



MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Program

A Quick-Launch/ Quick-Build Municipal Funding Program

Shared Streets and Spaces Program



Quick-launch/quick-build grants to improve sidewalks, curbs, streets, on-street parking spaces, and off-street parking lots in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce

Goals



Shared Streets and Spaces

Support increased rates of walking and/or biking by increasing safety and enabling physical distancing



Outdoor Dining and Commerce

Calm roadways, modifying sidewalks and streets, and/or repurposing on-or-off-street parking to better support curbside/sidewalk/street retail and dining



Better Buses

Expand bus stops and lanes dedicated for bus travel



Safe Routes to School

Create safe routes to school through safer walking and biking networks and lowered vehicle speeds

Application Now Live

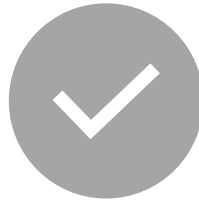
Calling all cities and towns to apply
<https://www.mass.gov/shared-streets-and-spaces-grant-program>



Overview



Grant Program
Website



Program Details



Eligible Projects



Technical
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Technical Assistance

- MassDOT is partnering with the Barr Foundation to provide technical assistance support to cities and town interested in rapidly transforming their streets to facilitate responsible public health practices
- Technical assistance includes project identification, development of conceptual and/or quick-build design, and safety evaluation, including American with Disabilities Act considerations



Website for Grant

Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program

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The Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Shared Streets and Spaces quick-launch/quick-build grant program will provide grants as small as \$5,000 and as large as \$300,000 for cities and towns to quickly implement or expand improvements to sidewalks, curbs, streets, on-street parking spaces and off-street parking lots in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce in their communities.

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Program Details

- MassDOT has allocated \$5 million for 100-day program
- Award size: \$5,000-\$300,000
- Applications accepted from June 22 - Sept. 29
- Improvements can be temporary/pilots or have potential to be permanent changes
- Responses within 14 business days
- Must be built and used this Summer and Fall



Eligible Projects

Project types:

1. Shared Streets and Spaces
2. Outdoor Dining and Commerce
3. Better Buses
4. Safe Routes to School

Proposals must include at least one project type and two elements



Project Type 1:

Shared Streets and Spaces

Elements

- Converted neighborhood streets for exclusive/ shared use by people walking/ biking
- Temporary expansion of sidewalks using movable elements such as cones, sawhorses, etc.
- Safety, traffic calming and speed reduction measures
- Modified traffic signals
- Protected bicycle lanes, bicycle parking, signage, pavement markings
- New and/or expanded infrastructure and capital start-up costs for bicycle and scooter sharing networks
- Accessibility upgrades to curb-ramps, crosswalks, and/or related facilities
- Contiguous walking and/or biking corridors among neighborhoods and/ or destinations



Project Type 2: *Outdoor Dining and Commerce*

Elements:

- Repurposed/ expanded portions of street, curbs, and/or sidewalks to create more space for pedestrians, retail activity, dining, and community programming
- Repurposed parking areas – on – and off-street for walking recreation, outdoor seating, retail and/or dining



Project Type 3: *Better Buses*

Elements:

- Dedicated bus lanes
- Transit signal priority
- Bus stops and related facilities and infrastructure



Project Type 4: *Safe Routes to School*

Elements:

- Converted neighborhood streets for exclusive and/or shared use by people walking and/or biking
- Signage, crosswalks
- Delineated areas for safe child drop-off and pickup



Project Type 5: *Innovation*

Any other project types not identified here that reimagine and repurpose streets, sidewalks, curbs, and parking areas for safer walking, biking, retail, dining, and/or other civic purposes will be considered



Applications May Not



Include construction or reconstruction of sidewalks and roads



Detour or suspend public transit in the area of the proposed project



Impeded the use of travel routes by people with disabilities or violate the Americans with Disabilities Act or the requirements of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board



Repurpose parks or parkland for transportation purposes

Scoring Criteria



Project meets program goals



Proposed project includes required Project Type(s) and Project Elements



Extra Credit for Quick Launch: Implementation within 15 to 30 days



Extra Credit for Permanence: Strong potential to be made permanent or inform permanent change



Extra Credit for Equity: Located in a Census Block Group identified by the Regional Planning Agency as an Environmental Justice Area



Extra Credit for Bus Lanes: Includes a dedicated bus lane

What You Need for Application

- Project goal of 1-2 sentences
- Explanation of benefits and how those will meet goal of program
- Description and project location (GPS coordinates)
- Confirmation of ownership/ control of the relevant municipal infrastructure and indication of any Commonwealth-owned infrastructure being integral to the proposed project
- Demonstrated compliance with safety and accessibility-related regulations (ADA and MAAB)
- Explanation of whether the project is intended to be temporary or to pilot a potentially permanent change
- Description of roles and responsibilities of applicant
- Project timeline, with milestones, and a project budget



Eligible Expenses

- Planning, outreach, evaluation
- Purchase of materials for signage, temporary installations, etc.
- Labor
- Associated operating costs



Left to right: Dedham, MA (Kate Fichter), Summer St. Bus Lane, Boston (MBTA), Cones and Temp. Signage (Solomon Foundation)

Materials To Be Considered:

Inexpensive and readily available materials

- Traffic cones
- Temporary plastic barriers
- Flexible delineators
- Planters
- Paint

Materials can be purchased or leased. Materials purchased using funds from this program become property of the municipality.





Streetmix



Resource Library on Website

[COVID-19: Transportation Repsonse Center \(NACTO\)](#)

[MAPC: COVID-19 Work and Resources](#)

[Interim Design Strategies \(NACTO\)](#)

[Lift Up Economic Recovery Plan, A Guide for Expanded Restaurant + Retail Space \(City of Tampa\)](#)

[Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part 6 – Temporary Traffic Control \(FHWA\)](#)

[Quick-Build Program \(Burlington, Vermont\)](#)

[Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery \(NATCO\)](#)

[Tactical Urbanists Guie to Materials and Design](#)

[Toole Design](#)

[StreetMix](#)

[Building a New Future Together \(MAPC\)](#)

[Parklet and Streatory Design Standards \(Spokane, Washington\)](#)

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More information on program website





Solomon Foundation

Available as a thought partner to test ideas and can make funding available for other types of consultants and supports, if needed, to supplement technical and engineering assistance.

Visit:

<https://www.solomonfoundation.org/streetsforrecovery/>

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All Funding Programs

Municipal Funding:

MassDOT - Shared Streets and Spaces

Non-Municipal Funding

(Non-Profits and Community Groups):

MassDevelopment – Commonwealth Places

COVID-19 Response Round: Resurgent Places

Municipal & Non-Profit Funding:

Solomon Foundation – Streets for Recovery



Installation of bus only lane on Craigie Drawbridge; MBTA

Top FAQs

Who can apply for this grant?

Only municipalities. Non-profits and community groups may be eligible to apply for a grant offered through MassDevelopment: MassDevelopment – Commonwealth Places COVID-19 Response Round: Resurgent Places

Proposed project includes the construction of a sidewalk. Does this qualify?

Successful projects under the program are those that can be implemented quickly, flexibly, at low cost, and without reconstruction of roadways. Proposals which entail reconstruction of sidewalks, roads or curbs may be more suited to other MassDOT funding opportunities such as the Complete Streets program. More information on this program can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/complete-streets-funding-program>



City of Waltham, MA, Moody Street Closure; Abby Auld



Questions?

Please send all inquiries to **sharedstreets@dot.state.ma.us**

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