

## Inner Core Committee

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## Inner Core Committee 2020 Legislative Breakfast

Wednesday, October 21st, 2020

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

### DLTA 20 Projects in the Inner Core

#### Arlington, Medford, Salem: COVID-19 Municipal Small Business Support Plan

DLTA \$15,000

MAPC prepared a Small Business Support plan for these three communities to guide their response to urgent small business needs as a result of COVID-19. The plan included recommendations for municipal support during the shutdown in the spring, during the reopening process currently underway, and the future recovery process. The plan included guidance regarding the provision of technical assistance and funding support, support for outdoor dining and vending as well as municipal regulatory improvements, among other strategies.

#### Beverly, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Salem, Somerville: COVID-19 Unemployment Response Plan

DLTA \$22,000, total sources  
\$30,000

MAPC prepared a plan to help these communities address the critical unemployment situation created by COVID-19. The plan included analysis of the immediate financial needs of unemployed residents of each of these communities with strategies for provision of needed support and an analysis of current and future hiring opportunities and recommendations regarding job preparedness and placement. The plan was designed to assist communities with response to the current unemployment crisis, as well as subsequent unemployment events that might be caused by future shutdowns related to COVID-19 or similar unemployment events.

#### Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville: Intergenerational Homesharing

DLTA \$10,000, total sources  
\$35,000

This project aims to share knowledge on intergenerational home sharing across Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville, and to answer outstanding questions and make recommendations for how to overcome barriers to this practice. The project will kick off this fall and entail market analysis, best practices, engagement of those working with populations that may benefit from home sharing, and recommendations. A final report will share this information more broadly so that other municipalities in the MAPC region might effectively support home sharing through an established model.

#### Lynn Northern Strand

DLTA \$23,667, total sources  
\$73,667

MAPC is working with the Economic Development & Industrial Corporation of Lynn (EDIC/Lynn), the City of Lynn's development bank to assist the City in reviewing its existing zoning ordinance and developing zoning overlays that promote the best use of land at and near the Northern Strand Community Trail and adjacent Saugus River neighborhood. This project will enable the City to jumpstart its efforts to develop the Community Trail, which was recently awarded a \$1.5 million Gateway City Park Grant by the Baker Administration for the project. The work will support needed zoning changes to promote the best land use decisions along the Trail and ultimately lead to a resource management plan providing both local and regional benefits.

#### Lynn Housing Production Plan

DLTA \$25,000, total sources  
\$82,000 (including DLTA 19  
funds)

MAPC is working with the City of Lynn on an expanded Housing Production Plan that includes all required components and can be submitted for local adoption and state approval if the City so chooses. In addition to the assessment of housing need, analysis of development constraints, identification of development opportunities, and establishment of housing goals and strategies to achieve them, the plan will include an analysis of suitable housing types for each type of development opportunity area identified and design recommendations. In addition to focus groups and public forums, the planning process will focus on effective messaging and public education materials.

**Malden and additional municipalities: Regional EV Strategy Expansion**

DLTA \$15,000, total sources \$38,250

In 2019, MAPC designed and launched a series of Regional EV Strategy Calls to provide a space to generate creative multi-community solutions to the opportunities and challenges posed by increasing adoption of EVs across the MAPC region. Through this project, MAPC will expand the reach of the Regional EV Strategy calls communities outside of the Metro Mayors Coalition and translate one to two of the ideas generated into implementable multi-community procurement solutions to advance clean vehicles. This will include convening bi-monthly Regional EV Strategy calls throughout 2020 to support continued collaboration and momentum on these solutions.

**Melrose Housing Production Plan**

DLTA \$15,000, total sources \$55,000

MAPC will work with the City of Melrose to produce a housing plan that meets the requirements of a Housing Production Plan under M.G.L. Chapter 40B. This plan will assess housing need and demand, analyze development constraints, identify housing opportunities, establish housing goals, and recommend strategies to achieve those goals. The plan will consider numerous factors when making recommendations, including the suitability of housing design typologies, residential development impacts, and feasibility of implementation. Kicking off in summer 2020, the planning process will include a public engagement campaign conducted primarily online.

**Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Regional Housing Taskforce**

DLTA \$20,000, total sources \$200,000

In 2017, as a Phase 1 scope of work, the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition (MMC) established a Regional Housing Taskforce and undertook a 9-month planning process to establish a regional housing production goal and to identify strategies to expand the housing supply throughout the 15 communities that comprise the MMC. In Phase 2, which kicked off last fall, the Taskforce will undertake the following work: establish estimates for the kinds of housing needed to accommodate household growth; establish estimates for local capacity for new residential development; identify local strategies to increase housing production; coalesce around state policy priorities; and produce communications materials to support housing advocacy work.

**North Shore Public Health Collaboration Work**

DLTA \$55,000

The Public Health Collaborative Project has focused on building public health capacity and strengthening regional partnerships in the region. In the Cities of Revere and Chelsea and the Town of Winthrop, we have partnered with MGH and other health entities to support implementation of the integrated community health improvement plan through its working groups on housing, economic security and behavioral health and are in the process of creating of a new group on environmental health and air pollution. In the North Shore communities, we initially assisted the communities formalize and expand the North Shore Mother Visiting Partnership through a SAPHE grant awarded by the Department of Public Health. With the relationships we have built, we are supporting the local health departments by providing a forum for each health department to communicate and address simultaneous health demands and upcoming COVID response challenges. In the City of Framingham and the Towns of Holliston, Hudson, and Ashland we have been assisting the health staff implement a shared nursing district through a separate SAPHE grant. This shared nursing district will assist the department's response to regional health issues and centralize several local health efforts like flu clinics. The flexibility of these funds has allowed staff to support these health departments in ways that are outside the scope of each individual project and build stronger relationships to identify other opportunities for collaboration.

**North Suffolk Shared Energy and Climate Staff**

DLTA \$10,000

The Cities of Revere and Chelsea, and the Town of Winthrop have identified the need for dedicated climate and energy staff to combat climate change. Each community is considered a Massachusetts Green Community and has undergone extensive planning to reduce their own carbon footprint, protect natural resources and wetlands, and reduce negative climate change effects like rising sea levels. Through previous collaboration efforts, the communities have built strong working relationships between administration and staff. The communities are similarly at risk so there is great

opportunity and benefit to combine efforts and establish a 'Sustainability Office' that will oversee energy and climate projects in all three communities. MAPC is assisting the communities develop the scope of work for the office and draft an Inter-Municipal Agreement that details how the office is to be governed. MAPC has also engaged in several talks with the Barr Foundation to secure funding to support the office during its first three fiscal years.

**Revere Workforce Development Strategy**

DLTA \$30,000

MAPC is preparing a workforce development plan for the City of Revere as a follow-up to the recently completed Revere Master Plan. The plan will provide an analysis of the workforce in Revere, along with the current and future employment opportunities in the current and future economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The plan will then outline key strategies for the City of Revere and their partners to ensure that the residents of Revere are well-prepared to access job opportunities in Revere and surrounding communities.

**Somerville Public Health Component to Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment**

DLTA \$5,000, total sources \$25,000

The Somerville Climate and Health project will help the city further address issues and inequities by assessing evidence-based climate health effects and interventions to support decision making and policy development. Moreover, the project will be a primary vehicle for engaging city residents. The work will produce changes for the City's current climate plan, a heat health strategy toolkit, and additional materials for the City and its community partners to use in future climate projects and programming, especially related to impacts from extreme heat. We also believe that this work can serve as a replicable model for integration of public health data and strategies into climate vulnerability assessment and planning in other Metro Boston municipalities.

**Winthrop Actionable Visioning Plan**

DLTA \$22,000, total sources \$42,000

MAPC is conducting a visioning process for the Town of Winthrop for near-term Town decision-making and potential future master planning. The Win2030 Actionable Visioning tailors the Town's desires for a hybrid pre-master planning visioning process and high-level goals with recent findings/goals/strategies/recommendations from recent planning studies for a prioritized sequence of short-term and near-term actions and goals.

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