

FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE

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ABOUT THE FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE

Officially created by Executive Order No. 624 signed by Governor Healey in October 2023, and tasked with implementing a whole-of-government to compete for federal funding by:



Identifying key federal funding opportunities that advance Healey-Driscoll Administrations priorities including infrastructure, equity, job creation, economic competitiveness, climate resiliency and decarbonization, workforce development, and more



Leading bi-weekly meetings of the **Advisory Council on Federal Funds and Infrastructure**, to facilitate inter-agency coordination and promote government-wide strategies for maximizing federal funding

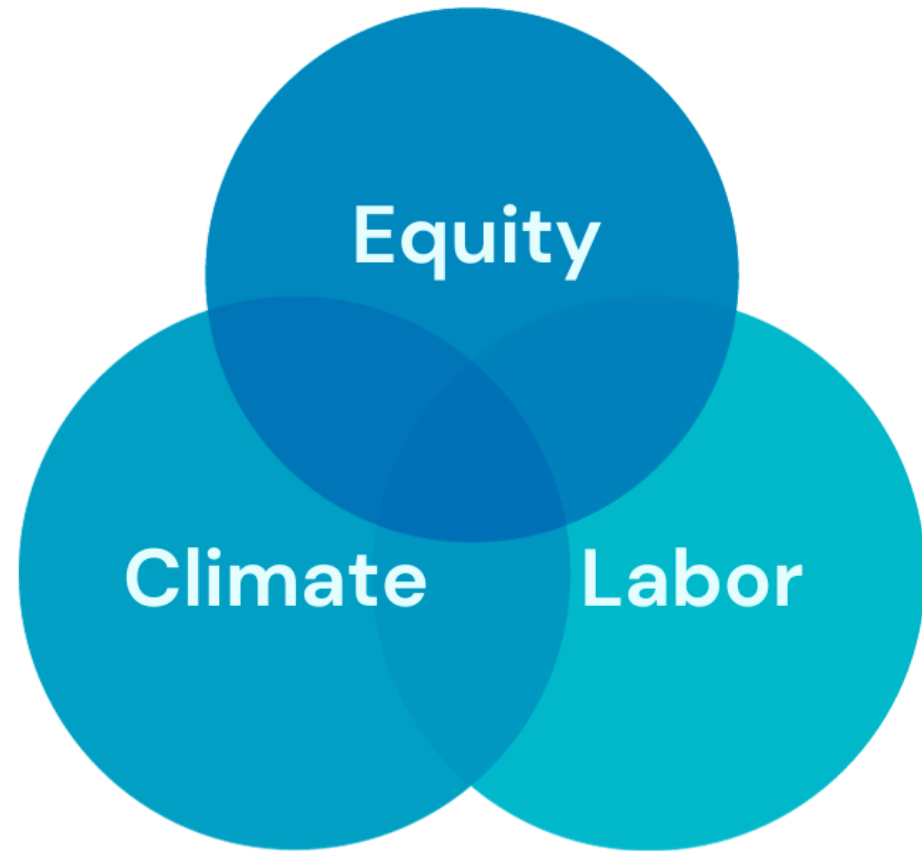


Tracking available federal grant opportunities and Massachusetts applications through the **State Clearinghouse**



Leading the **Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership** to support municipalities and tribes in their applications for federal funding

INCORPORATING ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES AND PARTNERS



SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO)

Dear friends,

I hope you're having a great November! The Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO) would again like to thank everyone who made our first Municipal Partnership Meeting on 10/28 a huge success. Over 325 people attended that meeting, and we hope you will join us for our **upcoming meeting on November 28th from 2-3pm** (if you haven't registered already for our monthly Zoom meetings you can do so [here](#), the same link can be used for each meeting).

In this newsletter, you will find:

1. **The agenda for our next Municipal Partnership Meeting on November 28th meeting**, which will include presentations from experts on the following federal funding opportunities:
 - a. Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA); and
 - b. Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)
2. **Federal funding opportunities** with links to relevant contacts, including more information on the above grants; and
3. **Additional resources**, including information on technical assistance opportunities.

