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Baker-Polito Administration Awards $3.7 Million in Community Compact Grants

55 municipalities to receive assistance with efficiency and modernization efforts

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BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration today announced $3,709,438 in grants to 55 municipalities through the Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) Information Technology grant program. Today's announcement brings the total of municipal IT grants issued over the past four years to over $15 million supporting more than 300 municipalities and school districts.

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito made the announcement during a virtual award ceremony, attended by recipients, local and state officials, and community leaders.

"We are proud of the work that the Community Compact Cabinet has done partnering with cities and towns to support their efforts to modernize and improve information technology operations," **said Governor Charlie Baker.** "This year, we have seen incredible innovation from our local communities to provide services to residents and we are pleased to see various cities, towns and school districts take advantage of this program."

"Collaboration is at the heart of our Administration's partnership with the Commonwealth's municipalities," **said Lt. Governor Polito, Chair of the Community Compact Cabinet.** "Since the beginning of the grant program, these investments have had an outsized impact on economic and community development and this round of awards will ensure that cities and towns deliver better services for Massachusetts residents for years to come."

“Every year we are pleased with the wide array of projects the communities across Massachusetts identify for grant support,” **said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael Heffernan.** “The Baker-Polito Administration is proud of the work community leaders have done to improve the reliability of state government and we look forward to this year’s recipients continuing that work.”

“State and municipal governments are increasingly recognizing the need for smart investments in modern information technology infrastructure and services to make government more accessible, efficient, and resilient,” **said Technology Services and Security Secretary Curtis Wood**. “This latest installment of CCC IT grant awards invests in many impressive and innovative project proposals that will better serve the people of the Commonwealth.”

Examples of Community Compact IT Grant Program Initiatives in this round of funding:

- West Springfield will receive a $115,750 grant to purchase a modern HR system that centralizes Town and School HR operations
- New Bedford will receive a $176,972 grant to bolster their cybersecurity infrastructure and improve disaster recovery capabilities
- Monterey will receive a $82,000 grant to implement a web-based road surface temperature measurement system
- Cummington will receive a $69,631 grant to deploy a computer network to complete a recently built fiber optic network

Formed in January 2015, the Community Compact Cabinet is chaired by Lt. Governor Polito and is composed of the Secretaries of Housing and Economic Development, Education, Transportation, Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Technology Services and Security, along with the Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services and the Assistant Secretary of Operational Services. The Community Compact Cabinet elevates the Administration’s partnerships with cities and towns, and allows the Governor’s Office to work more closely with leaders from all municipalities. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations and accountability for both partners.

For a full list of awardees and projects, click **here** (/info-details/community-compact-it-grant-recipients#fiscal-year-2021-).

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