

RESOURCES

Your Town's Website

A wealth of information about various departments and other town information

Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG)

<http://frcog.org/>

Franklin County Selectmen's Association (FCSA)

Meets at least quarterly at various locations around the county with a dinner and a program of interest to select board members. The FRCOG maintains a mailing list for the FCSA, so contact admin@frcog.org if you are not currently on the list.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

<http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/>

Franklin Regional Retirement System

<http://www.frrsma.com/>

Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA)

<http://www.mma.org/>

The MMA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association that provides advocacy, training, publications, research and other services to Massachusetts cities and towns.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

www.mass.gov

Portal to all state government agencies and the legislature.

MA Dept. of Revenue (DOR) Division of Local Services (DLS)

<http://www.mass.gov/dor/local-officials/>

THE go-to source for all sorts of useful municipal financial information

MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/>

MA Dept. of Transportation (DOT)

<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/highway/Main.aspx>

MassWorks Infrastructure Program

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/pro/infrastructure/massworks/>

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation. The Program represents an administrative consolidation of six former grant programs:

- Public Works Economic Development (PWED)
- Community Development Action Grant (CDAG)
- Growth Districts Initiative (GDI) Grant Program
- Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion Program (MORE)
- Small Town Rural Assistance Program (STRAP)
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program

MA Inspector General

<http://www.mass.gov/ig/>

Lots of good information about procurement laws

MA Attorney General

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/>

Oversees some procurement laws and the open meeting law

Open Meeting Law (MGL Chapter 30A, Sections 18 -25 & 940 CMR 29.00)

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/>

The AG's Division of Open Government is the main source for OML info and to answer specific questions about interpretation of the law.

MA State Ethics Commission

<http://www.mass.gov/ethics/>

The State Ethics Commission is a non-partisan, independent state agency that oversees the administration and enforcement of the conflict of interest and financial disclosure laws. Call the lawyer of the day with questions at (617) 371-9500.

MA Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/dhcd/>

Manages various grant programs including block grants (CDBG)

MA Dept. of Energy Resources (DOER)

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/grants-and-tech-assistance/guidance-technical-assistance/agencies-and-divisions/doer/>

For all things energy related, including Green Communities, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

MA Dept. of Public Utilities (DPU)

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/grants-and-tech-assistance/guidance-technical-assistance/agencies-and-divisions/dpu/>

MA Dept. of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC)

<http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dtc-lp/>

MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/>

MEMA, MSP, DPS, etc.

MA Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/>

MA Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development

<http://www.mass.gov/lwd/>

US Dept. of Agriculture: Rural Development

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html

Community Facilities Loan/Grant Program is a good source of financing for large capital projects.

US Dept. of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://stats.bls.gov/>

Consumer Price Index information

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

<http://www.gasb.org/>

The GASB is the independent organization that establishes and improves standards of accounting and financial reporting for U.S. state and local government. These are the folks who brought you GASB 34 and GASB 45.

Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (MTF)

<http://www.masstaxpayers.org/>

Founded in 1932, the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation is widely recognized as the state's premier public policy organization dealing with state and local fiscal, tax and economic policies. Our mission is to provide accurate, unbiased research with balanced, thoughtful recommendations that strengthen the state's finances and economy in order to foster the long-term well-being of the Commonwealth.

Baystate Roads

<http://baystateroads.eot.state.ma.us/>

The Baystate Roads Program is a cooperative effort of the Federal Highway Administration, Massachusetts Dept of Transportation, and UMASS Amherst. The program provides technology transfer assistance to all communities statewide

International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

<http://icma.org/en/icma/home>

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide.

National League of Cities (NLC)

<http://www.nlc.org/>

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues (including the MMA), NLC serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns it represents.

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

<http://www.bostonfed.org/>

As part of the nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston promotes sound growth and financial stability in New England and the nation. The Bank contributes to local communities through its high-quality research, regulatory oversight, and financial services, and through its commitment to leadership and innovation.