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**Recovery Plan**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery  
Funds**

2025 Report

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## **General Overview**

### **Executive Summary**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) (ARPA) allocated approximately \$5.3 billion to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF). This 2024 Recovery Plan Performance Report summarizes the Commonwealth's response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, describes programs or projects supported or proposed to be supported with CSFRF resources, and provides information about the methods, processes, and procedures used to deploy these funds.

The Commonwealth experienced approximately 2.2 million confirmed cases, 24,278 confirmed deaths, and a further 2,266 probable deaths due to COVID-19 per data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) as of June 28, 2025. To date, approximately 97 percent of the Commonwealth's population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Following the initial passage of ARPA, the Commonwealth began investing CSFRF funds into programs that addressed the immediate needs of residents. These programs, which commenced in the Spring of 2021, provided additional aid to disproportionately impacted communities, funded paid sick leave for workers to recover, quarantine, and be vaccinated against COVID-19, and encouraged adult and adolescent residents to receive a vaccine through the VaxMillions program, an initiative that awarded adults and children who received vaccines.

The Massachusetts General Court made \$4.9 billion of the CSFRF award subject to legislative appropriation on June 28, 2021. The Governor signed a \$4 billion spending plan, Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, "An Act relative to immediate COVID-19 recovery needs" (hereafter, "Chapter 102") in December 2021 to support continued recovery across key priority areas in the Commonwealth. The bill authorized \$2.6 billion in spending from the CSFRF allocation and a further \$1.5 billion from the state's fiscal 2021 budget surplus. The Commonwealth's executive agencies and their partners continue to work to implement Chapter 102 programming.

On November 10, 2022, the Governor signed a \$3.8 billion spending plan, Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022, "An Act Relating to Economic Growth and Relief for the Commonwealth" (hereafter, "Chapter 268") to promote economic development, strengthen health and human services, advance clean energy, expand affordable housing, and invest in local communities, businesses, and workers. The bill authorized spending from both the CSFRF allocation and from the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Additional bills authorizing spending from the CSFRF allocation include Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2023, which allocated additional funds for grants to fiscally strained hospitals, and Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, which allocated funding for municipal flood relief and educational services.

To help ensure CSFRF funds were fully expended, Massachusetts pursued a strategy at the end of FY24 to utilize unexpended CSFRF funds for items previously funded by the General Fund. As a result, the state's CSFRF grant was fully obligated and items that were previously federally funded could continue programmatic activities using state funds, without the timing constraints of the federal CSFRF grant.

## **Uses of Funds**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) (ARPA) allocated approximately \$5.3 billion to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF).

### ***Period 1: Executive Action***

The Commonwealth received approximately \$5.3 billion as a single payment on May 19, 2021 and moved quickly to use these funds to support immediate needs. These efforts included Aid to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave, and VaxMillions.

On June 28, 2021, the Massachusetts Legislature made approximately \$4.9 billion of the CSFRF allocation subject to legislative appropriation.

This action left approximately \$200 million available to the Governor for critical initiatives. These programs included: HireNow Grant Program; Health & Human Services Workforce Stabilization Payments; Chapter 766 Schools; Administrative Use; and Future of Work/Document Digitization.

### ***Period 2: Chapter 102***

The Governor recommended \$2.9 billion in CSFRF-supported spending for a range of COVID-19 response and recovery initiatives on June 28, 2021. The Legislature held a series of six public hearings related to this proposal from July 2021 until October 2021.

On December 13, 2021, the Governor signed Chapter 102, a \$4 billion spending plan to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic with direct funding to health care, housing and homeownership, workforce development, and other key priorities. The spending plan authorized up to \$2.6 billion in spending from the Commonwealth's total CSFRF allocation. The remaining \$1.5 billion was appropriated from the state's fiscal year 2021 budget surplus.

Chapter 102 requires the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to assign spending programs to federal or state revenue based on federal grant eligibility guidelines and regulations. These programs and projects continue to be designed and implemented across the Commonwealth.

### ***Period 3: Chapter 268***

On November 10, 2022, the Governor signed Chapter 268, a \$3.8 billion spending plan to promote economic development, strengthen health and human services, advance clean energy, expand affordable housing, and invest in local communities, businesses, and workers. The bill authorized spending from both the CSFRF allocation and from the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Similar to Chapter 102, Chapter 268 requires the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to assign spending programs to federal or state revenue based on federal grant eligibility guidelines and regulations. These programs and projects continue to be designed and implemented across the Commonwealth.

#### ***Period 4: Chapter 26 and Chapter 77***

On July 31, 2023, the Governor signed Chapter 26, a \$200 million spending plan. \$88.5 million was allocated from the CSFRF to provide hospital relief grants to hospitals experiencing fiscal strain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining funding was appropriated from the state fiscal year 2021 budget surplus. Over half of the hospital relief funding has been distributed and has enabled hospitals throughout the state to continue to provide essential services.

On December 4, 2023, the Governor signed Chapter 77 into effect. An additional \$80 million was allocated from the CSFRF: \$15 million for municipal flood relief and \$75 million for student enrollment costs related to the emergency assistance shelter program. The municipal flood relief program provided reimbursement to municipalities for mitigation costs incurred during storms and natural disasters in 2023, and all funding has been distributed to date.

Similar to Chapters 102 and 268, both of these pieces of legislation required that the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to assign funding sources to spending programs based on federal grant eligibility guidelines and regulations. These programs are currently in progress and continue to be administered.

#### ***Period 5: Liquidation and Grant Close-out***

On September 16, 2024, the Governor signed Chapter 206 of the Acts of 2024 into law. This legislation included an outside section that granted the Secretary of Administration and Finance the authority to allocate any unexpended CSFRF funds for items previously funded by the General Fund. Items with unexpended federal funds could then be funded with the General Fund, effectively swapping fund sources and fully obligating the original CSFRF grant. Items that were previously federally funded could then continue programmatic activities with the added flexibility of using state funds and without the timing constraints of the federal CSFRF grant.

At the same time any remaining unspent CSFRF balance was used to support the Group Insurance Commission, one of the state's largest line-items.

In the Quarterly Project and Expenditure report due to U.S. Treasury on January 31st, Massachusetts reported its entire CSFRF grant as fully obligated and fully expended, thereby preventing Massachusetts from having to return funds that do not meet the federal obligation or expenditure deadline. With all funds expended, Massachusetts is now focusing on preparing for future audits while awaiting further closeout guidance from U.S. Treasury.

For a detailed table on the Commonwealth's planned use for CSFRF funds refer to Appendix I.

#### **Labor Practices**

While the Commonwealth of Massachusetts utilized the Revenue Replacement category for numerous infrastructure projects, there are several projects that highlight how the Commonwealth prioritized strong labor practices in its normal business processes and procedures. As projects, like the Clean Water Trust Project, were planned and agreements were finalized, the Commonwealth took steps to ensure that the labor and contract practices provided prompt, effective, and efficient delivery for high-quality infrastructure projects. For all infrastructure projects, regardless of funding source, the Commonwealth also seeks to utilize

project labor agreements, community benefits agreements, prevailing wage requirements, and local hiring.

## **Use of Evidence**

When designing pandemic recovery programs, the Commonwealth leveraged two strategic themes based on the Results for American 2020 State Standard of Excellence to provide a framework for the use of evidence-based interventions. These themes include:

- Using project budgets to build and focus state evaluation capacity and resources on evidence-based investments and
- Directing grant and contract spending towards interventions with evidence of effectiveness to deliver results and encourage innovation

Balancing the need for expedited implementation of Recovery Plan projects with the inherent challenges of major institutional process changes, a project budgeting process that emphasizes evidence-based investments was integrated as much as possible into the Commonwealth's broader systematic approach to managing results. In directing grants and contracts as part of project planning and implementation, the Commonwealth sought out programs that could deliver services or support that were critical to achieving Recovery Plan outcomes by evaluating each program's:

- Purpose – What is provided through the program?
- Target Population – To which communities will the program's support/funds go directly?
- Equity Focus – Does the program specifically and intentionally focus on underserved populations?
- Potential Evidence Base – What program outputs are measured? What is the program's intended outcome, and is it measured?

The Commonwealth's allocation of CSFRF to the four disproportionately impacted "hardest hit" communities, the VaxMillions giveaway, and Victims of Crime Assistance funding demonstrate this framework.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) determined Chelsea, Everett, Methuen, and Randolph were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These communities received additional CSFRF funding from the Massachusetts legislature in support of an equitable outlook, ensuring the most impacted communities received the resources they required. In reports submitted to the Commonwealth, the four communities reported positive outcomes from their grants. Additional detail on these communities' program outcomes can be found in the Project Inventory section of this report, under reporting code CSFDORADIC.

The Commonwealth's allocation of CSFRF to the VaxMillions program also demonstrates the framework as the program was designed to encourage vaccination for vaccine-hesitant populations. The goal of the program was to increase the number of vaccinated individuals and was measured by the number of vaccine doses administered. Vaccination rate data is available on the Department of Public Health's website. During the length of the program, 534,202 vaccine doses were administered.

Furthermore, the Commonwealth's allocation of CSFRF to supplement the federal VOCA Victim Assistance funding in Massachusetts demonstrates this framework as funds were distributed as grants throughout the Commonwealth to support free services to victims and survivors of crime

including counseling, advocacy, and intervention services. The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) regularly conducts rigorous program evaluation of their grants to providers in order to assess the effectiveness of services provided and to better understand the needs and gaps for victims and survivors of crime. MOVA collects detailed data on services provided and individuals served, evaluates outcome measures, and assesses the extent to which goals are met via their Outcome Measurement Tool (OMT). Via the OMT, data that is reported to MOVA to measure the program outputs include demographic data on individuals served, types of victimization, special classifications, and the types and number of services provided (informational & referral, personal advocacy, emotional support and safety services, etc.). Grantees also completed annual narrative questions at the close of the award cycle.

A detailed description of the Commonwealth's initial framework for use of evidence-based interventions is presented in Appendix II.

## **Project Inventory**

### **Group Insurance Commission Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFGICBENE**

**Funding Amount: \$1,466,454,424.26**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### **Project Overview**

As part of the Commonwealth's grant close out strategy, all remaining unexpended federal CSFRF dollars were allocated to the Group Insurance Commission line item. Items that were previously federally funded could then be funded with the General Fund, effectively swapping fund sources and obligating the remainder of the CSFRF grant. These items that were previously federally funded could then continue programmatic activities with the added flexibility of using state funds.

The Group Insurance Commission (GIC) provides and administers high-quality, affordable health insurance and other benefits to approximately 460,000 members, including municipal government employees, the Commonwealth's employees and retirees, and eligible dependents and survivors. The GIC prioritizes affordability, behavioral health, and healthcare equity in its program implementation and strives to leverage its significant market presence to improve the larger healthcare market in Massachusetts.

#### **Performance Report**

The Group Insurance Commission (GIC) has reported that in FY24, they paid over \$2 billion on medical claims for state, offline, certain municipalities' employees, retirees, survivors, and their dependents. State funds were also used to pay out these claims. In FY24, CSFRF funds reflected 67% of total expenditures; in FY25, CSFRF funds reflected less than 1% of total expenditures.

Obligating the remainder of the CSFRF grant for GIC expenditures provided additional flexibility so agencies could continue to administer their pandemic recovery programs with state funding. Agencies could then continue to obligate and expend funds through FY25, and this strategy ensured the Commonwealth put all CSFRF funds to use.

## **Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Transfer**

**Project Identification Number: REPAYUIADV**  
**Funding Amount: \$500,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 2.28: Contributions to UI Trust Funds**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$500 million to repay the federal government for Title XII Advances on the Commonwealth's Unemployment Trust Fund.

#### Essential Employee Fund

**Project Identification Number: EESEMPLOY**  
**Funding Amount: \$459,909,325.30**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 2.3: Household Assistance: Cash Transfers**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated nearly \$460 million for the COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium Pay Fund, which provided payments to over 1,000,000 lower-wage frontline workers. The essential worker program was implemented in three rounds.

The first round of \$500 payments was determined by using the following parameters: recipients must have filed a 2020 Massachusetts tax return; been a Massachusetts resident in 2020 or lived in Massachusetts between March 10 and December 31 in 2020; earned income of at least \$12,750 in 2020; and had a total household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level in 2020. Additionally, a recipient could not have received unemployment compensation in 2020. The first round of payments was announced on February 8, 2022, and payments were distributed to recipients by the end of March 2022.

Eligibility for the second round of \$500 payments was determined by the following parameters: recipients must have filed a 2021 tax return; been a resident on or before June 15, 2021, or a part year resident that lived in Massachusetts between January 1 and June 15 in 2021; earned an income of at least \$13,500 in 2021; and had a total household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level in 2021. The second round of payments was announced on May 19, 2022, and payments were distributed to recipients in June 2022.

Eligibility for the third round of \$250 payments was determined with the following parameters: recipients must meet the eligibility criteria for round one and round two except for the requirement that they had not received unemployment compensation.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Revenue reported that 1,030,538 households received Essential Employee Premium Pay payments. To determine the number of households that received payments, the Department of Revenue defined household by tax return status. This direct cash assistance provided to essential low-income workers provided them with financial stability during a period of economic uncertainty.

#### Fiscally Strained Hospitals - Grants to Hospitals

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD02**  
**Funding Amount: \$300,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 2.36: Aid to Other Impacted Industries**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$300 million to provide financial relief to the hospital industry to mitigate negative economic impacts experienced as a result of COVID-19. This financial support was provided to hospitals in accordance with a specific payment methodology detailed in Section 250 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. Funding was targeted to hospitals that served a large portion of low-income residents and were designated as high public payer hospitals to ensure continuity of services provided. Recipients used this funding to mitigate financial hardship due to profit and revenue losses, return to full employment levels, obtain technical assistance with business planning needs, and implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services reported that these funds were distributed to 48 hospitals to address the significant additional costs they faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as significant staff and supply costs or reduced utilization. The funds were used at their discretion to ensure continuity of services while experiencing financial strain related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In return, the hospitals reported to MassHealth: operating margin, total margin, and non-operating margin quarterly for four quarters subsequent to payment delivery. MassHealth used this reporting to monitor hospital financial stability during this time.