But first, here's a brief update on a couple of major wins Massachusetts has secured for critical projects and programs. Most recently, the [New Bedford Port Authority \(NBPA\) was awarded \\$24.4 million](#) of Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding towards the Leonard's Wharf Reconstruction & Extension Project, which is designed to mitigate sea levels, support the domestic offshore wind industry, and bolster the city's resiliency to climate change. Also in October, [MassDOT announced that approximately \\$4.6 million](#) will be awarded to four municipalities – [Brockton](#), [Haverhill](#), [Lowell](#), and [Somerville](#) – as part of the first round of awards for the U.S. Department of

- **Monthly Federal Funds Partnership meetings** with targeted information on recently announced grant programs where **local governments are the eligible applicant**
- Monthly emails in advance of and following Partnership with meeting notes, video clips, and additional info on grant opportunities and resources

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Information also available on the [Federal Funds Local Governments page](#):

Upcoming Municipal-Eligible Grants

Grant Name	Policy Area	Deadline
Coastal Habitat Restoration	Environment	12/19/2023
Smart Grid Grant	Energy	Concept Paper: 1/12/2024
Farm to Schools Grant	Health	1/12/2024
Intelligent Transportation Systems Program	Transportation	1/17/2024
Clean School Bus Rebate Program	Transportation	1/31/2024
Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN)	Transportation	2/2/2024
Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility	Transportation	2/13/2024
RAISE Discretionary Grant Program	Transportation	2/28/2024
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	Environment	General: 4/1/2024 Tribes: 5/1/2024

Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership

FFIO leads the monthly Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership meeting. This forum not only delivers critical updates but also offers a platform for addressing questions related to the many funding possibilities at the disposal of cities, towns and tribal organizations.

[Register Here for Upcoming Meetings](#) →

Additional Resources

-  [November 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides](#) (English, PDF 4.39 MB)
-  [October 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides](#) (English, PDF 2.8 MB)

