



Housing Choice Initiative Small Town Grants FY 2019

The Baker-Polito Administration is announcing 12 Housing Choice Initiative Small Town Capital Grants totaling \$984,864. These grants were available to all towns with a 2016 population under 7,000. The maximum grant amount is \$100,000. Information about the Housing Choice Initiative can be found at: www.mass.gov/housingchoice

Grant Awardees

Boylston, \$83,500

This award will fund a traffic engineering study for the Route 140/Sewall Street intersection. This project will consider reconfiguring the layout for better traffic flows associated with the proposed development of 66 units of apartments affecting the North Sewall Street intersection, a recently approved 30-unit Senior Residential Development on South Sewall Street, and a 57 lot subdivision that is nearing completion.

Clarksburg, \$21,500

Grant funding will enable improvements to the Broggsville Water District, which serves 68 housing-units. Improvements will include the purchase and installation of a master meter, onsite generator, propane tank, and a raw water tap/spigot for raw water testing prior to treatment. The Town has an interested business looking to locate in Clarksburg at the former Strong-Hewat Mill Complex which requires a dependable source of water, and these improvements will benefit future growth in the area.

Eastham, \$100,000

The grant will support construction and installation of water lines and related infrastructure associated with construction of the Campbell-Purcell affordable housing development which is a 65-unit multifamily rental development that caters to a range of incomes for families and seniors. The project has a variety of state and local funding sources. Of the 65-units in the community, 50-units will serve individuals and families earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and 15 will serve as workforce housing for individuals and families earning up to 120% of AMI. Seven units will be designated for formerly homeless individuals and three units will be reserved for Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities.

Egremont, \$100,000

The town will use these funds for road construction and related infrastructure to create four affordable units with the non-profit Construct, Inc. Two houses are being donated by a developer in neighboring town, and will be placed on town-owned land and converted into two duplexes, resulting in four affordable, deed-restricted units. These will be the first affordable homes on the town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).

Great Barrington, \$100,000

This grant will fund the rehabilitation of streets in the core of its downtown and fill a budget gap in the long-planned downtown street improvements project, funded in part by a 2015 MassWorks Infrastructure Program award. The streets included in the project are Bridge Street, School Street, Church Street, Bentley Avenue, and the "Taconic" parking lot in the downtown. The area is central to more than \$110 million in investment in mixed-use developments supporting over 100 multifamily housing-units and 160,000 square-feet of commercial space.

Hadley, \$95,000

The project meets an urgent need to replace a leaking water line that services 75-units of mixed income housing at the Mountain View Apartments. The service line is connected to the Hadley public water supply system and developed a break, which now leaks an estimated 20,000 gallons of water daily. The repair will involve directional boring of new pipe and connecting the new pipe to the public water system and the remaining private service line, and abandoning the damaged pipe in place.

Leverett, \$100,000

The grant will provide design and engineering of a new public water line connecting to a public water source for five houses that are downgradient of the closed and capped Leverett Landfill. This is the first step to provide a permanent solution to this longer term public health and housing problem. Quarterly testing of untreated domestic well water, as required by DEP as part of the landfill closure, shows detectable volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other contaminants, primarily iron and manganese, in the private well water at these houses.

Mattapoissett, \$88,426

The grant will allow the Mattapoissett Housing Authority to purchase and install a complete backup generator for a 53-unit apartment complex owned by the Housing Authority which serves low income senior citizens and adults with special needs. These apartments are roughly 45 years old and heated with electric heat. Over the course of the past dozen or so years both during the winter and summer the complex goes without out power for days due to hurricane conditions or severe winter storms, causing long term power outages.

Mendon, \$26,500

The grant will fund a site readiness study and public water supply analysis on a town-owned parcel with 3 acers of developable land, which might support 40 to 50 units of new housing. The town purchased the parcel with Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds with the intention of seeking developers for an affordable housing development. The analysis should increase the project's likelihood of success and make it more attractive to potential developers.

Merrimac, \$100,000

This project will solve a water infrastructure problem for the town through the construction of replacement water mains on public property connecting 11 homes to a newly installed booster pump. The town will substantially improve fire safety, water quality, and water pressure issues that currently affect these homes.

Sunderland, \$71,438

Funds will be used for analysis, streetscape design and cost estimates for the School Street ADA Improvements & Infrastructure Design Project and the design and construction of a manhole on School Street. This project will implement a portion of the town's Complete Streets Prioritization Plan and support new residential development near School Street. School Street provides pedestrian, bicycle and auto access between the proposed 33 unit senior affordable housing and the town center.

Tisbury, \$98,500

This award will enable the non-profit Island Housing Trust Corporation (IHT) to install and monitor a new wastewater treatment system at the IHT's Greenwood Avenue property where it plans to construct six townhouses for low and moderate income households with permanent affordability restrictions. This project furthers the town's goals of increasing affordable housing and reducing nitrogen from private wastewater systems and the Tashmoo watershed.