

# MA FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE (FFIO)

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# ABOUT THE FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE

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



**Identifying key federal funding opportunities**



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

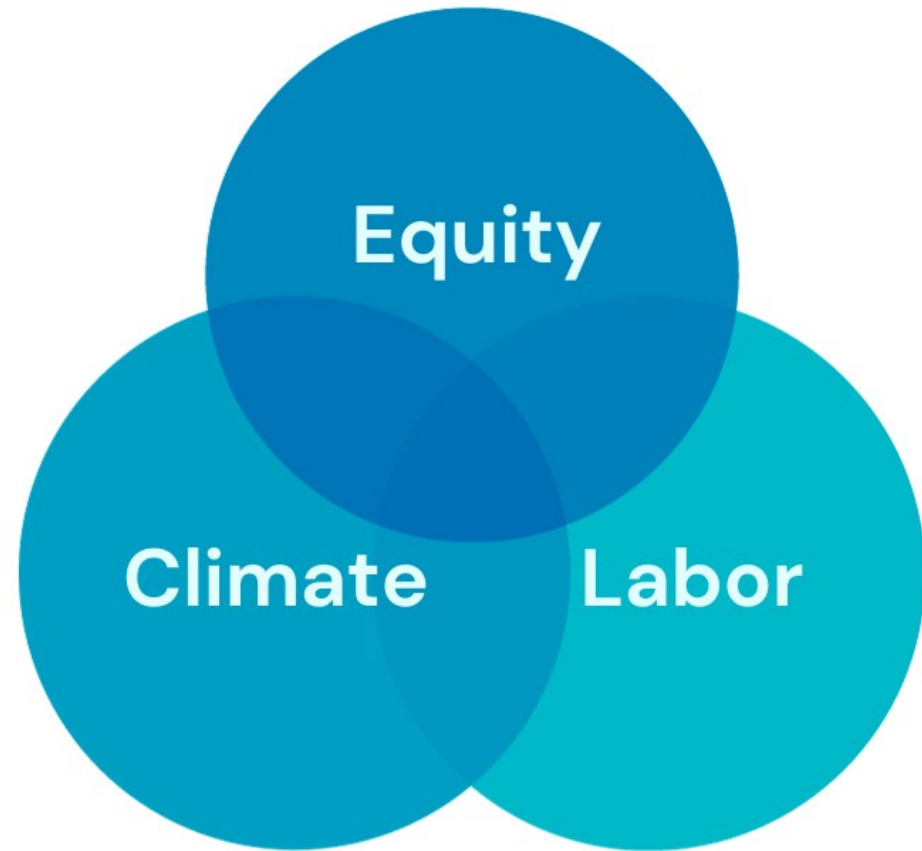


**Tracking available federal grant opportunities and Massachusetts applications through the State Clearinghouse**



**Leading the Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership to support municipalities and tribes in their applications for federal funding**

# INCORPORATING ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES AND PARTNERS



# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO) leads a whole-of-government effort to compete for federal funding, including the following resources for local government applicants:

Find more information on Federal Funds Partnership meetings, video recordings, grant lists, and other resources on the [FFIO website](#).

Use the [Project Intake Form](#) to notify FFIO of in-progress or submitted federal grant applications, or projects that could be eligible for federal funds.

Contact the FFIO email inbox ([FedFundsInfra@mass.gov](mailto:FedFundsInfra@mass.gov)) for questions about federal grant opportunities!

# STATE MATCHING FUNDS / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

- Legislation leverages interest on the state's Stabilization Fund to:
  - **unlock an estimated \$750 million** in resources to pursue federal funding opportunities in the next three years
  - **\$50 million matching grants and loans** to municipalities and tribes
  - **\$12 million** towards local government technical assistance
  - **Add to the over \$2 billion** in existing resources Massachusetts has made available for state match to give Massachusetts a competitive edge in the pursuit of historic federal grant opportunities
- Bills **S.2554 and H.4446 passed unanimously by the both chambers earlier this year.**
- Tracking possible paths forward in informal session

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: "BUILD FOR MASS"

- **Initial stages of planning statewide roadshow for municipalities, tribes and community groups to:**
  - Provide information on federal grant application resources made available by the new legislation
  - Seek community input on priority projects seeking federal funding
  - Solicit feedback on the Federal Funds Partnership and other FFIO processes

# RECENT WINS!

## \$42.3 Million Award for Grid in Barnstable

The Department of Energy Resources and the Town of Barnstable was awarded \$42,328,000 from the DOE as part of the Transmission, Siting, and Economic Development Program. Funds will be used to install a renewable energy microgrid at the Barnstable High School to reduce energy expenses and eliminate greenhouse gas emissions.



