilities installation, community centers, housing rehabilitation, public services, clearance/acquisition, microenterprise assistance, code enforcement, homeowner assistance, etc.	Administered locally	streets, trails, multi-use path, sidewalks	municipality, state agencies								Y				
State Grants / Programs																	
	MassTrails	MassTrails seeks to expand and connect the Commonwealth's networks of off-road, shared use pathways and recreational trails for all users across Massachusetts. It does this by providing matching grants, technical assistance and resources to municipalities, nonprofits, and other public entities to design, construct, and maintain high quality Massachusetts trails.	February 1	recreational trails (e.g.: woodland trails, off-road motorized trails, water trails, accessible natural surface trails) and shared use paths.	municipalities, state agencies, Mass. and federally recognized tribes, nonprofits	5k-500k; 50k max for local projects, 500k max for state significant projects	Does not fund sidewalks or on-street connections exclusively (must be a part of a separated trail system)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	
	Complete Streets	The MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program addresses critical gaps in transportation networks by giving Massachusetts municipalities tools and funding to advance Complete Streets in their community.	(2x a year)	streets, trails, multi-use paths, sidewalks	municipalities (to be eligible for construction dollars, must have completed a plan)		up to 400k for construction in a rolling 4-fiscal-year period, up to 38k to develop a prioritization plan				Y	Y	Y				
	Shared Streets	The program provides funding to municipalities and public transit authorities to quickly implement improvements to plazas, sidewalks, curbs, streets, bus stops, parking areas, and other public spaces in support of public health, safe mobility, and strengthened commerce.	March 1	trails, multi-use paths, sidewalks, streets	municipality, regional transportation agencies	depends on project type, up to 200k for bike and ped infrastructure, up to \$500k for transit projects						free technical assistance is available.	Y			Y	
	Land and Water Conservation Fund	The Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund provides up to 50% of the total project cost for the acquisition, development, and renovation of parks, trails, and conservation areas.	winter	trails, multi-use paths, land acquisition, play grounds, community gardens	municipality, DCR, Dept. of Fish and Game, Mass. federally recognized tribes	50% reimbursement rate up to \$1m		Y	Y				Y				
	PARC	The PARC Program was established to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. These grants can be used by municipalities to acquire parkland, build a new park, or to renovate an existing park.	mid-July	trails, multi-use paths	municipalities	up to 400k		Y		Y			Y				

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	Federal Earmark	Legislative set aside of funding for a specific project. Speak to your federal delegation.																
Private Funders																		
	Fields Pond Foundation	The primary mission of Fields Pond Foundation is to provide financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues.		trails	nonprofits, municipalities	500 to 25k		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Solomon Foundation	technical assistance and seed funding for visioning, feasibility, and design for urban greenways.	rolling basis	streets, trails, multi-use paths	municipality, state agency, nonprofits	under 90k		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Friends Groups	Individual parks and trails often have friends groups.	depends	depends	depends	depends		depends	depends	depends	depends	depend	depends	depends	depends	depends		
	Barr Foundation	The Barr Foundation works to reduce transportation-related emissions by modernizing our transportation system and accelerating the development of low-carbon communities.		streets, trails, multi-use paths	by invitation https://www.barrfoundation.org/grantmaking#process					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y		
	Community Foundations	Check for local and regional community foundations that fund projects serving their local communities. (Examples include Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Foundation for MetroWest, the Cape Cod Foundation, etc.)																
Crowdfunding																		
	Patronicity	Empowers local placemaking projects through crowdfunding, access to matching grants and hands-on project coaching. With a 96% success rate and 6+ years of experience, Patronicity can help you get the funding and support you need to turn your vision into reality and transform your community.																
Additional resources																		
	City Parks Alliance Funding Info																	
	Mass Rapid Recovery Program																	
	Federal Highway Administration's Active Transportation Funding and Finance Toolkit																	
	Talk to your local, state, and federal electeds	examples: https://www.greenway.org/stories/greenway-expansion-bolstered-by-11-3-million-in-new-congressional-support ; https://marlyellenwelchgreenway.org/greenway-extensions/																
	Walk Boston's Resource list	This document provides a brief overview of funding opportunities for walking improvement infrastructure projects in Massachusetts.																
	COG Desgin		Fall	trails, multi-use paths, parks								Y						