

MassDOT Highway Division Grant Central and Community Grants

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Grant Central



Grant Central is an online portal that provides a single, convenient location for all MassDOT Highway Division grant program activities to take place. Its purpose is to make it **easier for communities to obtain and manage their MassDOT funds.**

<https://madothway.my.site.com/GrantCentral/s/>



Transform the Municipal Experience

Centralize resources for all programs | Simplify applications and reimbursements



Improve Internal End-to-End Grant Management

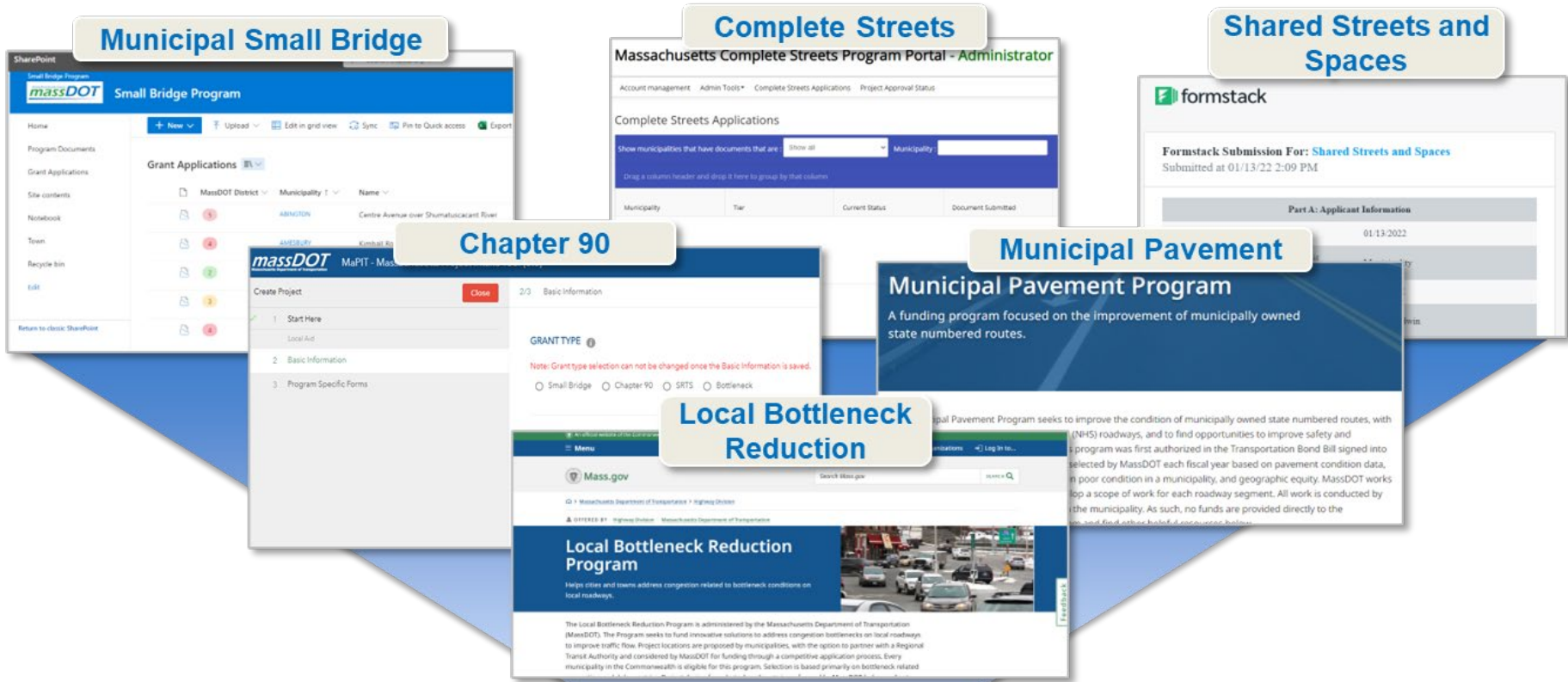
Streamline review capabilities | Improve tracking and reporting



Accessible & Transparent

Program details are readily available | Award information is clear and visible

Who Uses Grant Central?



The collage features several screenshots from the Grant Central system:

- Municipal Small Bridge:** A screenshot of the 'Small Bridge Program' application form, showing a list of grant applications with columns for 'MassDOT District', 'Municipality', and 'Name'.
- Complete Streets:** A screenshot of the 'Massachusetts Complete Streets Program Portal - Administrator', showing a table of 'Complete Streets Applications' with columns for 'Municipality', 'Tier', 'Current Status', and 'Document Submitted'.
- Shared Streets and Spaces:** A screenshot of a 'formstack' submission page for 'Shared Streets and Spaces', showing the submission date and time.
- Chapter 90:** A screenshot of the 'Create Project' form for Chapter 90, showing a 'GRANT TYPE' section with radio buttons for 'Small Bridge', 'Chapter 90', 'SRTS', and 'Bottleneck'.
- Municipal Pavement:** A screenshot of the 'Municipal Pavement Program' page, describing a funding program for improving municipally owned state numbered routes.
- Local Bottleneck Reduction:** A screenshot of the 'Local Bottleneck Reduction Program' page, describing a program to address congestion on local roadways.

Funding Programs

Grant Central Users

Chapter 90 | Complete Streets | Local Bottleneck Reduction | Municipal Pavement | Municipal Small Bridge | Shared Streets and Spaces

The Public | Municipal Officials | Regional Transit Authorities | MassDOT Staff

**636 unique
Municipal Users**



Municipal Grant Opportunities



Complete Streets Funding Program

Details: A three-tiered program encouraging the incorporation of Complete Streets principles in local planning and design practice. Communities who participate in this program pass a local policy, adopt a prioritization plan, and implement multimodal projects.

Focus: Sidewalks, bike lanes, shared-use paths, bus stop Improvements.

Chapter 90 Program

Details: A formula-based program that provides funding to all communities each fiscal year for improvements to transportation infrastructure. Not a competitive application program.

Focus: Roadway construction, pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure, road building equipment, consultant services.

Local Bottleneck Reduction Program

Details: A program that funds innovative solutions to address congestion bottlenecks on local roadways to improve traffic flow. Selection is based off of bottleneck related congestion and delay metrics.

Focus: Improvements to traffic signal timing, equipment, vehicle detection, and infrastructure.

Municipal Pavement Program

Details: A program focused on improving the condition of municipally owned state numbered routes. Not a competitive grant program. Projects are selected based on pavement condition data, the proportion of state numbered routes in poor condition in a municipality, and geographic equity.

Focus: Pavement rehabilitation, resurfacing, or pavement preservation.

Municipal Small Bridge Program

Details: A program providing funding to municipalities for the improvement of bridges that are on a local public way, included in the State Bridge inventory, and have a span between 10 and 20 feet.

Focus: Bridge replacement, preservation, or rehabilitation.

Shared Streets and Spaces Program

Details: A program focusing on improvements to plazas, sidewalks, curbs, streets, bus stops, parking areas, and other other public spaces in support of public health, safe mobility, and strengthened commerce.

Focus: Sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, dedicated bus or bus/bike lanes, wayfinding, lighting.

Non-Competitive Grant Opportunities

Chapter 90 Program

Details: A formula-based program that provides funding to all communities each fiscal year for improvements to transportation infrastructure. Not a competitive application program.

Focus: Roadway construction, pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure, road building equipment, consultant services.

Chapter 90

- Provides an annual funding source for investments in local transportation networks. Every municipality in the Commonwealth is allocated a portion of program dollars based on a formula of local road mileage (58.33%), population (20.83%), and employment (20.83%).
- FY25 apportionments will be sent out via mail and posted on Grant Central by the end of February 2025.

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Municipal Pavement Program



- Launched in 2021, the program has invested approximately \$75 million to improve over 325 lane miles of roadway.
- The FY25 and FY26 segments were announced, and we are now working through the scoping sessions and site visits for each segment.
- We anticipate awarding additional fiscal year lists later in 2025 for communities to plan better.

Competitive Grant Opportunities

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Complete Streets Funding Program



- Launched in 2016, the program has invested approximately \$105 million through 508 Tier 2 and Tier 3 grants.
- Our team will be announcing the results of the FY25 Round 1 this week.
- The next Tier 3 application round opens in April, but we are always accepting Tier 1 and Tier 2 submissions!

Shared Streets and Spaces Program

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Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program



- Launched in 2020, the program has invested approximately \$56.5M million through 524 grants.
- Today, January 13, 2025, is the last day to submit an application for this round.
- We anticipate the results of this application round to be announced in April 2025.

Municipal Small Bridge Program

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Focus: Bridge replacement, preservation, or rehabilitation.

<https://madothway.my.site.com/GrantCentral/s/municipal-small-bridge-public-overview>

Municipal Small Bridge Program



- Launched in 2016, the program has invested approximately \$75.25 million through 210 grants.
- The FY25 application round is open until February 3, 2025. Apply Now!

Local Bottleneck Reduction Program

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Focus: Improvements to traffic signal timing, equipment, vehicle detection, and infrastructure.

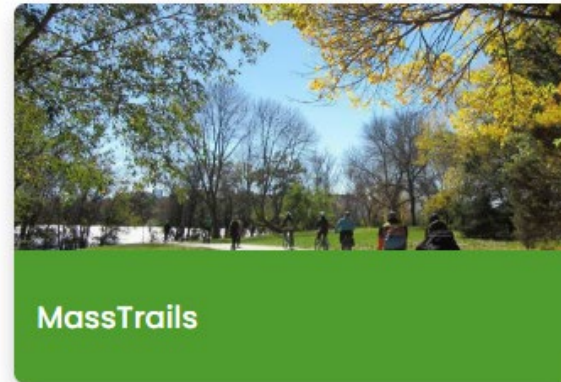
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Local Bottleneck Reduction Program



- Launched in 2021, the program has invested approximately \$8.5 million through 47 grants.
- MassDOT anticipates announcing the results of the latest application round this week and assigning designers to the awarded communities before the end of the month.

Other Grant Opportunities



MassTrails

(<https://www.mass.gov/welcome-to-masstrails>)

We will hear all about MassTrails from the MassTrails team later in the webinar.

Rail and Transit Opportunities

(<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/rail-and-transit-division>)

- Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP) Grants
 - IRAP is a public/private partnership that combines funding to help eligible applicants invest in industry-based freight rail infrastructure improvement projects.
- Community Transit Grant Program
 - An annual competitive grant program to meet the mobility needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities. Provides funds for the purchase of vehicles, mobility management activities, and operating costs.
- FY25 Transit Connectivity Grant
 - Regional Transit Authorities can apply for grants for the creation or altering of routes that advance connectivity between existing public transportation routes

Rail and Transit Opportunities (Continued)

(<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/rail-and-transit-division>)

- Helping Hand Mini Grant
 - MArtap established this Helping Hand Mini Grant program to assist Regional Transit Authorities, Councils on Aging/friends groups, and non-profit transportation providers to improve delivery of transportation services in rural and small urban areas.
- Transportation Management Association Grant
 - Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) may apply for funding to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate mode shift, and expand mobility. Opens February 10, 2025.
- Driver training for community transportation providers
 - The Massachusetts Transit Assistance Programs - "MArtap" and "MAurbanTAP" - provide free driver training to transportation providers in Massachusetts. Transit authorities, Councils on Aging, non-profit providers serving rural areas, and transportation providers who are recipients of vehicles or grants through MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program are eligible. Other transportation providers may also be able to participate if sufficient funding is available. (These programs are not associated with the Registry of Motor Vehicles.)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL 2025 EVENTS



The MassDOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program organizes events all year round to promote safe biking, walking, and rolling among students in elementary, middle, and high school. You can learn more about these events and how to participate by scanning the QR code.

Safe Routes to School
(<https://www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school>)

JANUARY

APRIL



3 **Yard Sign Design Contest Launch**
Students make their trip to school safer by designing yard signs for this annual contest.

29 **Winter Webinar 12:00 p.m.**
In this webinar, you will learn about the community approach to SRTS. A recording is available online if you missed it.

16 **Car-Free Campus Day**
In celebration of Earth Month, high schools across the Commonwealth pick one day in April, May, or June to make their campus car-free.

16 **Spring Webinar: New Tools for Schools 12:00 p.m.**
In this webinar, you will learn about the new SRTS resources available for schools. A recording is available online if you missed it.

21-25 **Spring Break**

22 **Earth Day**
Protect our planet by getting to school today in a person-powered way!



FEBRUARY

5 **Winter Walk & Roll to School Day**
Encourage students and staff to get to school by walking or rolling!

17-21 **Winter Break**

24 **Yard Sign Contest Entries Due**

MARCH

MAY

1 **Crossing Guard Appreciation Campaign Launch**
Celebrate your Crossing Guards and nominate them for Crossing Guard of the Year! Nominations are due by March 19.

19 **Crossing Guard Appreciation Day**



May Is National Bike Month
Help students and families plan bike trains to get to and from school throughout the month.

7 **Massachusetts Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Day**
Students, families, and staff across the state are encouraged to participate.

JUNE

SRTS Annual Awards Ceremony
Celebrating the best SRTS Program partners for this school year!
Check the SRTS website for the official date.

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