## \$389 Million Multi-State Award for Transmission Upgrades

As part of the “Power Up New England” application, a Massachusetts-led coalition of New England states will receive \$389 million from the USDOE **Grid Innovation Program** for significant investments in regional electric infrastructure including to ready the onshore transmission system for up to 4,800 megawatts of additional offshore wind.

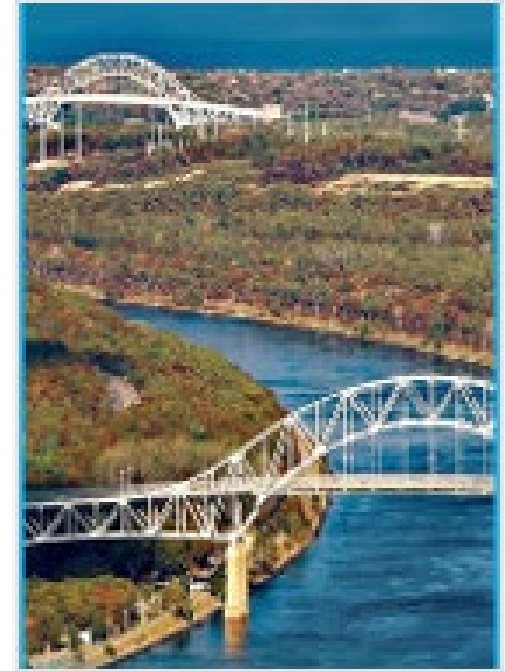


# RECENT WINS!

## Cape Cod Bridge Replacement

Award of **\$372 M** from the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program for the phased replacement of the Cape Cod bridges, beginning with the Sagamore bridge.

An **additional request of \$1.06 B** from the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) is still pending decision from USDOT.



## Coastal Habitat Restoration

Award of **\$5 M** from NOAA to transform retired cranberry bogs to resilient coastal wetlands. Projects in Yarmouth and Bourne will restore habitat and enhance community resilience to climate change

# FFIO IN THE NEWS!

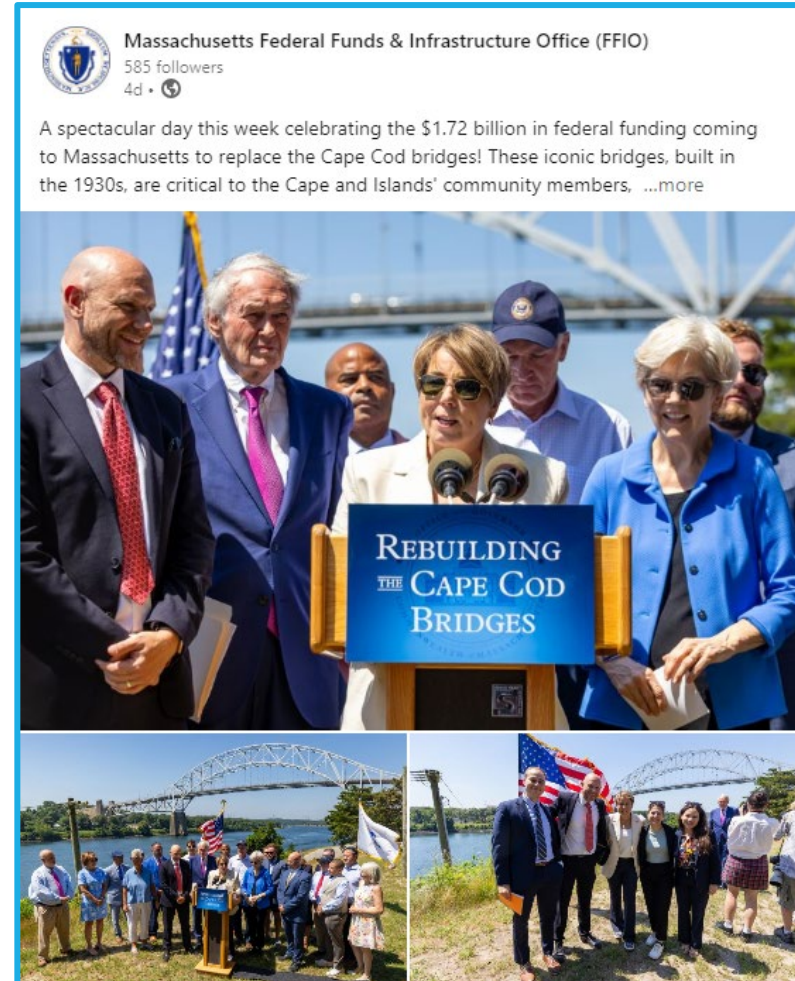
## Globe Article Covering Massachusetts Federal Climate Awards