### Fiscally Strained Hospitals

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD01**

**Funding Amount: \$250,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1.14: Other Public Health Services**

### Project Overview

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Hospital Relief Trust Fund provided financial support to eligible hospitals and affiliated hospital health care providers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The program sought to ensure the continued availability of hospital services in Massachusetts during and after the end of the pandemic.

The program aimed to prevent any further deterioration in provider fiscal performance. The program was organized into tiers to determine where the largest sum of grants should be provided – the most fiscally strained hospitals. The following is the breakdown of the tiers:

- Tiers 1 and 2 include Massachusetts hospitals with the highest Medicaid payer mix (Medicaid revenues as a proportion of total revenues),
- Tier 3 recognizes independent acute hospitals (hospitals that do not have the backing of a system) that are not eligible for tier 1 or 2,
- Tiers 4 and 5 guarantee that non-acute hospitals or hospital systems that responded to the pandemic receive some funding if they are not affiliated with any other hospital that received funding in tier 1, 2 or 3,
- Tier 6 respondents are the least fiscally strained hospitals/systems in the Commonwealth.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services reported that these funds were distributed to 30 hospitals to support the continued availability of hospital services in Massachusetts by reducing the financial strain hospitals experienced related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as through lost revenue due to reduced elective procedures, higher acuity COVID-19 patients, and high costs of staff. Participating hospitals reported to MassHealth quarterly on their operating margin, total margin, and non-operating margin for the four quarters subsequent to payment delivery. MassHealth used this reporting to monitor for and prevent further financial deterioration of recipient hospitals.

## **Clean Water Trust Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFCWTPROJ**

**Funding Amount: \$195,085,754.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth allocated over \$195 million to help communities build or replace water quality infrastructure that enhanced ground and surface water resources, ensured the quality of drinking water, and protected public health. The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (“the Trust”) provided subsidized financing for projects that focused on the development and rehabilitation of wastewater and drinking water infrastructure with the aim of promoting sustainability, green infrastructure, and to protect the environment and public health. The Trust, in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), used a standardized process to solicit and evaluate projects for wastewater rehabilitation and drinking water infrastructure and will commit the CSFRF funds as grants to projects approved for financing in its 2021 Intended Use Plan (IUP). These CSFRF funds enabled the Trust to meet the needs of communities.

### **Performance Report**

As of June 30, 2025, the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust disbursed the full \$195 million provided by the Commonwealth as loan forgiveness to projects. The funding went to subsidize a portion of approximately \$1.23 billion in project cost to 84 projects in 57 communities, or water and sewer districts, throughout the Commonwealth. In the state there are multiple competing challenges facing water and sewer utilities but two of the most important are addressing the nitrogen pollution issue on Cape Cod and remediating PFAS pollution in our water supply.

For projects addressing the nitrogen pollution flowing into surrounding waters on Cape Cod, the ARPA CSFRF funds provided \$26.7 million in loan forgiveness to nine projects totaling \$166.9 million in project costs across five communities. The Town of Mashpee received \$9.9 million in CSFRF funds for their \$53.9 million project. The project constructed a wastewater treatment facility to meet the total maximum daily load of nitrogen flowing into the Mashpee River watershed. It is the first phase of many to meet the environmental standards to protect the nitrogen sensitive area.

To address PFAS in drinking water, the CSFRF funds provided \$32.8 million in loan forgiveness to \$184.6 million in project costs across 13 communities. One project, serving the communities of Braintree, Holbrook, and Randolph, received \$4.5 million in loan forgiveness for their project totaling \$75.7 million. The project constructed a new drinking water plant to improve the quality of the water to protect public health by reducing bacteria, carcinogenic compounds, and disinfectant byproducts in the current system. Additionally, the new treatment plant consolidated two older plants, creating efficiencies of by eliminating the additional capital, and operation and maintenance costs.

## **COVID-19 Temporary Emergency Paid Sick Leave Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOREPSL**

**Funding Amount: \$158,838,299.48**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1.7: Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)**

### **Project Overview**

Massachusetts allocated over \$158 million from the CSFRF to the Paid Sick Leave Program to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The goal of this program was to reduce job-related obstacles for Massachusetts residents who were recovering from, quarantining for, and/or being vaccinated against COVID-19. In particular, the program was intended to support lower-wage workers who may not otherwise have access to paid sick leave.

A total of \$75 million was transferred to the COVID-19 Massachusetts Emergency Paid Sick Leave Fund in June 2021. The Massachusetts Legislature authorized an additional \$25 million for the program in the Acts of 2022 Chapter 22. The original law included a provision to reimburse costs submitted before the end of the program but not otherwise covered within the appropriation amount. The program concluded on March 15, 2022, but employers were able to apply for reimbursement to the Commonwealth until April 29, 2022. The total cost of the program was approximately \$160 million.

### Performance Report

The Department of Revenue reported in June 2024 that 43,776 payments had been processed and paid out. The total amount of reimbursement processed and paid out was \$158,819,342.80.

## **Aid to Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDORADIC**

**Funding Amount: \$109,080,277.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$109.1 million from the CSFRF to provide aid to disproportionately impacted communities. The four communities – Chelsea, Everett, Methuen, and Randolph – were designated as “hardest hit” communities by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Due to the CLFRF funding formula for local governments, they were set to receive a disproportionately smaller amount of federal funding compared to other hard-hit communities. Additional funds from the Commonwealth’s CSFRF allocation were distributed as follows:

- Chelsea - \$28.5 million
- Everett - \$33.3 million
- Methuen - \$26.3 million
- Randolph - \$21.0 million

The four municipalities could use the funding to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including direct response efforts, addressing negative economic impacts, replacing revenue lost during the pandemic, making investments in water, sewer, broadband infrastructure, and other eligible needs.

### Performance Report

The City of Chelsea reported successful outcomes with their CSFRF funded programs. With these funds, Chelsea pursued a holistic recovery strategy focused on health equity, housing stability, economic resilience, youth and family support, and public infrastructure.

- Over 75 projects were launched or expanded, all designed to respond to the urgent needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic while laying the foundation for a more equitable and resilient future. Key investments include the renovation of the City’s 911 and Emergency Operations Center, enhancements to Chelsea High School facilities, and modernization of infrastructure along Broadway, including critical drainage and fiber optic installation. The City also launched a suite of housing stabilization services, including emergency shelter, legal aid, and rental/utility assistance, which supported

hundreds of vulnerable households at risk of eviction or homelessness. Through its food security efforts, Chelsea partnered with local organizations to distribute resources that served over 3,000 households per week.

- A cornerstone of the City's equity-driven approach was an inclusive community engagement process that guided CSFRF fund allocations. Chelsea emphasized services for disproportionately impacted residents, including mental health support for youth, direct cash assistance, immigration legal services, and workforce development programs such as construction trades training and small business technical assistance.
- Key performance metrics include:
  - o Over 3,000 households served weekly by food pantries during critical time of the pandemic
  - o More than 174 households received air conditioning units to mitigate extreme heat
  - o 66 units of new affordable housing created or preserved at 170 Cottage Street
  - o 600+ residents supported through family, legal, and housing navigation services
  - o 300 individuals reached through expanded mental and behavioral health services
  - o Dozens of public spaces improved, including parks, playgrounds, and recreational courts
- Through its use of CSFRF funding, the City of Chelsea advanced a just recovery rooted in community input, transparency, and measurable impact. These investments have not only addressed urgent pandemic-era challenges but have also strengthened the city's capacity to support long-term economic and social resilience.

The City of Everett has utilized its \$33.3M in ARPA CSFRF funds by prioritizing projects that invest in infrastructure, educational support, and in human and social services that residents determined are in the greatest need across the community without burdening taxpayers recovering from the negative fiscal impacts of the pandemic.

- Everett spent \$4,695,000 on public infrastructure projects, including upgrades to water infrastructure. The city was able to use these CSFRF funds in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division's Reconstruction of Ferry Street, South Ferry Street and a Portion of Elm Street project. The existing water system was replaced on Ferry Street and South Ferry Street to include new ductile iron pipe, fittings, hydrants, valves, gates, and water service tie-ins over the course of 1.421 miles. This benefitted a densely populated corridor that contains both multi-resident dwellings and commercial businesses. The use of CSFRF funds avoided the city having to pass these infrastructure upgrade costs onto residents.
- Everett used \$9.9M in ARPA CSFRF funds for the public taking of the Devens School. The Devens School is a co-educational therapeutic day school, serving students ages 5-22 who have been identified as eligible for special education services. The Devens School is operated by the Everett Public Schools after being initially licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education in 2012. The school provides a comprehensive and intensive therapeutic program to foster students' academic success and personal growth. Additionally, students are taught strategies to overcome their physical, mental, and emotional challenges under the supervision of clinically trained staff. CSFRF funds were available at an opportune time when Everett was facing renegotiation of the lease for the school and faced an increase in lease costs up to approximately \$1M/year. The ability to do a public taking gave Everett a more cost-effective way to provide educational support to an average of 43 city students in their own community, 100% of which are high needs, 26.3% are English learners, 78.9% are classified as low income; and 97.4% are disabled. Additionally, the school has the capacity to support out-of-district students.

- The City of Everett also dedicated \$10M in ARPA CSFRF funds to preserve the former Everett High School on Broadway for additional classroom space by replacing the existing roof. This parcel has remained a municipal asset since it was last used for a high school in 2007, hosting the city’s Health and Wellness Center public gym, the Webster School Extension that offers pre-school programs as part of the Everett Public Schools, the Eliot Family Resource Center under a contract with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), and a boxing club offered by a program that works with at-risk young people. Given the age of the building, the roof needed to be replaced to continue insurance coverage on the parcel, not only to preserve the existing public uses, but also to increase the use of the building for additional educational classroom space. This investment of CSFRF funds provided the city with the ability to reuse this site for a new seventh and eighth grade academy for the Everett Public Schools, which alleviated overcrowding in the existing elementary schools by creating space for 1,100 students in addition to maintaining the existing public and community uses of the building.
- The City of Everett conducted a community assessment and sought input from residents as to the greatest challenges they thought residents were facing following the pandemic. Residents were asked to prioritize the issues they saw as the greatest needs among Everett residents. Input was sought by conducting the assessment and making it available in multiple languages and in multiple formats to facilitate input.
- As a result, Everett committed \$3.7M to housing assistance to assist residents facing financial challenges paying their rent or mortgages; \$1.38M toward education and childcare programs; \$1.08M towards food assistance to combat food insecurity; \$807,431 towards parks and recreational spaces; \$745,000 for Small Business and Non-Profit Organization Economic Recovery; and \$1M toward youth-directed initiatives.
- The funds used to combat food insecurity has helped the city to fund a free meal delivery program to older residents (age 65 and older) and disabled residents. This program commenced during the pandemic and the ARPA CSFRF funds allowed the program to continue. At its peak, the program has delivered approximately 750 meals a day Monday through Friday and as of July 2025 was continue to support approximately 340 residents. Residents have shared with city officials that this meal support program has provided them with a reliable food source during periods of financial difficulty when they struggled to afford food due to other rising household costs.
- The Small Business and Non-Profit Organization ARPA CSFRF Grant program is underway currently in Everett. Applications for up to \$45,000 awards were due June 30, 2025 to cover COVID-19 related economic losses; direct COVID-19 related costs; technical assistance and counseling; or funds for small business start-up or expansion. Based on the number of applications received, the city will be able to award grants to a minimum of 16 organizations in Everett with that number potentially increasing if the determination is made to award less than the full amount sought by each applicant.
- The \$1M in youth-directed initiatives was allocated based on student input solicited by the Everett Youth Initiative Council (EYIC), which is an organization consisting of Everett High School (EHS) students that are selected by their fellow high school classmates to represent their interests in matters of importance to them. The input solicited from young people in the community resulted in prioritizing 200 scholarships of \$3,000 each to be distributed to income-eligible graduates of the classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026. The second priority determined by the EYIC was to distribute 560 MBTA passes at no cost to students to help prevent absenteeism following the loss of in-person learning during the pandemic and also to help students who need transportation to work to help save for post-secondary educational opportunities and to assist their families recovering from the negative financial impact of the pandemic. The third priority of the EYIC is to allocate \$40K to support “Little Pantries” stocked with necessities such as personal hygiene

items so students aren't faced with choosing to miss school due to embarrassment from not being able to afford personal care necessities that can be costly to those living on limited income.

The City of Methuen reported using CSFRF funds for a multitude of projects, of which 4 major projects are highlighted below.

- The city utilized ARPA CSFRF funds for the purchase of a city-wide building dedicated to Early Education. There is a critical shortage of space within the City of Methuen's elementary schools, specifically for the growing pre-k level. The City of Methuen was able to purchase a building located at 9 Branch Street to house a district wide pre-k program. This building was already set up as a learning environment complete with classrooms, kitchen/cafe, playground, gymnasium and adequate parking, which allowed the district to move students in and quickly alleviate the city elementary schools.
- Arlington Neighborhood Sewer Project: This project allowed for the construction of a drainage system to allow the separation of combined sewer system and the replacement of 100-year old water main in the low-income area. The removal of combined sewer overflows has been the goal of many Massachusetts communities for years. For communities like Methuen that contribute to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District the problem has been high on the priority list due to the increased frequency and magnitude of overflows receiving media attention. While there are several small, combined sewers in Methuen, the largest section is within the Arlington Neighborhood bordering Lawrence. Currently, an existing 24-inch main in the area has drainage connections that contribute significant rainfall to the sewer system during larger storm events, storm water that ultimately contributes to the Combined Sewer Overflows experienced in Lawrence. This ARPA CSFRF project involves an engineering analysis of the existing drainage configuration in the area, and the subsequent development of a scope of work for the separation of the combined sewers in the Arlington Neighborhood, the design and construction of the replacement of the 100 plus year-old water mains and rehabilitation of the areas sewers. While construction is underway the water mains will also be replaced. Without this project Methuen would continue to contribute to the CSO issue in Lawrence which intermittently discharges raw sewage into the Merrimack River. Further, Methuen will continue to pay GLSD to treat essentially clean stormwater.
- Lowell Street/Shirley Ave Drainage Improvement Project: This project included the design and construction of drainage improvements to eliminate flooding and property damage on Lowell Street north of Capital Street. There is an existing drainage system that begins with a series of catch basins on Lowell Street and runs through a few private properties to Shirley Avenue where the drainage system then captures additional storm water from the roadways and ultimately discharges into an existing downgradient waterway. The system surcharges and causes flooding in Lowell Street and on private property causing potential safety issues in the roadway and on-going damage to private driveways and yards. The project involved the engineering analysis of the drainage system and contributing flows and ultimately the construction of a new drainage system in the area capable of mitigating the flows appropriately. The drainage improvements are necessary to resolve the flash flooding and property damage in this area.
- Granite Street water pumping station rehab: This project was for the rehabilitation of the Granite Street Water Pumping Station and power supply improvements to the raw water intake structure. The Granite Street Water Pumping Station is an historic facility that connects the City of Lawrence and the City of Methuen water distribution systems. When the station was constructed, the intended use was to provide a connection to the Lawrence reservoir for Methuen in the event of an emergency. The station has sat idle for decades. During regional discussions regarding emergency preparedness, it was recognized as a possible asset for both Methuen and Lawrence as either could receive

water from its neighbor in the event of an emergency. The project involves the rehabilitation of the station, including new pumps, electrical and mechanical systems that will allow the future use of the station. Additionally, this project has been combined with another critical project at the Methuen Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Intake Station. Currently, the Water Treatment Plant provides back-up power to the Raw Water Intake Station at the edge of the Merrimack River several hundred feet from the plant via a series of buried electrical conduit. In the past, we have had power issues as the conduit are failing and full of groundwater. The project involves the addition of a new power service connection and emergency backup generator at the raw water station. Currently Methuen cannot import water from Lawrence due to pressure differences in each community's water systems. Rehabilitation of the pumping station provides an important water supply option in case of emergency.

