

MBTA Communities Adoption - Anticipated Grant Impacts - Oct. 1, 2024

Grant Program	Grant Program Description	Past, Present or Future Hopkinton Applications?
<p><i>Community Planning Grants, EOHLIC</i></p>	<p>Community Planning grants may be used for a variety of activities related to community planning such as a community plan, zoning revision, or planning for housing. Grant funds must either support direct community engagement efforts to involve community members in the planning process or produce planning or zoning document(s) and/or related materials in draft, phased, or final product form.</p>	<p>Applied in 2023 for the Housing Production Plan effort, but was not awarded funding. Potential for future planning efforts such as a Master Plan update, Housing Production Plan, Downtown Revitalization Plan, zoning amendment, etc.</p>
<p><i>Massachusetts Downtown Initiative, EOED</i></p>	<p>Downtown Technical Assistance for: District Management- Business Improvement District (BID) or Volunteer-based Organization: Requests for assistance may address any aspect of creating a BID, PBD or a Volunteer- based Organization, including but not limited to review of the proposed district, development of a local strategy for implementation of a district management option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design: design issues related to downtown or town center revitalization, including but not limited to preliminary design guidelines, sign and facade program, concepts for streetscape design. • Economics of Downtown: economic development issue related to downtown or town center revitalization, including but not limited to a review of market areas for the downtown, feasibility studies, building reuse, or business development. • Economic Equity: assisting a community with developing approaches for creating a process for embedding equity and inclusion into transformational community-based economic development, including but not limited to: guiding communities through the RRP Equity Toolkit or a portion of the toolkit, programs that support creating a more diverse small business community in the downtown or town center. • Housing: determining how to increase housing in the downtown or town center, including but not limited to a housing plan, market analysis for 	<p>Strong potential for future downtown corridor improvements related to economic development, housing, multi-modal transportation, and placemaking/wayfinding efforts.</p>

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	<p>suitable housing mix, zoning recommendations, and second story development assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Mobility: range from a parking management plan, creation of a parking benefit district, analysis of existing and future parking needs, walkability plan, trolley feasibility plan, bus route analysis, and other requests that address improving mobility in a downtown. • Small Business Support/E-commerce: providing technical assistance to your downtown businesses. This could include workshops, small group training, or one-on-one onsite consultations with 6-8 businesses. It could also be used to support the entirety of businesses in your commercial district with marketing plan, customer building plan and other activities in support of small businesses. Funds could be used to develop a program that assists small business in your downtown to create an on-line presence. • Wayfinding/Branding: developing a public wayfinding system and the creation of a distinguishable image or logo that carries through the various streetscape elements, including but not limited to creation of public design elements that will be used throughout the downtown, wayfinding plan, cost analysis for implementation, and branding of a downtown through historic elements. • Placemaking: Requests for assistance may address any aspect of developing a placemaking series of events to a plan for implementation. 	
<i>Urban Agenda, EOED</i>	General operating support for innovative and collaborative community economic development projects. Categories: Entrepreneurship, Small Business Development and Technical Assistance; Workforce Development, Training Initiatives, and Job Pipelines; Community Organizing and Leadership Development	Possible potential for economic development efforts.
<i>Rural and Small Town Development Fund, EOED</i>	Funding for capital and community planning projects in Rural and Small Towns. This competitive grant program awards funds based on the project's nexus with housing, transportation, infrastructure, economic development, and community development, and strategies important to	Hopkinton does not qualify

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<i>Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, MassDevelopment,</i>	Finances the environmental assessment and remediation of brownfield sites	Potential for use on brownfields within Town, if identified.
<i>Site Readiness Program, MassDevelopment,</i>	Aims to increase the state’s inventory of large, well-located, project-ready sites; to accelerate private-sector investment in industrial, commercial, and mixed-use projects; and to support the conversion of abandoned sites and obsolete facilities into clean, actively used, tax-generating properties.	Potential for economic development efforts.
<i>Underutilized Properties Program, MassDevelopment,</i>	Targets underutilized, abandoned, or vacant properties	Could be used for downtown properties in the future.
<i>Collaborative Workspace Program, MassDevelopment,</i>	Designed to accelerate the pace of new business formation, job creation, and entrepreneurial activity by supporting infrastructure that funds community-based innovation.	Supports community-based organizations.
<i>Real Estate Services Technical Assistance, MassDevelopment,</i>	Advances local economic development goals in cities and towns across Massachusetts – enabling municipalities to explore the development potential of key properties, address streetscape and infrastructure needs, and plan for growth.	Could be used for applicable properties in the future.
<i>Commonwealth Places Programs, MassDevelopment,</i>	A collaborative initiative from MassDevelopment and Patronicity that leverages public support for placemaking projects through crowdfunding and a matching grant from MassDevelopment. The program engages residents in the development of strategic projects in their towns and cities.	

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<i>Land Use Planning Grants, EOEEA,</i>	Grants to encourage municipalities to implement land use regulations that are consistent with the Administration’s land conservation and development objectives including reduction of land, energy, and natural resource consumption, provision of sufficient and diverse housing, and mitigation of/preparation for climate change. Funds help communities retain appropriate technical expertise and undertake the public process associated with creating plans and adopting land use regulations.	High potential for future use in Hopkinton on a variety of planning initiatives, such as redrafting of multi-family zoning districts and/or OSPLD updates.
<i>Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grants, EOEEA,</i>	The LAND Grant Program helps cities and towns acquire land for conservation and passive recreation purposes. The grants reimburse cities and towns for the acquisition of land in fee or for a conservation restriction.	Granted 2013 - Acquisition of Elmwood Farm conservation land - \$400,000
<i>Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning and Project Grants, EOEEA</i>	Provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to begin the process of planning for climate change resiliency and implementing priority projects. The state awards communities with funding to complete vulnerability assessments and develop action-oriented resiliency plans.	Applied but was not awarded in 2021, 2023, or 2024.
<i>MassWorks and HousingWorks Grants</i>	Communities that fail to comply with the MBTA Communities Act automatically lose certain state funding, including funding: for local infrastructure generally, such as road, bridge, water and sewer improvements (known as MassWorks); for local infrastructure projects that support housing (known as HousingWorks); for EOHLC grants to communities with a “Housing Choice” designation; and state funding under the Local Capital Projects Fund.	2020 - Out-of-Cycle Application, awarded, Main Street Construction. 2019 - Main Street Preliminary Design, Awarded 2014 - Legacy Farms North, Awarded 2011 - Past Application, not awarded, Elm@West Main

“Determinations of compliance with MBTA Communities also may inform other funding decisions by EOED, EOHLC, the MBTA and other state agencies which consider local housing policies when evaluating applications for discretionary grant programs or making other discretionary funding decisions.”