- Almost \$2.6b in federal climate dollars have come to Massachusetts since 2022
- Over \$200m in tax credits for Massachusetts taxpayers for clean energy and energy efficiency
- Highlighted the importance of match legislation to advancing Massachusetts federal funds strategy



# BRIDGES UPDATE

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has now secured **\$1.72 billion** in federal funding for this project, in addition to \$700 million pledged in state funding.



# BRIDGES UPDATE

The funding secured is enough to begin and complete replacement of the **Sagamore Bridge**. The administration is also aggressively pursuing federal funding for the replacement of the **Bourne Bridge**.

Federal funding secured:

- ✓ **\$993 million** from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program (BIP), funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- ✓ A **\$372 million** award in December from the U.S. Department of Transportation FY23-24 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program
- ✓ **\$350 million** passed in the Fiscal Year 2024 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

# BRIDGES UPDATE



The Healey-Driscoll Administration will continue to seek federal funding from:

- future rounds of the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program (INFRA/Mega),
- Bridge Investment Program,
- congressional appropriations,
- and any other opportunities available to fully fund the replacement of both Cape Cod bridges.

# RECENT REGIONAL ACTIVITY

# SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR CAPE REGION

## Transportation

- Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Applications
  - Bourne Bridge, \$1.2 billion request by MassDOT

## Climate

- EPA's Community Change Program
  - Herring Pond Tribe application to build capacity to engage with state and local entities on environmental stewardship and resiliency

## Health

- Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program
  - \$750k request by EOVS for veterans programming in Southeastern MA (incl. Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties)



# REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM APPLICATION

- USDA program fostering public and private partners to promote beneficial conservation strategies on agricultural lands.
- MDAR and EEA submitted \$24.5 million grant request over 5 years to support land conservation through easements on agricultural land and forests, to support the land conservation goals of the Resilient Lands Initiative.
- Submitted July 2<sup>nd</sup>





# CLEAN HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES APPLICATION

- EPA funding to replace existing non-zero-emission Class 6 and 7 heavy-duty vehicles with eligible Class 6 and 7 zero-emission vehicles
- Application from EEA/MassCEC on behalf of several state agency, municipal, and private fleets- full list still be finalized but likely includes vehicles from:
  - MassDOT Highway
  - MWRA
  - DCR
- Submitted July 25<sup>th</sup>



# **NEW FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

# GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share	Deadline
<a href="#"><u>Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program</u></a>	Tribes, CAI's, Nonprofits	\$12,000,000	10%	9/23/2024
<a href="#"><u>Reconnecting Communities</u></a>	State, Tribes, Local Governments, Nonprofits	Planning: \$2m Capital: \$100m	20%	9/30/2024
<a href="#"><u>Low Carbon Materials Transportation Grant</u></a>	State, Local Governments, MPO's	N/A	N/A	11/25/2024

# DIGITAL EQUITY COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

## Eligibility:

- Tribes, CAI's, Nonprofits

**Maximum Award: \$12,000,000**

**Cost Share: 10%**

## About

- “Through this Program, NTIA seeks applications for programs and activities that will address the gaps in the implementation of existing State Digital Equity Plans, proposals that will supplement or further advance State Digital Equity Plans, and/or proposals that address barriers to digital equity that the current State Digital Equity Plans failed to identify.”

**Deadline: 9/23/2024**

# RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

## Eligibility:

- State, Tribes, Local Governments, Nonprofits

## Maximum Award:

- Planning: \$2,000,000
- Capital: \$100,000,000

**Cost Share: 20%**

## About

- “The RCP Program aims to advance and support reconnection of communities divided by transportation infrastructure – with a priority on helping disadvantaged communities improve access to daily needs (jobs, schools, healthcare, grocery stores, and recreation)”

**Deadline: 9/30/2024**

# LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION MATERIALS GRANTS PROGRAM

## Eligibility:

- State, Local Governments, MPO's

**Maximum Award: N/A**

**Cost Share: N/A**

## About

- “Funds made available for the LCTM Program will be awarded for the use of substantially lower carbon materials and products on construction projects funded under title 23 U.S.C. and necessary work to identify appropriateness for use of these materials on eligible projects.”

**Deadline: 11/25/2024**

**THANK YOU!**