Lastly, the Town of Randolph also reported successful implementation of their CSFRF funded programming.

- With support from the Commonwealth's \$21 million ARPA CSFRF award, the Town of Randolph made transformative investments that strengthened infrastructure, expanded public health services, and delivered vital community support. Among the most impactful projects were the expansion of the Social Work Program, which helped hundreds of residents avoid homelessness and access essential services like SNAP, fuel assistance, and emergency support; the construction of a new water treatment facility to address PFAS contamination and ensure long-term access to clean, safe drinking water; and the creation of a school-based community health center, a milestone for Randolph—especially as the town did not have a hospital or health partner during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Other key CSFRF funded projects included the installation of a generator at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center (RICC), which served as the town's primary COVID-19 testing and vaccination site, operating extended hours without requiring reservations and serving thousands. The town's food pantry network also significantly expanded, assisting more than twice as many households compared to pre-pandemic levels. Public safety was enhanced through the purchase of police body cameras, security system upgrades, and the rehiring of fire personnel to maintain emergency readiness.
- Youth were supported through the Randolph Youth Internship Program, which offered paid job training and mentorship across town departments. The town also funded park upgrades, ESOL classes, extended library hours, and provided support to the Local Cultural Council, enabling local nonprofits to expand cultural programming, performances, and community events—enriching Randolph's diverse arts and cultural landscape.
- Together, these investments helped Randolph address urgent pandemic-era needs while laying the foundation for a healthier, more equitable, and resilient community.

## **Rental Housing Production Affordable Housing Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDRHP**

**Funding Amount: \$106,442,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts allocated over \$106,000,000 to financially support the development of affordable rental housing by providing long-term loans for the construction or rehabilitation of rental housing projects that will receive federal or state low-income housing tax

credits, state tax-exempt bond financing, and other state financial assistance through the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing). EOHLC competitively solicited funding applications from developers for proposed rental housing projects and made funding determinations. MassHousing will disburse the funds through contracts with developers for each awarded project, evidenced through loan documents. The initial obligation of funds for these projects occurred in 2023-2024, with expenditures between 2023-2026. Rental housing funds were targeted towards communities and populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and developers were required to have an EOHLC-approved affirmative fair housing marketing plan in place for outreach to racial and ethnic minorities.

#### Performance Report

In conjunction with additional funding sources, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) developed 2,284 housing units to date, of which 644 are for households with below 30% of the area median income. The average amount of CSFRF assistance used per unit developed is \$42,643.53.

### **Marine Port Infrastructure Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC1**

**Funding Amount: \$100,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$100 million to invest in improvements to ports and port infrastructure as well as to support the clean energy industry. This funding enabled Massachusetts port facilities to provide critical services and supplies for the offshore wind industry.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) reported that 3 awards were initially made in December 2022: \$30 M to the New Bedford Port Authority and Marine Commerce Terminal, \$25 M to the Brayton Point Commerce Center, and \$45 M to the Salem Port. In New Bedford, funding was used to acquire properties for the Marine Commerce Terminal, and other funding will support continued civil and marine site construction. Additionally, the Port Authority used funding to complete engineering, construction, and dredging track work as well as installation of shore power equipment.

### **Affordable Housing Trust Fund Transfer**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDAHTF**

**Funding Amount: \$98,999,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

This program financially supported the development of affordable rental housing in the form of long-term loans for the construction of rental housing projects that will receive federal or state low-income housing tax credits, state tax-exempt bond financing and other state financial assistance through Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency's (MassHousing) Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) competitively solicited funding applications from developers of proposed rental housing projects and EOHLC will make funding determinations. MassHousing disbursed the funds through

contracts with developers for each awarded developer/project, evidenced through loan documents.

#### Performance Report

In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has reported that a total of 2,231 housing units were served with this funding, of which 441 are below 30% area median income.

### **Fiscally Strained Hospitals**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD04**

**Funding Amount: \$87,190,355.51**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$88,000,000 to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Hospital Relief Trust Fund. This program provided financial support to eligible hospitals and affiliated hospital health care providers for lost revenue as well as unanticipated and unreimbursed costs due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that these funds were distributed to 30 hospitals that demonstrated fiscal distress during the COVID-19 pandemic, based on metrics including operating margin, quarterly hospital financial performance report, liquidity, etc. The KPIs, including operating margin, total margin and non-operating margin, reported to the Center for Health Information and Analysis each quarter, were used by MassHealth to evaluate whether the hospitals' financial stability improved while hospitals continued to recover from the high costs of rendering services and continued operation during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### **Emergency Assistance to Approved Special Education Schools EAASES - Workforce**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOEC766**

**Funding Amount: \$78,742,753.12**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

This grant opportunity was aimed at strengthening and stabilizing the workforce in approved private special education day and residential school programs. The Commonwealth allocated CSFRF for the approved private special education day and residential programs to assist approved programs with maintaining and strengthening the workforce needed to provide services to Massachusetts special education students. In response to the economic and other impacts of COVID-19 on recipients and the available workforce, these grants increased recruitment, hiring and retention of qualified and eligible staff which in turn will increase the number of Massachusetts students who may be enrolled in the programs and have access to direct care, educational, and other services provided to enrolled students.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has reported that 73 out of 76 eligible special education schools received EAASES workforce funding. Of those 73 schools, 52.1% reported an increase in students between December 2021 and June 2022. 42.5% of Schools reported a decrease in staff vacancies during that same time frame.

**Commonwealth Builder Program**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDCOMB**  
**Funding Amount: \$75,783,334.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Commonwealth allocated nearly \$76 million to support the production of affordable homeownership units by distributing grants to developers for new construction or adaptive reuse homeownership projects. This program targeted first-time homebuyers and socially disadvantaged individuals in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and aimed to narrow the racial homeownership gap in Massachusetts by supporting sustainable homeownership for households of color. Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) administered this program and awarded funds to eligible developers who applied for proposed homeownership projects. Developers with projects restricted to households earning 70 percent of the area median income (AMI) and projects with clean energy initiatives received preference.

**Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities has reported that, in conjunction with state resources, 427 units were developed. The average amount of assistance per unit was \$244,808.

**Business Assistance for Hotels**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDHTLS**  
**Funding Amount: \$73,992,826.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts made nearly \$74 million available to support certain hotel properties impacted by COVID-19. Hotels that applied to the program were prioritized based on revenue loss, economic impact, and equity and demographic considerations.

**Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) collects information from recipients detailing the business location, number of employees, and revenue loss compared to FY19-FY21 tax returns. EOED has distributed financial aid grants to 96 eligible hotels across all regions of the Commonwealth. In support of equitable distribution of funds, hotels with 300 rooms or fewer accounted for 56% of grant awards, and hotels located in gateway cities accounted for 14% of grant awards.

**Business Assistance Small Business Grants**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDSBA3**  
**Funding Amount: \$72,776,600.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$73 million to support small businesses. This program targets businesses that focus on reaching markets predominantly made up of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups, underserved markets, and those owned by minorities, women, veterans, disabled individuals, immigrants, first-

generation immigrant, or those that identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) will administer grants up to \$75,000 for eligible small businesses, in a geographically equitable manner.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) has awarded and reported on grant funding to over 1,400 unique businesses across the Commonwealth. Awards were distributed in a socially and geographically equitable manner as indicated by the size and ownership of each small business. The population of awardees employs an average of about 6 employees, and about 60% of all grants has been awarded to minority-owned businesses, including 26% to Asian or Pacific Islander-, 20% to Hispanic-, and 10% to African American or Black-owned.

### **Capital Improvements for Community Health Centers**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSHCCG**

**Funding Amount: \$70,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$70 million for a capital grant program to provide Community Health Centers (CHCs) with funds to conduct capital maintenance and improvements. This funding aims to ensure the continued and increased access to primary care services provided by CHCs for MassHealth members and the residents of Massachusetts, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that each grant awardee served an average of 11,398 patients and had an average patient satisfaction rate of 89.7%.

### **Senior and Veteran Supportive Housing Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDSH**

**Funding Amount: \$69,285,790.30**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$69 million to support the development of supportive housing in the form of long-term loans and grants for the acquisition, predevelopment, and construction of projects that will provide stable housing options and in the form of grants for supportive services to eligible populations. The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) will competitively solicit funding applications from developers of proposed supportive housing and providers of proposed support services. Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC) will assist in the review and evaluation of applications and EOHLC will make funding determinations. CEDAC will coordinate each closing funded under this program and will serve as financial intermediary for disbursement through contracts with developers for each awarded developer/project, evidenced through loan documents. Projects will be prioritized in communities identified by the Commonwealth as “disproportionately impacted” by COVID-19 and for tenants that are residents of disproportionately impacted communities, severely cost-burdened renters, and employees of COVID-impacted industries.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities has reported that 1,115 units were developed using this funding. 620 of these households are at or below 30% area median income (AMI).

## **Workforce Housing**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDWKHD**

**Funding Amount: \$61,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$61 million to support the Workforce Housing Development Initiative which is administered by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing). This program focuses on the creation of rental housing that is affordable for households whose incomes are too high for subsidized housing but are priced out by market rent levels. MassHousing will provide funding to developers to create new workforce housing units through new construction and adaptive re-use. Funds will favor the production of rental or for-sale housing that is affordable for households with incomes between 60% and 120% of the area median income (AMI) and projects that will create no less than 20% of units that are affordable for households at or below 80% AMI.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities has reported that 700 units were developed using this funding. The average amount of CSFRF funds used per unit is \$102,802.

## **Homeownership Assistance Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDHOA**

**Funding Amount: \$58,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$58.5 million to the Homeownership Assistance (HA) program, which will provide down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers who are from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 through Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing) and Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), MassHousing and MHP will award the funds directly to the eligible homebuyers and will target low- and moderate-income homebuyers. This program will aim to address inequities in homeownership and wealth, particularly among homebuyers of color. Participating lenders will help homebuyer applicants complete a pre-application process required to receive program awards and process their applications. MassHousing and MHP will prepare grant documents and disburse funds to applicable lenders to be used as down payment assistance for homebuyers. Participating homebuyer education partners will provide homeownership counseling courses required for eligible homebuyers to support sustainable, long-term homeownership.

### **Performance Report**

In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has reported that a total of 1,766 households were served. 908 Of these households were below 80% area median income.

## **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program LIHEAP**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDHEAP**

**Funding Amount: \$57,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$57 million to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to assist eligible low-income elders, working families and other households with assistance paying a portion of winter heating bills. Funds are distributed by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to local administrative agencies (LAAs) to be used to pay a portion of eligible households' primary heating source bills during the winter months, November 1st through April 30th. The program aims to reduce eligible households' energy burden, or the percentage of the household's income spent on home energy bills, to less than 4%.

#### Performance Report

EOHLC has collected information through the LIHEAP program related to the uptake by LAAs for households. EOHLC reports that the total number of applications statewide for the 2023/2024 heating season was 165,762. A total of 82,762 households were served and the total amount spent on client benefits was \$51,300,000.

### **Health Human Services Workforce Stabilization Payments**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSWF01**

**Funding Amount: \$54,381,579.17**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1.14: Other Public Health Services**

#### Project Overview

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) provided immediate time-limited rate enhancements from July through December 2021 to address the current workforce crisis in health and human services as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This investment was aimed at strengthening and stabilizing the Commonwealth's health and human services workforce. Providers received funds directly from the agency purchasing their services as a one-time, lump sum payment calculated based on recent actual spending. As a condition of receipt of these additional funds, eligible provider agencies completed an attestation assuring EOHHS that they will use at least 90% of the funds for direct care workforce development, which could include hiring and retention bonuses and other categories of worker compensation. Additionally, provider agencies that received enhanced funds are required to submit a spending report to EOHHS that accounts for how the enhanced funds were used.

#### Performance Report

EOHHS has reported that a total of 287 providers received payments, and 64,215 workers received retention or recruitment bonuses. There is a 0% reported change in workforce numbers and retention ratios, indicating that this funding helped stabilize the workforce for these providers during a critical moment in the pandemic.

### **HireNow Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLHN22**

**Funding Amount: \$50,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$50 million to HireNow, an employer grant program that provides funding to reimburse eligible Massachusetts employers who hire and retain Massachusetts residents for the costs of onboarding and training new employees. HireNow provides grants of \$4,000 for each eligible, newly hired employee. The program is intended to address hiring challenges experienced by Massachusetts employers because of the COVID-19 pandemic. HireNow provides resources to enable Massachusetts employers to broaden their recruiting practices to include workers who do not meet traditional qualifications. Employers are encouraged to rethink hiring practices, minimum qualifications, and onboarding processes to consider a wider net of candidates.

#### Performance Report

As of May 2023, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) has registered 6,103 businesses in the HireNow program, approved 1,994 employees, and had 11,243 workers hired and retained for at least 60 days.

### **Public Housing Maintenance**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDGNFF**

**Funding Amount: \$49,922,430.69**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$50 million to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to be used for capital improvements to the state-aided public housing portfolio. Funding will support projects that have gone over budget due to delays and cost increases related to the pandemic and new projects targeted at expired or expiring assets in public housing. EOHLC allocated formula funding to every Local Housing Authority to advance projects with cost overruns through the annual capital planning process with EOHLC. EOHLC also allocated discretionary funding in targeted awards to address specific expired components in public housing such as fire alarm systems, federal pacific electrical panels, elevator repairs, and accessible unit upgrades. EOHLC will assess the portfolio for the expired components and make awards. All awards will be made at EOHLC's discretion. The construction work itself funded by CSFRF will be publicly bid in accordance with c.149 procurement law.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) has reported that significant upgrades were made with this funding, in conjunction with additional state funds. For funding that was distributed via formula grants, a total of 27,319 units were impacted in 496 developments. 5,115 units received building envelope (e.g. window, siding, doors) improvements, 3,304 units received roofing upgrades, 1,421 units were repaved, 894 units received flooring upgrades, and 381 units were comprehensively upgraded. For funding distributed via targeted grants, 14,675 units received upgrades for 158 total projects. EOHLC reports that 262 fire alarms were replaced, 129 federal pacific electrical panels were replaced, and 12 units were converted to be fully accessible.

### **Behavioral Health and Addiction Services Loan Forgiveness**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSBHLF**

**Funding Amount: \$49,738,065.05**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated nearly \$50 million to a loan forgiveness program which aims to reduce the shortage of psychiatrists; psychologists; primary care physicians; master's degree-level mental health and primary care professionals; bachelor's degree-level mental health and primary care professionals; in-patient psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners; and in-patient mental health workers in behavioral health settings across Massachusetts. This program intends to alleviate the burden of student loan debt and retain staff who work in behavioral health settings across Massachusetts.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that this one-time award program received 4,050 applications and selected 2,537 individuals. Awardees came across the state, with the highest representation from Greater Boston (29%), followed by Central (23%), Southern (17%), Western (16%), and Northern (15%) regions. The majority of participants identifying as male (15%), non-binary (5%), or gender fluid (1%). In terms of race and ethnicity, 35% of awardees identified as white, 17% as Black, 13% as Hispanic, and 25% did not report their race.

Language diversity among awardees was notable. While many participants did not specify a language (878) or spoke only English (648), others reported speaking multiple, including French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, American Sign Language, and several additional languages. This reflects the program's broad reach and inclusion of multilingual individuals.

## **Fiscally Strained Hospitals - High Public Payer Hospitals**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSFD03**

**Funding Amount: \$49,021,066.22**

**Project Expenditure Category: 2.36: Aid to Other Impacted Industries**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$50 million to provide financial relief to the hospital industry to mitigate negative economic impacts experienced as a result of COVID-19. This financial support will be provided to high public payer hospitals through a methodology determined by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and is based on hospital occupancy rates and CSFRF funding received to-date. Funding will be targeted to hospitals that serve a large portion of low-income residents and are designated as high public payer hospitals to ensure continuity of services provided. Recipients will use this funding to mitigate financial hardship due to profit and revenue losses, return to full employment levels, obtain technical assistance with business planning needs, and implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that these funds were distributed to 31 high public payer and non-acute hospitals as revenue replacement funds to address the significant additional costs they faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as significant staff and supply costs or reduced utilization. The funds were used at their discretion to ensure continuity of services while experiencing financial strain related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recipient hospitals included those that did not otherwise qualify for payment under the \$300M program described above, but the purpose of the funds, the required KPIs and use of the KPIs were the same. The recipient hospitals reported the following KPIs as part of this grant opportunity: operating margin, total margin, and non-operating margin quarterly for four

quarters subsequent to payment delivery. MassHealth used this reporting to monitor hospital financial stability during this time.

**Emergency Housing Assistance Program Student Enrollments**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFDOEEASH**  
**Funding Amount: \$46,022,678.08**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$46 million for reimbursements to school districts that accept students from families in the emergency housing assistance program. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) provides formula funding to eligible school districts through Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 on a per-pupil basis. This funding supports the education of homeless students and students within shelters in Massachusetts.

**Performance Report**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) reported that just over 1,900 students experiencing homelessness were supported with these funds. These students were placed in one of the state's emergency expansion shelter sites and/or temporary relocation centers, and funds were used to reimburse school districts for their enrollment costs.

**Electric Vehicle Adoption Incentive Fund Transfer**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFENEEVAI**  
**Funding Amount: \$42,433,530.57**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) programs aim to provide air pollution emission reductions for the Commonwealth by increasing the use of zero emission vehicles (ZEVs). Overseen by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and implemented by a third-party program administrator, MOR-EV provides incentives to residents, businesses, non-profits, and public entities to electrify light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles. Forthcoming MOR-EV programs include but are not limited to a point-of-sale rebate program to enable improved cost accessibility at the time of vehicle purchase or lease, rebates for used ZEVs, and a rebate adder intended for Commonwealth residents with limited income that can be combined with other MOR-EV rebates. DOER is establishing a linguistically diverse and culturally competent outreach campaign, which shall be print accessible and accessible to English language learners, to inform dealers, vehicle salespeople, consumers and businesses in underserved communities, communities with high percentages of low-income households and communities with high proportions of high emissions vehicles about the MOR-EV programs and incentives. In addition, MOR-EV provides additional rebate funding to medium- and heavy-duty vehicles that operate in Environmental Justice Communities to further minimize air pollution impacts in those areas.

**Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs reported that the MOR-EV program has been in place for many years, supported by state funds. Federal CSFRF funds were used to support the following:

- The issuing of 12,800 MOR-EV rebates for new and used light-duty battery electric vehicles, the vast majority of which were for new vehicles.
- 460 rebate adders for income-qualifying residents
- An estimated annual reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 44,125 metric tons

## **Rest Home Testing**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSREST**

**Funding Amount: \$30,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### [Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated \$30 million to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) for payments to rest homes for 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic related costs including testing, personal protective equipment, and reimbursement for said costs. EOHHS issued this funding in 2 separate payments, one in May 2023 and one in 2024.

### [Performance Report](#)

EOHHS reported that standalone rest homes had a total of 2,030 beds prior to receiving their first payment, and the number of beds as of May 2024 was 2,002.

## **Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund Transfer**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLWC2**

**Funding Amount: \$24,699,392.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### [Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$25 million to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (WCTF). The allocation will be used to develop training pipelines to meet the skill needs of businesses in high-demand occupations. The program facilitates partnerships between education, training, workforce, community-based organizations, and industry partners to create numerous programs that are tailored to meet business needs. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) and Commonwealth Corporation will oversee the administration of grant awards made through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

### [Performance Report](#)

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that out of 4,278 total enrollments, 2,848 individuals completed this training program.

## **Local Economic Development Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDLEDP**

**Funding Amount: \$22,236,997.70**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### [Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated over \$22 million to investments in local economic recovery projects in response to hardships created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. This funding will provide much needed fiscal support to local non-profits, municipalities, businesses, and other community organizations for recovery efforts and local economic development.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) provided grants to 29 municipalities for programming, facilities remediation, and infrastructure development designed to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and spur recovery through economic development.

Examples include mixed use project development, recovery assistance, training, and other projects designed to allow people to work and live more affordably. EOED also provided grants to 77 non-profits to assist residents in economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including grants for workforce training, property redevelopment, and other local economic development initiatives.

## Health and Human Services Programs and Special Projects

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSHHSP**

**Funding Amount: \$22,037,253.22**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$22 million to projects that will support statewide improvements in local health clinics/centers, senior centers, and behavioral health services.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that 12 municipalities, 40 non-profits, and one government entity received funding from this program. Notable projects include \$6 M that was spent by the Melrose Wakefield Healthcare, Inc. Behavioral Health Facility to redevelop and construct a new facility, which created an additional 144 beds. The South Boston Community Health Center used \$2 M to serve 16,800 individuals, and the Leonard Morse Hospital spent \$2 M on a behavioral health pilot program to improve behavioral health care and address staffing shortages, which served 493 people. Additionally, the Plummer Youth Promise non-profit in the City of Salem utilized \$1M to upgrade one residential group residence with 22 bedrooms to service two Department of Children and Families' programs, and the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation non-profit used \$1M for data hosting solutions improvements, which will serve 30,000 annually.

## Health Safety Net Trust Fund Transfer

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSHSNT**

**Funding Amount: \$20,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated \$20,000,000 to replace lost revenue of community health centers (CHCs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), both of which were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and experienced significant negative economic impacts. Cancellations and delays in non-emergency visits, increased labor/supply costs, and the impact of treating COVID-19 patients, stretched providers to their clinical and financial capacity. This program will distribute grants, targeting CHCs and FQHCs that serve a high proportion of uninsured populations. The primary goal of the FQHC Health Safety Net Grant Program is to replace lost revenue in order to improve the fiscal stability and ensure the continued availability of primary care services provided by FQHCs, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that the Health Safety Net Trust Fund Transfer program provides funding to Community Health Centers with high populations of uninsured patients disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The funding goes towards making direct payments to eligible providers participating in the MassHealth program as a community health center or hospital licensed health center. Out of the CHCs who have reported to-date, the average baseline operating margin for CY2023 is 2.25%, the average baseline non-operating margin for CY2023 is 1.09%, and the average baseline total margin for CY2023 is 1.83%.

### **VOCA Grant Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFVWAVOCA**

**Funding Amount: \$19,828,997.89**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated nearly \$20,000,000 for a grant program to support victim services organizations throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by providing counseling, advocacy, and intervention services free of charge to victims of crime. Services supported through this funding will enable organizations to work with victims and survivors to assess, respond to, and navigate the impact of the crime. Services include crisis intervention services; hotline counseling; safety planning; emergency food, shelter, clothing, and transportation; case management; provision of information, referrals, advocacy, and follow-up contact for continued services; traditional, cultural, and/or alternative therapy/healing (e.g., art therapy, yoga); mental health counseling and care; and peer-supports.

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) provided grants to 67 victim assistance organizations that provide services related to housing/shelter, language access, legal access, medical/forensic access, outreach, community engagement, etc. A total of 35,523 individuals received services, of which 21,995 were new individuals receiving services from this organization for the first time. These individuals experienced a variety of victimizations, including but not limited to assault, sexual assault, arson, burglary, domestic violence, human trafficking, identity theft, and stalking/harassment. Most of these individuals received referral services, in which the organization provided information about the criminal justice process and victim rights and referred victims to other programs and resources. A majority of these individuals also received personal advocacy and accompaniment services, including victim advocacy and accompaniment to medical care/exams, assistance applying for benefits, immigration assistance, child assistance, transportation, interpreter services, etc. Emotional support and safety services were also provided to most victims, such as crisis intervention, counseling, and emergency financial assistance. 2,078 individuals received shelter and housing services, including relocation assistance and transitional housing. 12,533 individuals received criminal and civil justice assistance, including, but not limited to, law enforcement interviews, assistance with restitution, victim impact statement assistance, etc.

### **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - HVAC**

**Project Identification Number: DOEHVACSCH**

**Funding Amount: \$17,569,344.77**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$17 million to improving ventilation and indoor air quality in schools, particularly in districts with high concentrations of economically disadvantaged students and/or English language learners and in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The purpose of this grant program is to address inequitable school facilities' needs and repairs for improved ventilation and indoor air-quality to support healthy learning environments. Through this initiative, eligible districts will apply for grants and will propose improvements related to ventilation and indoor air quality in their school buildings.

### Performance Report

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has reported that over 120 school buildings successfully implemented various air quality and ventilation improvements. These schools all had higher populations of English learners and low-income compared to the state average. Additional state funding will be used to complete these projects through FY27.

## **Primary Care Workforce at Community Health Centers**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSPCWF**

**Funding Amount: \$15,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$15 million to fund workforce development, recruitment, and retention efforts for the primary care workforce at community health centers (CHCs). In order to receive funding, the grant applicant must propose an initiative that is likely to achieve at least one of the following:

- Alleviate primary care workforce burnout in the CHC
- Increase the primary care workforce pipeline to the CHC
- Improve recruitment at the CHC
- Improve retention of existing talent

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) has reported an 8% increase in workforce retention rates at community health centers when compared to the baseline rate taken 2 years prior. The turnover rate decreased by 3% when compared to the baseline rate taken two years prior. Additionally, the number of employees whose primary language is not English, and who identify as Hispanic or Latino, black or African American, and Asian have all increased in the past year.

## **DPH Temporary Low Threshold Housing**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHTLTH**

**Funding Amount: \$8,602,281.86**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$8 million to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide temporary, low threshold housing and other wraparound support services for individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder and other co-occurring mental health diagnoses. This program aims to assist these individuals in securing permanent, long-term

housing and support. This will further the Commonwealth's goal to reduce homelessness, improve health outcomes, and advance health equity for this population.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Public Health has reported that this is an on-going program supported by state and federal dollars. Low-Threshold Housing & Services contracts currently serve 560 individuals throughout the Commonwealth, providing housing and intensive services in a Housing-First setting to people experiencing homelessness, active substance use, untreated mental health issues, and at risk of HIV/AIDS. These settings offer a housing solution for individuals whose substance use and/or mental health conditions would prevent successful placement and retention through traditional housing pathways, including those with DMH- and UD-based subsidies. To date, 737 individuals have been housed and served, with a 90% success rate for outcomes, including over 400 individuals remaining housed under these contracts for over one year.

### **Labor and Workforce Development and Operation of Career Technical Institutes** **Project Identification Number: CSFEOLCTI2**

**Funding Amount: \$12,682,476.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$12.7 million to the Career Technical Initiative (CTI). CTI was created to develop training pipelines to meet the skill needs of businesses in technical occupations. CTI funds vocational technical education organizations to deliver re-training models for technical roles for adult, unemployed individuals in the "third shift" at a vocational technical school.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that, in conjunction with additional state funds, 2,239 participants completed the program and 660 were placed into jobs. 47% of participants were aged 17-24 and the average age of participants was 30.