November 2023 Meeting

November Federal Funds Partnership Introduction

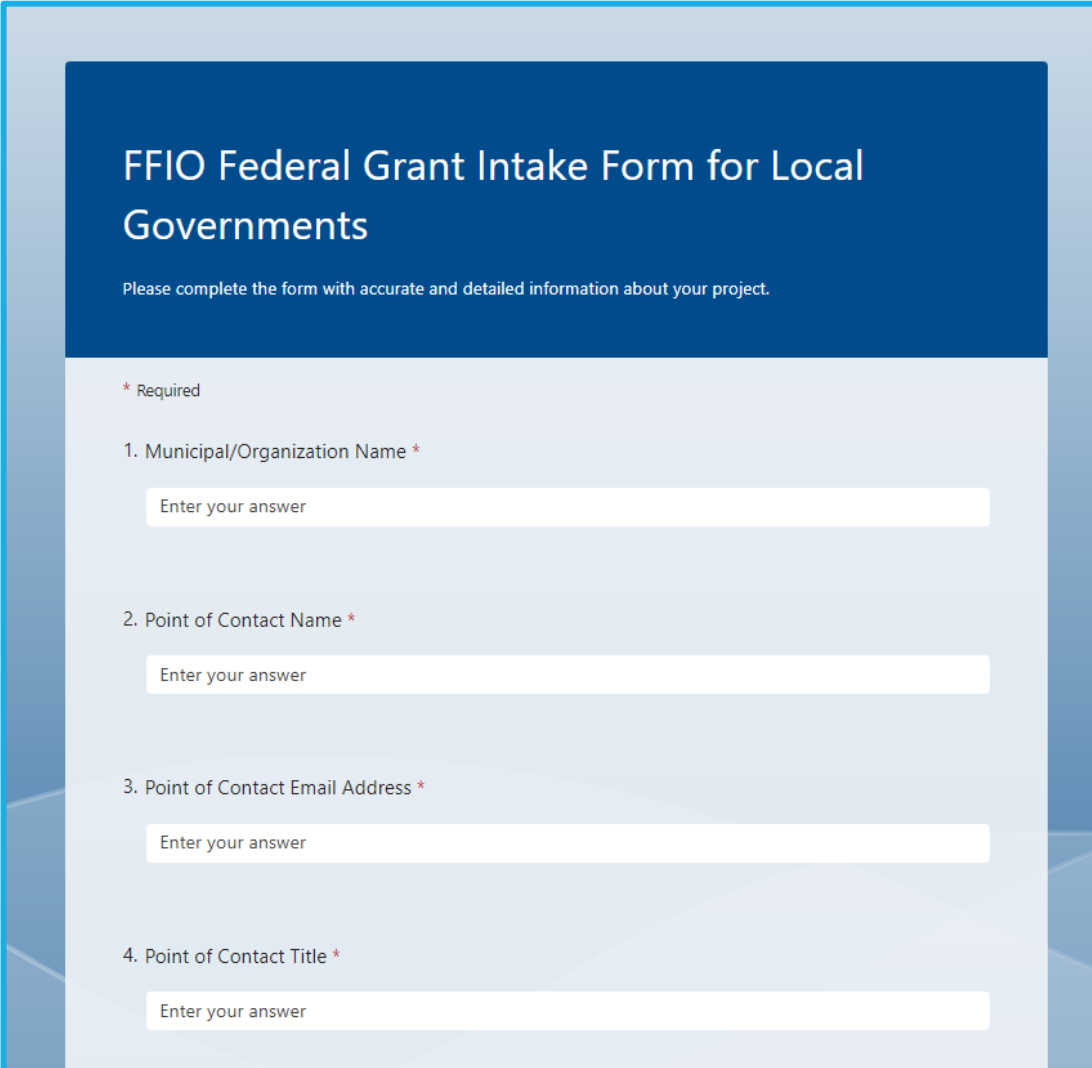


Office of Climate Innovation & Resilience - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Presentation



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Use the [Grant Application Notice Form](#) to notify FFIO of in-progress or submitted federal grant applications, or projects that could be eligible for federal funds:



The image shows a digital form titled "FFIO Federal Grant Intake Form for Local Governments". The form has a dark blue header with the title in white. Below the title, a light blue instruction box says "Please complete the form with accurate and detailed information about your project." The main form area is light blue and contains four required fields, each with a red asterisk and a "Required" label at the top. The fields are: 1. Municipal/Organization Name, 2. Point of Contact Name, 3. Point of Contact Email Address, and 4. Point of Contact Title. Each field has a white input box with the placeholder text "Enter your answer".

FFIO Federal Grant Intake Form for Local Governments

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* Required

1. Municipal/Organization Name *

Enter your answer

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3. Point of Contact Email Address *

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- Access to additional resources for matching funds and technical assistance pending recently filed legislation
- Feel free to contact the FFIO (FedFundsInfra@mass.gov) email inbox for questions about federal grant applications!

STATE MATCHING FUNDS / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

- **Bill [S.2554](#)** *An Act to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts*, includes:
 - Creates a Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund that leverages interest earnings on the state's Stabilization Fund
 - Over the next three years, fund **will unlock an estimated \$800 million** in resources to pursue federal funding opportunities
 - **\$50 million matching grants and loans** for a local government infrastructure bank
 - **\$12 million** towards local government technical assistance
 - **Adds to the over \$2 billion** in existing resources Massachusetts has made available for state match to give Massachusetts a competitive edge in the pursuit of historic federal grant opportunities
- **Passed unanimously by the Massachusetts Senate** on Thursday, January 11th
- **Referred to the House Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight committee**

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS



Ocean Tech Hub

Designation awarded to RI and Southeast MA with the potential to unlock \$50-75 million in funding from the EDA Tech Hub program for projects that advance ocean technology innovation



Cape Bridges

\$372 million awarded from the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program, and a request for an additional \$1.06 billion from the Bridge Investment Program currently pending

