



Federal Match Legislation: Support for Local Governments

Provisions in *An Act to Provide for Competitiveness and Infrastructure in Massachusetts*
([S.2482](#))

An Act to Provide for Competitiveness and Infrastructure in Massachusetts

The Legislation filed by Governor Healey in October will create a pay as you go create Capital Investment and Debt Reduction Fund that leverages interest earnings on the state's Stabilization Fund. Over the next three years, the fund will unlock an estimated \$750 million in resources to pursue federal funding opportunities, including several resources that will be available for regional and local entities to maximize their competitiveness in federal grant applications.

See more [here about the legislation's role in maximizing federal funding opportunities](#) and [here about its long-term objectives to accelerate capital investments with pay-as-you-go funding](#).

Infrastructure Bank and Municipal Matching Grants

The legislation includes \$50 million for municipal matching grants and a local infrastructure bank. This is a resource that will give additional financing options to local governments to make possible critical infrastructure projects and support their ability to meet the matching fund requirements in federal grant applications.

Technical Assistance

The legislation also includes \$12 million towards local government technical assistance which will expand the resources that the Commonwealth can provide to cities, towns, tribes, and regional organizations such as regional planning agencies or community development corporations. This assistance will provide support to municipalities with funding opportunity tracking, grant writing, and implementation assistance.

Federal Funds Partnership for Municipalities and Tribes

Executive Order 624: *Establishing the Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office and the Advisory Council on Federal Funds and Infrastructure* signed by Governor Healey in October created the Federal Funds Partnership for Municipalities and Tribes as part of the Healey-Driscoll Administration's whole-of-government approach to federal funding. The Partnership is led by the newly created Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO) and holds monthly meetings open to elected leaders and staff from municipalities, federally recognized tribes, regional planning agencies and community groups.

The meetings provide targeted information on grant opportunities where municipal and tribal governments are eligible applicants, and connects participants to relevant federal funds resources including any currently available technical assistance or matching funds. The format is designed to enable local governments who may have limited capacity for federal funding applications to be strategic and supported in their efforts to compete for federal funds, including rural

municipalities and environmental justice communities. The resources discussed at the meeting are also available via monthly email newsletters and on the FFIO website.

The monthly Partnership meetings began in October to enhance information sharing and provide access to existing state resources. Upon passage of the Federal Match legislation the Partnership meetings and the FFIO municipal and tribal outreach will continue to serve as a critical gateway for local governments looking to access the expanded resources for matching funds, project financing, and technical assistance.