### **Digital Equity Partnerships**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEDDEPP**

**Funding Amount: \$12,425,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated a total of \$12,425,000 to support digital equity across targeted populations to reduce barriers to online activities related to education, work, civic/social processes, and healthcare. This program will have 6 areas of focus: (1) Wifi Access Initiative, (2) Public Space Internet Modernization Initiative, (3) Connectivity Initiative for Economic Hardship, (4) Digital Literacy Initiative, (5) Device Distribution and Refurbishment Initiative, and (6) Education, Outreach, and Adoption Support Initiative. A portion of the budget is targeted towards municipal digital equity planning, targeting municipalities with Qualified Census Tracts or those designated as disproportionately impacted communities. Planning consultants will work with municipalities to develop a set of strategic documents designed to guide future municipal decision-making and investments related to procuring services and key community assets that will increase access and usage of the internet for the populations most impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development has reported that grants were distributed to 10 non-profits, representing geographic diversity across the Commonwealth, to execute digital equity initiatives. Certain grantees have engaged sub-recipients to leverage local knowledge and subject matter expertise. Grants have been used to fund programs including apartment wi-fi initiatives, digital device distribution, public space modernization, connectivity subsidies, and outreach to drive education and adoption.

### **MassCEC: On-street/Curbside Charging**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEPCEC10**

**Funding Amount: \$12,277,662.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$12.2 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to help increase access to electric vehicle charging for residents of multi-unit dwellings. For residents without access to a dedicated driveway, parking spot, or garage, finding an accessible place to charge becomes a significant barrier to EV adoption. To address inequities in charging accessibility, MassCEC will fund a technical consultant deploying on-street charging near multi-unit dwelling neighborhoods and providing guidance to municipalities for future implementation. The project aims to increase the number of overnight curbside parking, including accessible pole-mounted and streetlamp EV charging station solutions, and/or DC fast charging stations (DCFC).

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that to date, 21 feasibility studies have been completed and all 15 municipalities have received implementation services. A total of 75 individual charging stations will be deployed with 150 ports installed and operated in 45 municipalities.

### **EA Shelter Staff**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEASTAFF**

**Funding Amount: \$11,353,935.59**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$11 million to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to support staffing costs related to the Emergency Assistance Family Shelter program. Additional staffing is needed to support the influx of families needing shelter.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance has reported that this funding was used to provide auxiliary consultant services to help manage the homelessness crisis in the Commonwealth. Consultant staff helped with accelerating exits, implementing redesigned temporary respite center system, and managing strategic planning process.

### **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Marine Energy Innovation and Research**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC3**  
**Funding Amount: \$10,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$10 million for a new Ocean Energy Innovation Center to advance the efforts of the Commonwealth's entrepreneurs, small businesses, and academic and research institutions. This program aims to address the key technical and organizational challenges to rapid deployment of ocean renewable energy technologies.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that funds are being used to support a new Ocean Innovation Network program for ocean climatetech support grants and services and to supplement the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal project, in conjunction with additional funding sources.

**Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: WTTC Expansion**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC4**  
**Funding Amount: \$10,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$10,000,000 for the Wind Technology Testing Center (WTTC) expansion to ensure the facility remains competitive and supports the development of the domestic supply chain of the offshore wind industry. This funding supported the completion of the design phase and preliminary concrete work while the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) continues to identify funding for the full expansion.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that this funding has been used for initial design work to support the construction of the Wind Technology Testing Center expansion. Funds were used to select a concept design and bring the design to a 30% stage, and to further the design of the building to a point of constructability and a test stand reinforcement. Massport and Boston Autoport have been in communication surrounding community and integration of the expansion on the property.

**Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Training Equipment and Infrastructure**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC5**  
**Funding Amount: \$10,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$10,000,000 for Workforce Training Equipment and Infrastructure Support for general clean energy occupations and offshore wind (OSW) related occupations. The program will provide a funding track for planning grants to support applicants that need strategic assistance to deploy the training equipment and infrastructure required for success. This program adds financial support and eliminates persistent barriers through customized technical assistance, communities of practice, planning grant support, and novel approaches to supporting smaller organizations and those serving environmental justice (EJ) and low-income communities.

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that they have completed grant awards for Offshore Wind Works Equipment/Infrastructure Grants and Workforce Division Equipment Infrastructure Grants. For the Offshore Wind grants, 5 grants totaling \$4.75 M were awarded after careful review of 6 proposals. Notable awardees include Salem Public Schools, who utilized their \$1 M grant to construct an offshore wind workforce training facility that will provide up-to-date technology and industry-recognized certifications in fields ranging from electricians, welders, safety monitors, IT professionals, programmers, and logistics specialists, and Bristol Community College, who is using their \$685 K award for equipment purchases to provide training programming.

For the Workforce Division grants, 10 grants totaling \$4.3 M were awarded, serving 4,500+ individuals from Environmental Justice communities across the state. Notable awardees include the Greater Lawrence Technical School, who utilized \$750 K to upgrade their HVAC lab with high efficiency electrified equipment to expand training opportunities, and the Local 102 I.B.E.W. Educational Corp., who will refurbish the Greater Boston Joint Apprentice Training Center's wind turbine, serving 600+ participants statewide.

### **Community Health Centers - Patients who Deferred Care**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSDFDC**

**Funding Amount: \$9,999,999.97**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated nearly \$10,000,000 to provide financial support to eligible Massachusetts health centers that provide critical health care services to MassHealth members. These grants are necessary to support an industry that was disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and support providers that maintain critical services for MassHealth members. Eligible Massachusetts providers, collectively referred to herein as "Health Centers", consist of 1) providers in Massachusetts enrolled in the MassHealth program as community health centers (CHCs), and 2) providers in Massachusetts enrolled in the MassHealth program as hospital-licensed health centers (HLHCs) that receive grants under 42 U.S.C. section 254(b) and therefore meet the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), definition of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The primary goal of the Health Center Deferred Care Program is to ensure important providers can adequately continue to provide services, in particular to ensure the continued availability of safety net and primary care services provided by Health Centers for MassHealth members and residents of the Commonwealth, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that on average, awardees' operating margin was 1.38%, with a workforce headcount of 458 and 360 full-time equivalents. In total, 619,643 services were rendered to MassHealth members.

### **Environmental Investment Special Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEAEREI**

**Funding Amount: \$9,511,214.88**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated approximately \$9.5 million to environmental investment projects throughout the Commonwealth. This funding will promote economic recovery and investment in environmental technology and infrastructure that saw unprecedented use during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Projects include improvements to parks and recreational spaces, development of the agricultural sector, investment into water and sewage infrastructure, and capacity building of local food pantries and food distribution networks.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has reported that funds were distributed to 54 non-profits, 27 municipalities, 1 local education agency, and 2 projects were completed internally with this funding. In conjunction with state funds, Marine Biological Laboratory non-profit expended \$1 million for the restoration of the seawall located in Woods Hole, which benefits the 33,000 year-round residents of Falmouth, MA. The Community Action Pioneer Valley, Inc. expended \$500 K for a program center and food pantry in Greenfield, MA which assists 9,826 people annually. The Massachusetts Audubon Society expended \$500 K to acquire 21.14 acres of land for conservation and public benefit. The city of Newton utilized \$400 K for the replacement of Gath Memorial pool with a modern, accessible community lap pool with a splash pad, which receives 30,000 visitors annually. Grants to food pantries throughout the state totalling \$1.75 M benefitted 805,710 individuals.

### MassCEC MHDV

**Project Identification Number: CSFCECMHDV**

**Funding Amount: \$9,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$9.5 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to support electrification of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in accordance with the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan which sets an ambitious goal of 27,000 electric MHDVs on the road by 2030. This funding will support the deployment of mobile charging stations at the destinations of these types of vehicles. Mobile charging can provide a temporary solution for fleet operators that need charging installations installed quickly and efficiently. Mobile charging, therefore, has the potential to hasten the electrification of MHDVs by accelerating access to electric vehicle supply equipment and by reducing costs and other barriers to adoption.

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that this funding was used to assess 18 fleets in total, of which 4 are expected to be selected. 9 original equipment manufacturers and 12 electric vehicle supply equipment charging stations were assessed. Additionally, 4 mobile charging stations will be deployed.

### Low Threshold Housing

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSLTH**

**Funding Amount: \$5,683,915.89**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated almost \$6 million for the Executive Office of Health and

Human Services (EOHHS) for Low Threshold Housing in response to unsheltered homelessness and substance-use disorder in the city of Boston. The program provides short-term sheltering coupled with onsite medical, behavioral health, substance-use treatment, and housing search support. The goal of the program is to provide immediate sheltering and stabilization supports for unsheltered individuals with co-occurring substance-use disorder and mental health diagnoses as onsite providers support individuals in transitioning to longer-term supportive housing placements across the state.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has contracted with two vendors to administer the low threshold housing program. The first vendor has reported that the current number of residents being served is 40, and the number of individuals housed in the last year is 107. 95.7% Of these individuals are receiving medical care, including mental health care, and 100% are receiving substance use disorder treatment supports. The second vendor has reported that they are currently serving 13 individuals, and that they have served 36 individuals in the past year. 100% Of these individuals are receiving medical care, including mental health care, and 100% are receiving substance use disorder treatment supports.

### Education Development Projects

**Project Identification Number: CSFEARMKED**

**Funding Amount: \$8,395,213.57**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$8.4 million to the Executive Office of Education (EOE) to promote recovery from COVID-19 at educational institutions and address needs resulting from or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Investments in educational institutions include the improvement of infrastructure at local educational facilities, scholarship funds, and curriculum development.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Education has reported that these funds were distributed to 16 non-profits, 5 local education agencies, 2 colleges, 13 municipalities, and 1 special education school. The New England Center for children, a state-approved private special education school, utilized \$2.144 M for extraordinary pandemic related expenditures and was able to stay open throughout the pandemic with zero closed days. The Springfield Day Nursery Corporation, a non-profit, utilized \$2 M to construct a new facility that opened an additional 80 early education and care slots for low-income children. The town of Stoneham put \$500 K towards the construction of a new high school, which currently serves 600 students. Additionally, Westport Community Schools expended \$410 K for technical upgrades, and purchased 48 new workstations that are fully equipped with AR/VR capabilities and career path software.

### VaxMillions Giveaway

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFVAXM**

**Funding Amount: \$8,197,582.02**

**Project Expenditure Category: 1.1: COVID-19 Vaccination**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth launched the Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway (VaxMillions) on July 1, 2021 as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the

COVID-19 vaccines and to encourage residents to get vaccinated. The main goal of the VaxMillions program was to increase the number of fully vaccinated individuals within the Commonwealth. VaxMillions supported this effort in two ways by: (1) attracting public attention to and excitement about the Commonwealth's ongoing vaccination efforts and (2) offering potentially life-changing prizes as incentives for individuals who were hesitant or unenthusiastic about receiving initial vaccination or about returning for their second vaccine dose. VaxMillions was just one of the initiatives the Commonwealth has undertaken to incentivize COVID-19 vaccination. Other initiatives (not funded by CSFRF) include: (1) Red Sox Week – a week of vaccination events with Red Sox themed attractions, a display of the team's trophies, and a raffle to win tickets to a Red Sox game; (2) Dunkin Week – a week of vaccination events offering free coffee and chances to win free coffee for a year; (3) mobile pop-up clinics – offering grocery gift cards or passes to museums and other attractions; and (4) the Vax Bus tour – which drove through more than 15 cities and towns throughout the month of July.

### Performance Report

Over the course of the program, 2.5 million people in the Commonwealth registered – 2.35 million adult registrants and 167,000 children between the ages of 12 and 17 years old. The five \$1 million winners and the five \$300,000 scholarship winners were announced weekly from July 29, 2021 through August 26, 2021. The ten winners lived across the Commonwealth in Leominster, Conway, Lowell, Rockland, Attleboro, Reading, Billerica, Norwood, Weymouth, and Chelsea. Over 400,000 Commonwealth residents became fully vaccinated against COVID-19 throughout the duration of the program. The media campaign contracted to engage participants in the program made 25.4 million online impressions, 320,000 social media engagements, and over 6,090 AM/FM radio spots between June 2021 and August 2021.

## College Scholarships

**Project Identification Number: CSFRGTAHDS**

**Funding Amount: \$8,140,682.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$8 million to the Department of Higher Education (DHE) for college scholarship assistance. The goal of the High Demand Scholarship program is to provide scholarship assistance to students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education in any approved public or independent college, university, school of nursing or any other institution furnishing a program of higher education and seeking a degree in high demand fields in the commonwealth, with a particular emphasis placed on those attending public institutions and/or are first generation college attending families. Ultimately, the program hopes that scholarship recipients will remain and work in Massachusetts and contribute to the workforce needs of the Commonwealth.

### Performance Report

The Department of Higher Education has reported that they distributed \$8,130,920 in scholarships in FY24 to students attending Massachusetts community colleges, state universities, UMass, and independent institutions, with the bulk of funding (\$6,627,503) going towards 1,094 UMass students. \$243,600 was distributed to 102 community college students, \$693,838 was distributed to 138 students attending state universities, and \$565,979 was distributed to 102 students attending independent institutions.

## MassCEC V2X

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC9**  
**Funding Amount: \$8,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$8 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to support small-scale pilot projects that utilize electric vehicle batteries as supplemental storage for the power grid, also known as Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X). The next step is demonstrating that V2X is feasible for car sharing fleets or medium and large vehicle fleets. MassCEC recommends deploying V2X projects as a means to manage electric vehicle charging, reduce overall system costs, keep distribution flexible, and allow for utility planning to reduce strain from EVs on the grid and detail solutions to likely challenges. MassCEC anticipates providing grants via a technical consultant to 2-4 demonstration projects that include charging stations, software, hardware, and associated project participation. In addition, EVs providing power back to the grid during peak periods have the potential to reduce the amount of time fossil fuel generating plants run, thereby further reducing emissions.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that by program completion, funds are expected to deploy 80 electric vehicle charging stations, support 80 vehicles, and generate revenue through utility programs for 40 electric vehicle charging stations. These electric vehicles are expected to contribute up to 1 MW of power.

### MassCEC Ride for Hire

**Project Identification Number: CSFEVCEC11**  
**Funding Amount: \$8,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$8 million to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to accelerate the electrification of taxis and other ride-sharing vehicles. Currently there are financial and technical barriers to deploying direct current fast charger (DCFC) that will be mitigated as utility infrastructure is upgraded, business models are de-risked, and costs decline. In order to minimize these barriers to earlier stage DCFC deployment, MassCEC will fund a technical consultant to carry out deployment projects that demonstrate the most optimal DCFC ownership models, innovative business models, financial revenue streams, economies of scale, and locations for DCFC installation. Through these projects, MassCEC intends to determine the best DCFC ownership model structures and improve taxi driver accessibility.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that by program completion, funds are expected to be used to deploy 36-48 electric vehicle charging stations in 6 sites (6-8 chargers each).

