



**Federal Funds and Infrastructure
Office – Municipal Technical
Assistance Programs**

About the Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO)

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



Identifying and tracking key federal funding opportunities and Massachusetts applications through the State Clearinghouse



Leading bi-weekly meetings of the interagency Advisory Council on Federal Funds and Infrastructure



Leading the Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership and other meetings to support local governments in their applications for federal funding



Implementing the Federal Match legislation (*Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024*)

Background:



- FFIO/A&F deployment of technical assistance is **enabled by Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024** (“***An Act to Provide for Competitiveness and Infrastructure Investment in Massachusetts***” or “the Act”) to support projects for cities and towns across the state.
- The Act enables new resources for local government technical assistance to pursue federal funding opportunities.
- FFIO/A&F has established a Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance (MTTA) Grant Program, and a Technical Assistance Grant Program for Regional Planning Agencies (TARPA.)

Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance Program



- **Grant type:** Competitive, direct funding for selected municipalities
- **Funding Cap:** None; decisions made on a rolling, first-come-first-serve basis (up until a fixed amount per year)
- **Covered Services** (related to pursuing federal opportunities): Including but not limited to:
 - Tax assistance (e.g. for Direct Pay) and legal assistance
 - Grant-writing, project scoping and financial analysis
 - Planning and feasibility studies,
 - Demonstration activities
 - Post-award grant management support.
- **Administration:** In coordination with ANF, FFIO will establish and oversee a process to receive requests for technical assistance services and select successful applicants
- **Funding amount:** approximately \$2,500,000 over 2 years

Technical Assistance Grants for Regional Planning Agencies



- **Grant type:** Formula-based, direct funding for all 13 RPAs with grant conditions.
- **Eligibility:** All Massachusetts RPAs.
- **Covered Scope of Work (related to pursuing federal opportunities):** Including but not limited to: hiring in-house capacity to provide technical assistance, grant application support, project development and implementation support such as project scoping and financial analysis, planning and feasibility studies, cost-benefit analysis.
- **Administration:** In coordination with ANF and DLS, FFIO will establish and oversee a process to allocate grant funding to RPAs on *an opt-in basis*. Funding would be tied to specific conditions and reporting requirements:
 - (1) Projects pursuing federal funds;
 - (2) Regular updates to FFIO, and coordination with FFIO as needed;
 - (3) Annual spending reports
- **Funding amount:** \$2,000,000 over 2 years
- **All 13 RPA's have signed up for TARPA including OCPC! 😊**

Learn about the technical assistance programs here:



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- mass.gov/MTTA
- mass.gov/TARPA
- mass.gov/FFIO-TA

Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance Grant Program Application

Apply to the FFIO Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance Grant Program (MTTA)

This application is for all Massachusetts local governments and federally recognized tribes, as well as regional organizations whose membership is exclusively composed of municipal governments, community development corporations and other development authorities or agencies eligible for MTTA grants. To qualify for funding under this program, applicants must demonstrate: