

District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA)

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Please support Sen. Eldridge's amendment (#110) to increase DLTA funding to **\$3.4 million!**



DLTA funding helps cities and towns throughout the state expand what they can do, enabling them to take on projects they don't have the capacity to complete on their own.

At least half of Massachusetts communities don't have professional planners to help shape their future economic development, transportation, housing, green spaces, and town facilities.

Thirteen regional planning agencies (RPAs) in Massachusetts help the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns with these essential tasks, providing technical assistance on everything from updating stormwater guidelines to managing data to preparing economic development plans. **The technical assistance work of most of these RPAs is funded almost entirely by DLTA.**

DLTA funding is incredibly in demand - every year, RPAs have to turn away worthy project proposals.

A Little Goes a Long Way

For every DLTA project a regional planning agency works on, it provides a 10 percent funding match - meaning that funding DLTA at \$3.4 million will support at least \$3.74 million of technical assistance work.

Many of the 13 regional planning agencies leverage this funding even more with outside funding and grant assistance, **as much as doubling the amount of money the state provides.**

DLTA helps cities and towns plan and take action:

Project Examples:

Housing production plans	Data collection and analysis
Rewrite zoning codes	Economic development plans
Expedite permitting	Public health planning
Establish development or conservation districts	Public safety and emergency response
Develop design guidelines	Energy & climate resiliency plans
Regional service delivery	Stormwater planning and guidelines
Regional procurement of goods and services	Open space and recreation plans

DLTA is unique in that it directly funds much-needed technical assistance for cities and towns. While it's often used in conjunction with other state programs like Community Compact and Regionalization & Efficiency grants, we're asking for dedicated funding for DLTA to ensure that these services are able to continue.

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2018 Project Examples

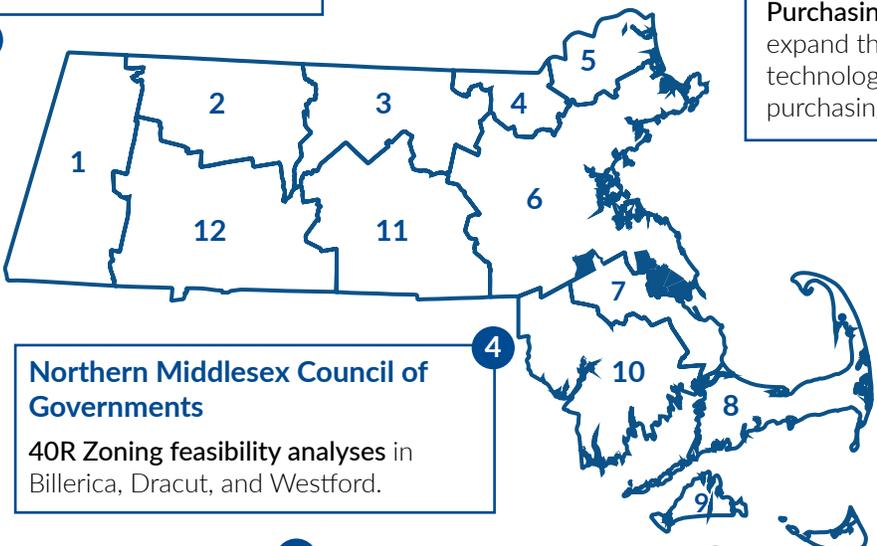
3 Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
Tourism brochure - Working with town officials and the Lunenburg Business Association, created a tourism brochure to highlight the Town of Lunenburg's local economy. The brochure highlights Lunenburg's resources, points of interest, trails, farms, and other recreation areas.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments
Regionalizing municipal IT networks - FRCOG explored how to regionalize municipal IT. The project included an IT audit of 10 municipalities and the creation of a regional model.
Electricity supply aggregation - Took advantage of economies of scale to aggregate the purchase of residential and commercial electricity in 13 towns, with the goal of lowering costs and encouraging renewable energy development.

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
Sidewalk inventory and analysis - MVPC developed a region-wide sidewalk inventory and analysis on behalf of seven communities.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Regional Housing Priorities - Fifteen communities undertook a planning process to establish a regional housing production goal and identify best practices to achieve the identified targets.
Clean Vehicles Technologies and Purchasing - MAPC sought to expand the range of clean vehicle technologies covered by the group purchasing program.

1 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
Zoning for agriculture in Williamstown
 Created an agricultural overlay zoning district to allow enhanced economic opportunity for farmers.
Marijuana technical assistance - BRPC provided technical assistance and information to help Berkshire communities pass marijuana legislation. BRPC led workshops and directly assisted with six communities' zoning bylaws.



4 Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
40R Zoning feasibility analyses in Billerica, Dracut, and Westford.

7 Old Colony Planning Council
Streetscape policy and design guidelines for town center in Stoughton

12 Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Bike share agreement
 Collaborated with UMass Amherst and five communities to contract a bike share agreement for the region.

11 Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission
Regional services Working in the Northeast Subregion, CMRPC facilitated the exploration of possible solutions to the challenge of providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) response.

8 Cape Cod Commission
Regulatory approaches to climate resilience in Wellfleet - Developed model bylaws for communities facing impacts from climate change.

9 Martha's Vineyard Commission
Water quality monitoring
 Summertime water quality monitoring since 2016 to assess nutrient load reduction strategies.

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10 Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District
Mansfield Business and Permitting Guide - With local partners, SRPEDD completed a user-friendly Mansfield Business and Permitting Guide, market profile, and "Who Can I Call?" flyer.
Berkley Master Plan - The Town of Berkley worked with SRPEDD to complete a multi-year Master Plan.