### MassWorks Projects

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDMWP**  
**Funding Amount: \$6,408,322.47**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated almost \$6.4 million to the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) to implement various economic development projects. These projects will be administered statewide through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) provided grants to 4 municipalities for pay-go capital projects intended to revitalize downtowns and former industrial areas particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Projects included waterfront redevelopment, mixed-use site development, and wastewater projects.

### **Labor and Workforce Development Administrative Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLAD2**

**Funding Amount: \$6,120,834.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$6.12 million to cover administrative costs for the effective delivery and oversight of workforce and labor programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. In addition to program support at the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), a portion of the funding is supporting staffing at Commonwealth Corporation and the Department of Career Services for CSFRF programming and oversight. Consulting firms were also competitively procured to support CSFRF programming for workforce development.

### **Mental Health Pre-Arrest Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDMHJDIV**

**Funding Amount: \$5,746,693.41**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$5 million to support local municipalities to operate police-based jail diversion programs for encounters involving a behavioral health crisis. This project aims to provide support to communities to increase the likelihood of an equitable police response and to reduce negative outcomes for those with behavioral health disabilities and in terms of race, ethnicity, and/or gender identity. Project components include de-escalation training for police and clinical co-response personnel. Intended outcomes include reduction in injury or death, reduction in arrest numbers, reduction of use of detention and/or incarceration of people in behavioral health crisis.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Mental Health has, in conjunction with additional state funds, expanded its reach and impact from FY24 to FY25. The number of grants increased from 45 to 59, and communities impacted grew from 91 to 123 during this period. Additionally, emergency department diversions rose from 493 to 930 and arrest diversions rose from 219 to 349. These positive results reflect progress in expanding jail diversion programming and reducing reliance on emergency departments and arrests. The upward trends suggest the program is effectively scaling its impact across more communities.

### **Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDMHPACT**

**Funding Amount: \$4,942,703.50**

## **Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$5 million to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) for ten new Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) programs. PACT is an evidence-based treatment model utilizing an integrated, multi-disciplinary team approach to provide active, ongoing, comprehensive, community-based behavioral health services to individuals who are not able to participate or do not benefit from traditional outpatient services. The program will be delivered by health and human service providers contracted by the Department of Mental Health to provide these services.

### **Performance Report**

The Department of Mental Health has reported that the adult PACT program has a statewide capacity of 1,880 individuals with a 95-97% utilization rate.

Outcomes measured include:

- a) Housing Stability : Charts show trends of both increases in individuals who are homeless and individuals who previously were homeless and now housed. This suggests that the PACT program serves individuals with an increased housing instability, consistent with the priority population for PACT, and that PACT is effective in moving individuals from homelessness into housing.
- b) Employment : Many individuals are engaged in some form of employment, though the majority remain unemployed (with only a small portion under 10% in competitive employment). This suggests some progress but ongoing challenges in employment outcomes.
- c) Educational Involvement : A mix of high school, post-secondary and other education engagements, with a steady trend across quarters. 20-30 individuals consistently participate in education, with slightly higher numbers in FY24.
- d) Community-based resource use : There is increased engagement with these supports over time. Steady engagement in outpatient program and community-based supports, implying good continuity of care.
- e) Stage of changes : Indicates a trend in movement across different behavioral change stages, which likely supports increased readiness or stability over time. Most clients are in later stages, signaling program effectiveness.
- f) Admissions to Other programs : Most admissions are to inpatient psychiatry units. There is no consistent trend in admission numbers, which is likely to reflect the changes in acuity of participants over time.
- g) Social connections : A strong upward trend, 300+ individuals are regularly maintaining supportive relationships, indicating that most clients are not socially isolated.
- h) Self-Determination : A trend of an increased number of individuals with greater self-determination, such as fewer guardianships over time

## **Immigrants and Refugees Housing Reserve Shelter Expansions**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDIRR**

**Funding Amount: \$5,160,155.21**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$5.2 million to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Development (EOHLC) to fund the expansion of emergency assistance (EA) shelters due to the increased need for capacity in the EA system. Recently, a large proportion of new entrants into the EA shelter system have been immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. These new arrivals have been placed throughout the EA shelter system and have led to a need to increase overall EA capacity. This program will exclusively serve low-income families, the majority of whom are ethnic/racial minorities and have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Performance Report

In conjunction with additional funding sources, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) contracted with two Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter Provider agencies to serve families with children experiencing homelessness, including families with refugee and immigrant status. Between October 2022 and June 2025, a total of 264 families were provided with shelter accommodations and service delivery programming such as case management, housing search, and stabilization. A core Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for the EA Family Shelter Program is successful exits from shelter into housing stability. Of the total number of families served with this funding, 124 were successfully rehoused from shelter during the period of funding.

## **Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands DCR Trail Maintenance**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDCRTRL5**

**Funding Amount: \$5,093,074.45**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$5 million to help develop and implement policies associated with trails; design, permit, and build trails; and administer a variety of programs that provide grants to communities and non-profits for a wide range of trail related work. Funds under this program will be managed by Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) to acquire land for future trail construction and by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to complete indicated trail maintenance and construction projects, as well as to provide grants to communities and non-profits for the same activities.

### Performance Report

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has reported that these funds were used for 2 major trail projects. The first project was located in Blackstone, and involved the construction of a 0.5 mile section from the Canal Street Bridge in the Blackstone River Greenway to Rhode Island. The trail was constructed on top of single-span and seven-span viadict bridges. The second project was located in the City of Medford, in the Clippership Greenway Connector. The project involved the construction of a half-mile-long, shared-use, waterfront path that connected more than 10 miles of continuous greenways and now provides a safer route between Medford Square, Andrews and McGlynn Schools, and Riverbend Park.

## **Behavioral Health Services Public Awareness Campaign**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSBHPC**

**Funding Amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has made \$5 million available to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to expand public awareness of behavioral health services available across the Commonwealth, the 25 new Community Behavioral Health Services and Behavioral Health Help Line. EOHSS will be working with MassHealth, the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Public Health to develop a robust media/outreach strategy that includes paid digital media advertising and out-of-home advertising. This program will also include efforts to partner with relevant advocacy organizations, trade groups, employers, educational institutions and community-based organizations to ensure that the campaign reaches the populations that are most at risk of encountering existing barriers to behavioral health support and services. The campaign will be informed by initial market research to ensure that the messaging resonates with target communities and individuals that are at risk of encountering existing barriers to behavioral health support and services.

### Performance Report

EOHSS has reported an estimated 140 M+ impressions as a result of transit advertisements on the interior/exterior of buses, subway and commuter rail posters, and bus shelters. An additional 60 M+ impressions are estimated for out of home advertisement placements on billboards, gas station TVs, convenience stores, gyms, grocery stores, cinema lobbies, in-bar/restaurants, solar recycling kiosks, and college campuses. HHS posted 12 dedicated social media posts with impressions over 1,100. The dedicated webpage on Mass.gov (Mass.gov/CBHCs) received more than 143,000 visitors and Masshelpline.com received more than 108,000 visitors. Additionally, the behavioral health helpline call center received over 30% more calls during the first quarter of the advertising campaign and numbers have remained elevated since. To ensure ads could reach a wide range of audiences, ads were printed in multiple languages beyond English: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Brazilian Portuguese.

## **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Start-up Studio**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC2**

**Funding Amount: \$5,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 to the Start Up Studio program to increase successful clean energy and climate ventures. The program will recruit cohorts of entrepreneurs of diverse backgrounds and identify promising climate technologies that have been developed at universities, national laboratories, or centers of research, but not yet brought to market. It will also form teams of entrepreneurs and match them with promising technologies, provide structured training and expert advice as they develop business plans and found companies, and provide office space and help them secure laboratory and equipment access. Additionally, this program will connect them with financing from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and other providers of capital.

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that to date, funds have been used to support 18 start-up teams consisting of 54 entrepreneurs. 6 of 8 teams in the first cohort successfully completed the program and raised \$211,000 to fund their clean energy ventures, and programmatic data for the second cohort is still in progress.

## **Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Mass Fleet Advisory**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC6**  
**Funding Amount: \$5,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 for the Mass Fleet Advisory program to bridge the technical expertise gap by pairing businesses and non-profits with a technical consultant to analyze their fleets and develop electrification plans tailored to their business. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) will increase funding to this existing, successful program to extend it for 2 more fiscal years and provide technical assistance and planning for up to an additional 100-300 fleets.

**Performance Report**

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that, in conjunction with additional funding sources, they have assessed 79 fleets to date, and is expected to assess an additional 71 fleets. 503 vehicles have been assessed with an expectation of 955 in total, and 62 sites have been assessed to date. The CEC reports that the reduction in emissions relative to project cost is 0.0087 MT CO<sub>2</sub> per \$1, which is calculated by dividing the magnitude of potential emissions reductions by total project cost. To date, 48 municipalities have been impacted by garage and route location.

**Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: ACT School Bus**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC7**  
**Funding Amount: \$5,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) for the Accelerating Clean Transportation (ACT) School Bus Program to provide technical services to public school districts and/or third-party school bus fleet operators. This includes funding for preparing for future funding opportunities, feasibility designs, financial modeling, vehicle and charging station procurement plans, and educational materials. It will also provide funding for electric school buses and associated infrastructure, along with technical assistance on the electric school bus procurement process, electric vehicle supply equipment charging infrastructure selection, procurement, and installation, recommendations for depot upgrades, data collection on electric school bus performance, and plans for future electrification.

**Performance Report**

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported that, in conjunction with additional funding sources, they have purchased 91 electric school buses and is currently operating 38 of them. To date, 68 of 86 locations have successfully completed installation and operation of electric vehicle service equipment. Additional program funding has been secured through the EPA and other funding sources.

**Clean Energy Investments Fund Transfer: Clean Energy Lives Here**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCEC8**  
**Funding Amount: \$5,000,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

**Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$5,000,000 for Clean Energy Lives Here, a public education and awareness campaign that educates and informs residents about decarbonized alternatives to fossil fuel-powered systems and appliances in their home, including heat pumps, solar PV, and electric vehicles. The program provides comprehensive support for residents to identify ways to decarbonize their homes and mode of transportation.

#### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC) has reported successful engagement with the public awareness campaign website: [www.cleanenergyliveshere.com](http://www.cleanenergyliveshere.com). The CEC reported that through the end of May 2025, a total of 79,871,942 advertising impressions were aimed at driving interest to the website. Of these impressions, the advertising click-through rate was 0.41%. There were 373,095 site users with 711,800 website page views and 457,891 website sessions. There were 21,525 ad-driven website engagements with technology articles and 31,287 ad-driven outbound traffic to websites where consumers can take action on their interest in home electrification (e.g. Mass Save, EnergySave, etc.).

### **Community Health Centers Electronic Health Records Systems**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSCHC1**

**Funding Amount: \$4,999,999.89**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated nearly \$5,000,000 to provide financial support to eligible community health centers (CHCs) for the purpose of developing, creating, or improving their electronic health record (EHR) systems and infrastructure, improving the efficient and secure use of such systems, and to improve patient engagement with virtual health solutions. This project will distribute funds by issuing a grant solicitation requesting eligible CHCs to submit proposals with a timeline for the expected implementation. It is expected that all CHCs receiving grant funds will complete their projects within 1 year of receiving funds. Allocation of funds through this grant program are intended to help CHCs invest in EHR systems, which will allow them to improve efficiency for their clinical staff and improve care management for patients. CHCs often serve the Commonwealth's most underserved communities and by investing in their infrastructure, this program aims to assist in CHC's efforts to perform care management and address social determinants of health like food access, affordable housing, transportation, and childcare. Additionally, this program aims to help alleviate the financial strain experienced by CHCs from the pandemic and the overall burden/burnout of staff members.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that each awardee on average had providers access electronic health records 431,437 times per year. Additionally, on average, patients accessed electronic health records 238,153 times per year.

### **Immigrants and Refugees Housing Reserve SLSCO Contract and JBCC Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFCDAEAI**

**Funding Amount: \$13,498,553.88**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated approximately \$13.5 million to the Massachusetts

Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to establish and operate a temporary shelter to address immediate housing needs. This funding will address the strain on shelter services as a result of the increasing numbers of immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers entering emergency assistance shelters.

#### Performance Report

The arrival of roughly 50 immigrants in the Fall of 2022 to a small-island community necessitated the need to house these individuals and to support state, local, and non-profit partners who provide housing and other human services. MEMA will provide transportation, meals and lodging, janitorial services, and administrative/staffing costs required to maintain the shelter. In addition, MEMA will use this funding to set up a temporary intake center, where up to 60 families (125 individuals maximum) can reside during their first few days and receive time-sensitive case management services and various intake assessments before being transferred to an emergency assistance site or a permanent housing solution.

### **Commonwealth Document Digitization**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOCDIGI**

**Funding Amount: \$4,562,581.83**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated approximately \$4.6 million for document digitization across various state agencies to assess all paper records stored on site, separate records that are outside retention periods, and classify and organize the remaining records for digitization to meet record retention requirements. Additionally, the program is aiming to increase effective delivery of state services, business and access efficiency; digitize the records and apply indexes; and identify which paper records must be returned to meet statutory requirements. The intended outcomes of this project are to provide a roadmap for other agencies to begin a similar process and make records more accessible to requestors, facilitate hybrid work, and reduce the Commonwealth's overall need for space to store paper documents.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance has reported that over 4,400 boxes of records were digitized with this funding, representing roughly 10 million pages worth.

### **Administrative Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFADMI**

**Funding Amount: \$4,025,478.61**

**Project Expenditure Category: 7.1: Administrative Expenses**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$4.03 million to cover administrative costs for the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. This investment funded the Federal Funds Office payroll and consultant support to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and reporting requirements.