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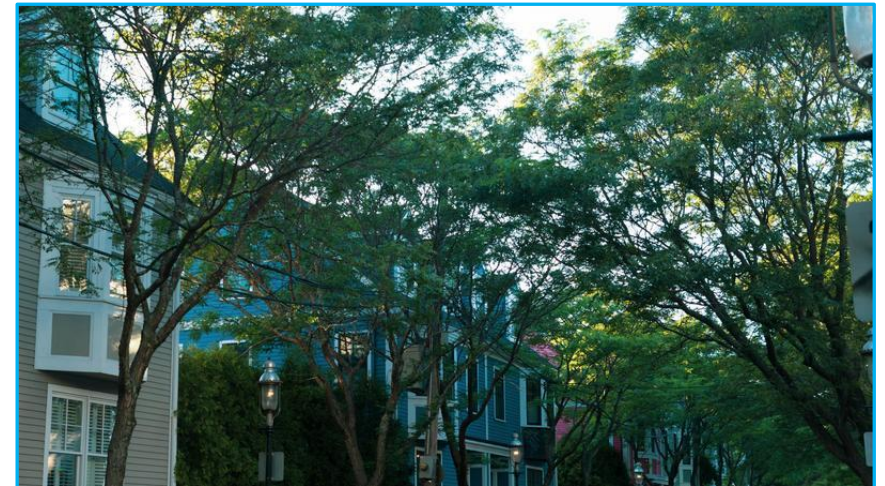
Northeast Microelectronics Coalition Hub (NEMC)

Awarded \$19.7 million in CHIPS and Science funding for a DoD microelectronics regional hub that includes a coalition of 90 organizations from across the Northeast assembled and led by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative



Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Awarded \$147 million to expand high speed internet access



USDA Urban and Community Forestry Program

9 municipalities awarded \$22 million to increase urban tree canopies to combat extreme heat and improve access to nature

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS



Early Action Items for new AMTRAK Inland Rail Route
\$108 million in Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program funding for a new AMTRAK Inland Rail Route from Boston to New Haven, CT via Worcester and Springfield.

Leonard's Wharf Rehabilitation and Extension Project in the Port of New Bedford

\$24 million in federal funds from the Port Infrastructure Development Program combined with \$18 million in state matching funds to rebuild and extend Leonard's Wharf to allow for its continued use as a commercial fishing pier, expand its capacity for use in staging offshore wind projects, and increase its climate resiliency by raising the wharf to account for sea level rise.



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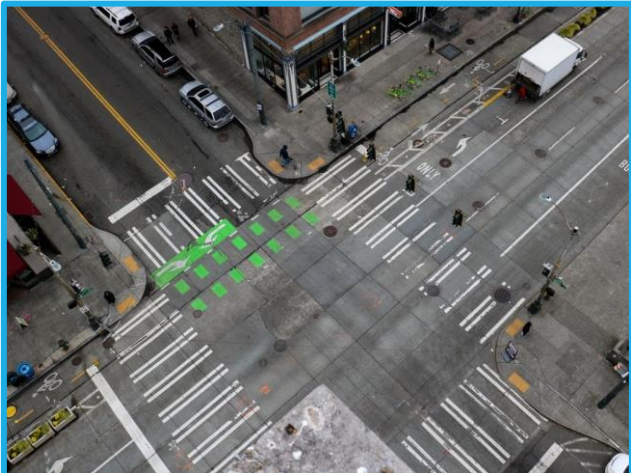


Clean School Bus Program

\$33 million from the EPA Clean School bus program for 85 electric buses in Boston, Worcester, New Bedford and Fall River.

Shelter and Services for Migrant Families

\$1.9 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to expand shelter services and transportation in Massachusetts for newly arrived migrant families



Safe Streets and Roads for All

\$22 million in awards to Massachusetts communities for street safety planning and implementation, including funding to the City of Boston for traffic signal operations design, the City of Somerville for their Bicycle Network planning, and for projects led by 13 other Regional Planning Agencies and municipalities.



Workforce Training in Berkshire County

\$1 million in funding for workforce training in communities affected by opioid crisis

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS



Allston Multimodal

Seeking \$500M in resources from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program to support the ~\$1.9B project to replace the Allston interchange, increase access to multimodal transportation and improve community connectivity.

