A Guide to Getting Started

The Chapter 90 Program provides funding to municipalities for the implementation of capital improvements on local public roadways.

Purpose of the Program -



To provide municipalities with an annual funding source for improvements to and investments in local transportation networks.

Program authorized through M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 34. Allows municipalities to evaluate their unique transportation needs and allocate funding dollars accordingly.

How Funding Is Allocated

Total program funding is established annually by Massachusetts Legislature. Per the legislatively established formula, the portion of overall program funding that a municipality receives is based on local road mileage (58.33%), population (20.83%) and employment (20.83%).

How the Program Works _____

Municipalities work with a MassDOT State Aid Engineer (SAE) to utilize funding on eligible transportation expenses. This is a reimbursement program. Municipalities must follow all applicable state regulations.

Step 1 Project Request & Approval



Submit a Project Request on MaPIT for review by your SAE. The Project Request details the proposed project including scope, a preliminary estimate, and environmental punch list.

Step 2 Procurement & Prequalification



Identify procurement and prequalification requirements. Advertise and award project according to applicable requirements.

Step 3 Conduct and/or Oversee the Work



Begin work on the project (purchasing, design, construction, and so on). If using hired consultants or contractors, oversee the work as the project progresses.

Step 4 Request Reimbursement



Submit a Reimbursement Requests to your SAE as expenses are incurred or upon project completion. Include all necessary documentation of labor and materials.

How to Get Started -

- 1. Read the program guidance 2. Create a GeoDOT account for MaPIT
- 3. Identify your District SAE 4. Plan investments & submit Project Requests



Eligible Costs

Chapter 90 funds may be used for projects and expenditures that create or extend the life of local capital facilities. Projects on private roadways or those otherwise not owned by the municipality (such as those owned by MassDOT) are not eligible for Chapter 90 funding.



Construction



Consultant services



Equipment



Other

Cost Examples