### **Broadband Equity**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEDDEP2**

**Funding Amount: \$3,960,100.69**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$4 million to the Digital Equity Partnership Program, an existing program administered by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) and the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED). Funding will supplement and support three initiative areas targeted through this program: Wi-Fi Access Initiative, Public Space Modernization Initiative, and Device Distribution/Refurbishment Initiative.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development has reported that 69 municipalities, covering every region in the Commonwealth, have engaged experts to complete digital equity plans designed to provide municipal planners with a roadmap to bridge the digital divide for residents with limited access to technology necessary for work, health, or school. Examples of completed plans include Staff Capacity for Digital Equity; Wi-Fi Access and Innovative Connectivity Technology; Public Space Modernization; Connectivity for Economic Hardship; Digital Literacy; Device Distribution and Refurbishment; Education, Outreach, and Adoption. 35 municipalities have completed their plans and received additional grants to execute a project defined in their completed plan. Project implementation is designed to increase access and usage of the internet for the populations most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Projects will be completed using state funding.

## **Gun Violence Reduction Competitive Grants**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSSCI3**

**Funding Amount: \$3,856,104.44**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated nearly \$4 million for gun violence reduction competitive grants to address gun and community violence throughout the state. The grant program promotes protective factors that increase psychological and physical safety, improves resilience, and reduces risk factors for violence. It also includes capacity-building components for small community-based organizations that address gun and community violence.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that this program is still in progress and being funded with state funds, and as such, KPIs will be collected upon program completion. Some basic examples of contractors' quantitative data are participant demographics, number of participants served, number of mentor sessions, and number and types of community awareness and education events. Contractors who are implementing case management services may track more tailored KPIs, such as the number of participants enrolled in an educational or technical program, the number of participants referred to public assistance programs (e.g., SNAP or WIC), and the number of outreach attempts to participants. For contractors who are providing professional and community-wide training and education sessions, the KPIs may include the number of professionals engaged in education sessions to promote racial equity and trauma-informed care and the number of caregivers engaged in education sessions on violence prevention and healthy relationships. The final quarterly report will include annual data, such as an unduplicated count of participants served during the fiscal year. The following examples are outcome measures that may be collected: Some contractors who will provide direct services may track outcomes such as the number of participants who gain employment and the number of participants who secure safe housing. For some direct services specifically targeting youth and young adults, outcome measures may include the

number of participants who complete high school or an alternative program (e.g., GED or HiSET), changes in GPA, and assessments of school engagement. Additionally, many programs are administering pre- and post-test surveys to track changes in participants' knowledge related to topics such as gun violence prevention, conflict resolution skills, and healthy relationship skills. Contractors will summarize the results of these pre- and post-tests in their quarterly reports to demonstrate program effectiveness and areas for improvement.

## **Labor and Workforce Development Upskilling Navigators**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLUN2**

**Funding Amount: \$3,855,013.90**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$4 million to create new roles through the already existent MassHire system called "upskilling navigators". The purpose of this role would be to scale up the number of people enrolling in education and training by supporting major recruitment and enrollment activities, including partnerships with community-based organization to increase outreach to individuals disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This new role will complement additional capacity building strategies, including Market Maker roles, Scaling Capacity and Leveraging Employers (SCALE) planning grants, and statewide recruitment campaigns (for instructors, employer partners and trainees).

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that, in conjunction with additional state funds, a total 3,458 participants were engaged. Of this, 3,117 enrolled in a training program and 761 individuals were placed post-completion of the program.

## **Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance**

**Project Identification Number: CSFOCDMAHA**

**Funding Amount: \$3,500,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3,500,000 to Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, Inc. (MAHA), for administration of the Saving Towards Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) program, a matched-savings program that aims to enhance the savings of first-generation homebuyers with household incomes at or below 100% median income. Participants enroll in a program in which they agree to save \$2,000, attend sessions on financial literacy and homeownership, and receive matching funds for use towards the purchase of a new home.

### **Performance Report**

The Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, Inc. reports the amount of funds expended on matching savings and other STASH program resources across its entire STASH program twice yearly. MAHA provides reports to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) beginning six months after the expansion program launches and every six months after that until the funds have been expended.

In conjunction with additional funding sources, EOHLC has reported that 199 participants have been served since the start of this program and that 26 households purchased homes using

grant funds. On average, households received \$20,000 in financial assistance. The average household income of the participants is \$80,995.06.

### **Administration and Finance Special Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFPROJ**

**Funding Amount: \$3,345,398.40**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3.3 million to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) to promote economic development and pandemic recovery for municipalities and non-profits. These funds will allow recipients to invest in transportation, infrastructure, and public safety improvements that encourage economic recovery from the pandemic and respond to needs exacerbated by COVID-19.

#### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance has reported that that this funding was distributed to 5 municipalities, one non-profit, and one state agency. The State Police used nearly \$100 K to dedicate additional patrols to the Southwest Corridor park in the Back Bay, Roxbury and South End sections of the city of Boston, the Old Harbor Reservation in the South Boston section of the city of Boston and Columbia road in the city of Boston, which served approximately 117,000 people. The Town of Hardwich reported that they had used \$15 K to purchase and install 6 new voting machines, which were first used for the March 5, 2024 presidential primary election and will be used for all local, state, and federal elections moving forward. The town of New Bedford used \$2 M to transform 3,472 square feet into program space at their Zeiterion Theater, which receives 7,000 visitors annually. Additionally, the town of North Adams used \$1 M for their Hoosic River Revival project, which repaired and replaced failing flood control structures in the city, benefitting its 12,971 residents.

### **Assertive Community Treatment - Mental Health Support for Youth Under 22**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDMHPCTY**

**Funding Amount: \$3,182,125.91**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3.2 million to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Program of Assertive Community Treatment for Youth (PACT-Y), which provides a set of comprehensive behavioral health services to individuals under the age of 22. These individuals suffer from the most challenging and persistent behavioral health needs and are living in their communities, but other community-based behavioral health services have not resulted in sustained success for them to remain in their communities. PACT-Y Services are contracted services with community-based behavioral health providers that have been awarded through a DMH procurement process. The services are provided by a multi-disciplinary team and include comprehensive assessment, psychiatry including prescribing, nursing, care coordination, counseling and psychotherapy, peer supports, substance use interventions, occupational therapy, educational support, assistance with accessing health care services, and crisis response and intervention. The intended outcome of the PACT-Y service is to provide the services and supports needed to help youth remain living in their community and prevent the need for out-of-home, residential, and/or hospital levels of care.

### Performance Report

The Department of Mental Health has reported that PACT-Y services are funded with multiple funding sources. The CSFRF funded 100% of PACT-Y expenditures in FY23, 17.2% of expenditures in FY24, and 25.9% of expenditures in FY25. 156 youth have been served to date of this funding, with most individuals being between the ages of 15-18 (94). 60% of participants are female and the remainder are male. Statewide utilization of PACT-Y services relative to program capacity has grown from 10% in January 2023 to 60% in June 2025.

## **Land Acquisition and Conservation Programs- Energy and Environmental Affairs Project Identification Number: CSFENVLAND**

**Funding Amount: \$3,154,578.01**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$3 million for the direct acquisition of parcels of land. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) seeks to conserve lands for purposes of climate-resilience and public recreation. While criteria to select projects and award grants vary by agency and program, the characteristics of the community and population that would be benefited, the total number of acres of land to be protected, significance of the natural resources to be conserved, climate change mitigation and resilience benefits that would be realized, and the relative availability of conserved open space in the vicinity are representative of the criteria applied. Priority is given to lands near Environmental Justice communities and that are valuable for ecological benefits such as species diversity and contiguous habitat preservation.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has reported that these funds were used for land conservation and acquisition programming. One project improved the viability of 78.3 acres of state-owned agricultural land across 5 separate properties. Another project paid for the conservation of two parcels of land via the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity grant program, one place on Pierce St. in Leominster and the other known as "St. George's Forest" in Worcester. Both parcels have been conserved and are in conservation status. Lastly, additional priority lands were acquired in order to provide access to and further protect the State Parks System. Funds were used to update data systems and cover associated costs like consultants, appraisals, title examinations, surveys, environmental site assessments, taxes, and reporting. \$625 K was granted to the Essex County Greenbelt Association for Greenbelt work within the 34 cities and towns of Essex County, Massachusetts, helping families, municipalities, and organizations realize their land conservation goals. \$350 K has been used to buy various land parcels in the town of Sutton.

## **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSMHNP**

**Funding Amount: \$3,062,408.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3.06 million for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to implement the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Fellowship Program. This initiative aims to reduce the shortage of mental health providers in Massachusetts and build capacity in community health centers (CHCs) to provide mental health

care & improve access in resource poor locations. The program is a statewide one-year fellowship designed to prepare and transition graduates into an integrated Community Health Center practice setting. Each fellowship will include supervision, mentorship, a gradual clinical ramp-up to a full patient panel and training to become a future preceptor. The program aims to increase the number of mental health providers in community health centers to better meet the increased demand for mental health services in Massachusetts. Increasing the number of PMHNP's can address treatment gaps and improve treatment access in traditionally under resources geographic areas.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that the fellowship program was established to strengthen the psychiatric mental health workforce across Massachusetts through structured fellowships in Community Health Centers (CHCs). The initiative was implemented in three cohorts between 2023 and 2025. Cohort 1 (FY24) began in August 2023 with 3 CHCs and 10 fellow slots; Cohort 2 (FY25) began in February 2024 with 14 CHCs and 29 fellow slots; and Cohort 3 (FY25) began in August 2024 with 7 CHCs and 9 fellow slots (fellow matching still in progress at the time of reporting). Across all cohorts, over \$8 million was awarded to support fellows and CHCs, with the remaining budget being utilized for fellow didactics and administrative costs. The program funded 15 CHCs and supported over 45 fellows. Fellows include both graduate and student participants who are able to become permanent employees at their host CHC upon completion of fellowship obligation.

The program prioritizes demographic alignment between fellows and the populations the CHC serves focusing on race, language, ethnicity and language. Early data show strong cultural and linguistic matches. As of February 2025, languages spoken by fellows included Haitian Creole, Spanish, French, and Cape Verdean Creole. Surveys and focus groups with Cohort 2 participants and CHC staff are being used to guide future improvements.

## Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands- Coastal Resilience

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCRG1**

**Funding Amount: \$3,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$3,000,000 for the Coastal Resilience Grant Program, which provides financial and technical assistance to municipalities and non-profit organizations, to address erosion and flooding along the coast. This funding will be set aside for proposals to implement projects that address sea level rise and future coastal storm impacts.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has reported that this funding helped support Coastal Zone Management Resilience Grant projects in Marshfield and Duxbury for the construction of beach nourishment projects. Project tasks included pre-construction data collection and surveying, public bidding, construction and oversight, post-construction surveying and reporting, public education, and project team meetings and coordination. This regional project spanned both municipalities and was a joint partnership effort to implement. Over the course of Fiscal Year 2024, the Marshfield project manager submitted six monthly reports on behalf of both towns that tracked project tasks. The reports identified two public meetings that were held jointly by both towns in December and March. Approximately 165 people attended the two events, either in person or virtually. The project resulted in 85,935 cubic yards of compatible sediment being placed on 2,690 linear feet of shoreline in Marshfield and Duxbury. Project case

studies were submitted and confirmed a total of \$1,096,000 in local match provided by the towns through cash and in-kind services. See <https://www.marshfield-ma.gov/planning-department/pages/czm-coastal-resiliency-grant-beach-nourishment> and <https://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/planning-department/pages/coastal-resiliency-marshfield-duxbury> for additional information and photos of construction.

## **Local Boards of Health Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHLH23**

**Funding Amount: \$2,947,038.19**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has allocated nearly \$3 million to provide financial support to the local and regional public health systems. This program prioritizes the expansion and enhancement of shared public health services among municipalities, including three areas of focus: data systems and performance tracking, workforce development, and capacity building of local and regional public health. The COVID-19 public health emergency exacerbated previously identified inequities, deficiencies, and weaknesses in Massachusetts' local public health systems and directly affected local boards of health, straining the limited staff and resources. Lack of support to local boards of health extends to the general population of the Commonwealth. Struggling boards of health cannot provide adequate emergency and foundational public health services for their populations.

### **Performance Report**

The Department of Public Health has reported that this funding has been used for building local public health systems at multiple levels. A total of 270 municipal staff were employed and funded through this program and 320 municipalities are covered under the executed intermunicipal agreements. Funds were also used to create a structured, multi-tiered training system for local public health, and 9 training hubs were established to provide field training in the areas of environmental health inspection, including housing/community sanitation, food protection, and Tile 5/wastewater.

## **Housing and Community Development Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDHCDP**

**Funding Amount: \$2,867,897.98**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) allocated over \$2.8 million to encourage economic development. This funding will address the lack of affordable housing across the Commonwealth, improve zoning laws, and provide additional support for administrative services pursuant to Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities has reported that this funding was distributed to 10 non-profit organizations, 2 local housing authorities, and 2 municipalities. The Green Street Shelter reported using \$50,000 to expand their facilities and add an additional 50 shelter beds. The North Star Family Services non-profit utilized \$400 K to construct 15 permanent supportive housing units, and the East Boston Community Development Corporation non-profit used \$900 K to acquire 114 new housing units.

## **HAF Additional Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFMHPHAF**

**Funding Amount: \$2,715,128.48**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$3,000,000 to supplement the existing Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program by providing technical support to Mass Housing Partnership (MHP). Services from Tidal Basin Consulting Group supported MHP in implementing the HAF program throughout the Commonwealth.

### **Performance Report**

MHP collects caseload data on a weekly basis on age, race, ethnicity, gender AMI, zip code, mortgage type, household size, and amount of assistance requested. MHP also tracks information on payments obligated and expended to homeowners, in addition to the number of auction dates postponed and how many services have signed collaboration agreements. These metrics are reported to the U.S. Treasury on a quarterly basis.

## **Business Assistance for Movie Theaters**

**Project Identification Number: CSFHEDMVIS**

**Funding Amount: \$2,700,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made \$2.7 million available to support movie theaters in the Commonwealth negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program targets movie theaters in the Commonwealth that: (a) have had not less than \$15,000 in box office ticket sales in calendar year 2019, (b) have experienced a decline in box office sales between calendar year 2019 and subsequent years, or portions thereof, of 40 percent or more; (c) be physically located in the Commonwealth; and (d) have no current tax liens on record with the Department of Revenue at the time of application.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) has distributed grant awards to 44 movie theaters in regions across the Commonwealth. In support of equitable distribution of awards, the average number of employees per recipient theater was 21, and 18 grant recipients employed 10 or fewer employees at time of application.