Solar for All

Submitted joint application between the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), MassHousing, and the Boston Housing Authority requesting clean energy investments for up to 78,500 low-income and affordable homes from the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund



PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS



Technical Assistance for Transit-Oriented Development

Applied to the Thriving Communities program seeking \$2M to build capacity for the development of transit-oriented neighborhoods along Massachusetts Route 2 in Worcester and Franklin Counties



Flooding on Morrissey Boulevard (Dorchester)

Submitted PROTECT application seeking \$2.2M in BIL resources to support a \$2.75M project to construct a stormwater pump station to provide effective drainage and flood control to the area



Worcester Route 20 and Grafton St Interchange Flooding

PROTECT application seeking \$3.7M for the Route 20 and Grafton St (Route 122) interchange to replace and expand outdated drainage systems for a major intersection that experiences flooding between 6 and 10 times a year during heavy rainfall.

OPEN GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CLEAN SCHOOL BUS REBATES PROGRAM

- **About the program:**
 - The clean school bus rebate program offers rebates to public school districts and third-party transportation providers to replace existing buses with clean, zero emission alternatives.
- **Funding information:**
 - Upwards of \$500M available for this round of funding
 - 60% of awards will go to priority districts
 - There will be a minimum of 1 award per state
- **Eligibility:**
 - Public School Districts and Private Transportation Providers
- **Deadline: 1/31/2024**
- **Contact:** Orly Strobel, MassCEC, ostrobel@masscec.com

[Watch explainer video from November Federal Funds Partnership meeting](#)

REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE)

- Eligibility: State, Tribe, Local Government
- Total Funding: \$1,500,000,000
- Cost Share: 20%
- About
- “The goal of the RAISE program is to fund eligible surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact that advance the Departmental priorities of safety, equity, climate and sustainability, and workforce development, job quality, and wealth creation”
- Deadline: 2/28/2024

GREEN AND RESILIENT RETROFIT PROGRAM (GRRP)

- **About the program:**
 - The GRRP program “provides funding for projects that improve energy or water efficiency, enhance indoor air quality or sustainability, implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation, low-emission building materials or processes, energy storage, or building electrification strategies, or address climate resilience, of eligible HUD-assisted multifamily properties.”
- **Funding information:**
 - Funding varies by award type, ranging from \$40K per unit up to \$20M per property
- **Eligibility:**
 - Projects must be on HUD-assisted multifamily properties
- **Deadline:**
 - Elements – 3/28/2024
 - Leading Edge – 4/30/2024
 - Comprehensive – 5/30/2024
- **Contact:** GRRP@hud.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM

- **About the program**
 - These grants provide approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act funds to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.
- **Funding information:**
 - The grant program has two tracks—one that will award \$10-20 million grants on climate action and pollution reduction, and one that will award \$1-3 million grants to support the engagement of environmental justice communities in governmental processes
 - **Note:** Technical assistance for the application itself may be available to eligible applicants.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Requires either a partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs), or
 - A partnership between a CBO and a Federally-Recognized Tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education.
 - **Deadline: Rolling until November 2024**
- **Contact:** Oleander Stone, MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oleander.stone@mass.gov

DIRECT/ELECTIVE PAY

- **About**

- [Direct Pay](#) makes clean energy tax credits effectively refundable for states, cities, towns, tribes, and other tax-exempt organizations that otherwise do not file federal income taxes.
- Funded by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

- **In the coming weeks and months:**

- The Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience (OCIR) and FFIO will provide additional helpful information on Direct Pay

- **Helpful Resources:**

- Center for American Progress [recorded webinar](#)
- [IRS website](#) with complete list of tax credits and deductions under the Inflation Reduction Act

UPCOMING MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

**Scan here to register for Partnership Zoom
meetings and the FFIO email list:**

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, February 27th- 2-3pm
- Tuesday, March 26th- 2-3pm
- Tuesday, April 23rd- 2-3pm