## **Labor and Workforce Development Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLLWDP**

**Funding Amount: \$2,682,156.40**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$2.68 million for the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) to provide contracts to organizations specified in Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. This funding will be targeted towards various youth programming and workforce skills training programs across the state.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that 10 non-profits and 2 municipalities received funding from this program. Additionally, the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership had numerous beneficiaries including higher education institutions, non-profits, private businesses, municipalities, and 388 trainees. Roca, Inc., a non-profit, used \$1 M to administer a transitional employment program which provided workforce training to 270 at-risk young people and more intensive training to an additional 57 highest risk young people through the Bridge to Success program. Year Up, another non-profit entity, expended \$500 K for a workforce development program that enrolled 270 students and retained 207 students, of which 141 were hired into full time jobs with an average \$25/hour starting wage and 90% employer reported satisfaction rate.

### School Safety Infrastructure

**Project Identification Number: CSFEPSSAFE**

**Funding Amount: \$2,630,286.92**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated nearly \$3,000,000 for the Safer Schools and Communities Initiative to protect our public schools against acts of gun violence by addressing critical infrastructure equipment and technology needs as it relates to school building security and the safety of students and staff. This initiative allows school districts, educational collaboratives, and charter schools to apply for up to \$50,000 in funding per school building under their authority, with a maximum of 3 buildings per applicant. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research is administering this initiative in collaboration with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Executive Office of Education, and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Safety and Public Security has reported that in conjunction with state funds, a total of \$2,910,000 was made available for this grant opportunity. 136 applications were received, and all contracting and fund disbursement has been completed.

### Local Transportation Projects

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOTC268**

**Funding Amount: \$2,432,174.88**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated \$2.4 million to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement multiple local projects in accordance with the language in Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. These projects include initiatives for infrastructure improvements to roadways, bridges, sewer and drainage, wayfinding and streetscape, pedestrian walkways and bike paths, traffic signals and mitigation, and grade crossings. Additionally, funds will be expended on bike share stations, shuttle bus services, ferry service, a study regarding a commuter rail station, and engineering services. The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will incur expenses to ensure equitable access to services it provides, serving limited English proficient individuals. A Language Access Coordinator will be funded out of this funding.

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) has reported that a total of 10 municipalities and 1 non-profit entity received funding for this project. In addition, nearly \$500,000 has been expended for the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to provide equitable access to state services, programs, and activities serving limited English proficient individuals, serving a total of 2,500 customers with interpretation services. The town of Milford spent \$200 K on sewer upgrades that benefitted 30,640 residents. The town of Wakefield spent \$150 K on pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the downtown area in a city that serves 27,090 residents.

### Public Safety Investment

**Project Identification Number: CSFPUBPSI1**

**Funding Amount: \$2,032,372.59**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) has been allocated over \$2 million towards distributing projects that were outlined in Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022. EOPSS and DFS will manage this process in accordance with the program design memo and the department compliance plan. Funding will go towards a variety of public safety improvements, including equipment purchases, violence prevention services, and mental health initiatives.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) has reported that this funding was administered by 5 non-profits and 15 municipalities. To highlight a few notable projects, the town of Somerset successfully purchased and installed 91 new fire hydrants with \$300,000, which will serve a population of 18,000 residents. The town of Grafton spent nearly \$100 K on 21 new tri-band portable radios for 21 firefighters that serve a population of 19,756. Additionally, the RESIST foundation in the city of Boston spent \$30,000 to support 220 residents with community and gun violence prevention programming.

### Grants to Reproductive and Family Planning Service Providers

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHRH23**

**Funding Amount: \$2,009,500.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$2 million to expand access to reproductive and family planning service needs statewide, with a specific focus on services listed in the budget language. This includes, but is not limited to, pregnancy termination, contraception, miscarriage management, assisted reproductive technology, postpartum depression care, post-miscarriage mental health care, midwifery services and prenatal and perinatal services. Funds also can be used to support public information campaign design and implementation services.

### Performance Report

The Department of Public Health has issued contracts with 4 providers to support reproductive care services, including funds for clinical services, transportation, and doula care. Funds are also supporting infrastructure, access, and security costs at existing licensed clinics.

## **Administration and Finance Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFLRPJ**

**Funding Amount: \$1,783,597.90**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$1.8 million to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) to promote economic development and pandemic recovery for municipalities and non-profits. These funds will allow recipients to invest in transportation, infrastructure, and public safety improvements that encourage economic recovery from the pandemic and respond to needs exacerbated by COVID-19. This funding will support capital improvements in the Commuter Rail Station and downtown area in the Town of Ashland.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance has reported that the Town of Ashland has used \$1.8 M for downtown revitalization measures, sidewalk improvements, town hall repairs, and traffic mitigation. Funds were used for additional police details to calm traffic during construction, downtown streetscape improvements, as well as project management and other construction costs. New traffic signage and equipment were purchased and installed in the downtown area. Additionally, the town hall facade was repaired and repainted. Some of these projects are still in progress with additional state funds, and are expected to be completed at the end of 2026.

## **Labor and Workforce Development Market Makers Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLMM2**

**Funding Amount: \$1,512,969.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1.5 million to the Market Makers program, a program that focuses on increasing the number of Massachusetts companies partnering with education and training providers. Market Makers expands programs that provide skills to unemployed individuals by following up with companies leads looking for trained talent, reaching out to companies not currently partnering on grants, and providing assistance to companies in applying for FRF funding through existing programs expanded by FRF dollars.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that, in conjunction with additional state funds, 1,098 companies participated in the portfolio, of which 909 companies connected to existing training programs to hire graduates and 287 companies participated in the pipeline program grant. Additionally, 6 companies applied for incumbent worker grants and 568 companies hired individuals from the existing program or through Market Maker assisted grant partnerships.

## **Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation Robotics Commercialization**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEDR101**

**Funding Amount: \$1,501,331.83**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$1.5 million to the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (MassTech) to support a comprehensive statewide cluster development effort for the robotics industry. This spans three program areas including ecosystem development, technology commercialization, and workforce development. The ecosystem development programs aim to tighten connections between robotics ecosystem stakeholders and build Massachusetts' profile as a global leader in robotics research, commercialization, and talent.

### Performance Report

In conjunction with state funds, the Executive Office of Economic Development has reported that the Innovation Institute issued a planning grant to the MassHire MetroNorth Workforce Development Board (parent organization of NAMC – Northeast Advanced Manufacturing Consortium) to pilot a robotics technician apprenticeship program. The grant was intended to identify strategies to address the gap in middle-skill robotics employees in Massachusetts including the possibility of offering a certified one-year training for unemployed, underemployed, or traditionally low-skill workers to be trained as robotics technicians to install, operate, and repair robotic systems. Following the planning grant, the Innovation Institute awarded a grant to New Bedford Research and Robotics (NBRR) to recruit current students or recent graduates from local community colleges who are either unemployed or require upskilling to advance their careers. These individuals participated in a 56-hour training program that certifies them on the ABB, a popular robotic arm platform. This training includes robot tooling, creating and running simulations, and basic programming of the arm, providing students with the precise skills necessary to enhance their employability. Following certification, these students will be placed in positions at local robotics firms, thereby addressing the shortage of middle-skill robotics employees within the Commonwealth.

## **Pediatric Behavioral Health Urgent Care Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSBHUC**

**Funding Amount: \$1,499,999.97**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

Massachusetts has allocated nearly \$1,500,000 towards grants to eligible MassHealth-enrolled Mental Health Centers (MHCs) for purposes of providing urgent outpatient behavioral health treatment services to MassHealth members under age 21. Eligible MHCs are those that:

- Have submitted an attestation form to become a designated Behavioral Health Urgent Care (BHUC) provider in accordance with MassHealth Managed Care Entity Bulletin 76 (BHUC providers must increase timely access to treatment for MassHealth members, including offering same- or next-day appointments and night and weekend hours);
- Have, or agree to use grant funds to create, after school and evening hours focused on serving members under 21; and
- Are located in Massachusetts or serve MassHealth members who reside in the cities and towns identified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) as those hardest by COVID-19.

Recipient MHCs will use funds to provide urgent outpatient behavioral health treatment services, including development of evening and weekend appointment access, for members under 21 and their families. Through this grant program, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHSS) seeks to ensure the increased availability of services for children and adolescents receiving MassHealth with behavioral health needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, both during and after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly within those areas disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that these federal funds were expended for allowable operations costs, to support expanded service hours in multiple locations across the Commonwealth. The funds widely supported additional programming with expanded specialty staff, targeted to meet the documented needs of pediatric subpopulations served by each of the 7 pediatric behavioral health provider grantees. Funds have also supported outreach to community-based organizations to create partnerships to maximize awareness and effectiveness of clinical services. Experience to date is showing that a solid infrastructure to provide these specialty services is essential, regardless of geography, for which this funding is critical.

### Immigrant Assistance Services

**Project Identification Number: CSFORIIAS**

**Funding Amount: \$1,296,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$1 million to address the significant increase in the number of immigrants arriving in Massachusetts soon after entering the United States who are without resources and are in need of shelter, food and medical care. This funding was used to provide support to newly arrived immigrants who are facing homelessness and living in homeless shelter placements or are eligible for emergency assistance from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). This program aimed to streamline access to various services and resources to meet the immediate needs of newly arrived immigrant families and individuals.

### Performance Report

The Office of Refugees and Immigrants has reported that 455 families in total were served with this funding. In total, 181 legal clinics were served and 186 asylum and employment authorization applications were submitted. Additionally, 274 families were referred and 1,586 group training informational sessions were provided.

### Cranberry Industry Grants

**Project Identification Number: CSFAGRCRAN**

**Funding Amount: \$1,295,681.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated over \$1 million for the renovation of commercial cranberry bogs throughout Massachusetts. This program provides grant funding for projects that promote more efficient bogs both in design and production while enhancing business and environmental sustainability.

### Performance Report

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources has reported that a total of 17 grants were awarded and 65.59 acres of cranberry bogs were renovated with this funding.

### Technology Software Purchases

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFTECH**  
**Funding Amount: \$1,192,411.03**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$1 million for software development services, maintenance, support, training, and documentation for a cloud-based grants management system. This system will provide full lifecycle programmatic and fiscal grants management, including sub-award processing, reporting, compliance monitoring, and audit activities.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance has reported that this funding was used to pay out a contract with CBTS, subcontracted to MTX, to develop a grants management system that is cloud based. This software is being used by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to administer several grants.

**Emergency Room Boarding Online Portal**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFEHSTRP**  
**Funding Amount: \$1,177,512.50**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$2 million for the emergency room boarding online portal to improve operational efficiencies among providers, health insurance carriers, and patients. This program will accomplish this via automation of the referral screening process to move patients more quickly through the emergency department (ED) evaluation and referral process for those seeking BH treatment. Ultimately, this program aims to reduce the length of stay in EDs.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services has reported that the Behavioral Health Treatment and Referral Platform started on February 26, 2025. All providers went live, inclusive of all emergency departments, inpatient psychiatric facilities, state agencies and payers statewide, and are using the program. Boarding times have been reduced from roughly 45 hours to about 30 hours by using the digital product, along with quicker throughput and a reduction in members boarding overall. As of 6/11/25, 5,422 patients were successfully moved to their Psychiatric Inpatient care within the TRP.

**Environmental Justice Community Investments- Dam Removal**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFFWEDAMS**  
**Funding Amount: \$1,087,935.31**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated over \$1 million for the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to remove six dams from the Commonwealth's wildlife lands with resulting improvement to the environment and elimination of maintenance costs and hazards to downstream life and property. The dam removal will eliminate costs associated with professional engineering services to conduct inspections, annual maintenance costs (estimated at \$2,000/yr/dam), costs associated with annual updates to emergency action plans, and costs associated with larger

maintenance repairs as dams continue to degrade. It will also eliminate the risk of an emergency event or dam failure, the financial impact of which is inestimable until it occurs. Additionally, the dam removals will restore natural streamflow and restore fluvial fish habitat and associated fish communities.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has reported that this project is being funded with multiple sources. Federal CSFRF dollars were used to fund initial design and engineering work for all approved dam projects. The actual dam removals will be completed using state funds.

### **Community Compact Grant Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFANFCCBP**

**Funding Amount: \$1,000,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Community Compact Grant Program is a competitive grant program open to individual cities and towns of the Commonwealth. It provides financial support for governmental entities interested in implementing regionalization and other efficiency initiatives that allow for long-term government sustainability. Examples of eligible uses include capital purchases/improvements that support software implementation, technical assistance, project management costs, etc. This \$1 million CSFRF funded portion supports a larger program that is funded with state dollars. More information can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/community-compact-it-grant-program>

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office for Administration and Finance has reported that payments to 24 separate municipalities were made across 18 major best practice categories.

### **Environmental Justice Community Investments- DCR Targeted Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDCRSPEC**

**Funding Amount: \$917,858.36**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$917,858.36 for the maintenance, repair, and improvement of major flood control structures associated with the Mystic River watershed. This program will address climate resilience in the Mystic River Watershed which covers the cities and towns of Arlington, Cambridge, Everett, Malden, Medford and Somerville.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has reported that this project is being funded with multiple sources. Federal CSFRF dollars were used to fund the design phase of a project to rehabilitate the Amelia Earhart Dam Control Tower. State funds will be used to complete this project, which will make the dam resilient against future sea level rise and enhanced coastal storms. The control tower fell into disrepair many years ago and DCR's vulnerability analysis showed it to be a key vulnerability. This project will restore the control tower and remove the controls at deck level, thus eliminating this key vulnerability.

## **Food Infrastructure Grants**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVFSIG**

**Funding Amount: \$846,653.39**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth allocated nearly \$1 million to the Food Security Infrastructure Grant program for infrastructure projects that work to ensure that farmers, fisherman and other local food producers are better connected to a strong, resilient food system. This program aims to help mitigate future food supply and distribution disruption, as well as ensure that individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth have access to food, with a special focus on food that is produced locally and food that is equitably accessible.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has reported that 40 grants were distributed for infrastructure improvements, including cold storage, refrigerated vehicles, farm equipment, and building construction and upgrades. These improvements help to reduce food insecurity and strengthen the MA food system by increasing efficiency and decreasing cost of production, which allows farms and other food suppliers to keep costs lower and sell more in state to local residents, especially those in Environmental Justice communities or vulnerable populations.

## **Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Moving Costs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFSCAMOVE**

**Funding Amount: \$804,612.65**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated nearly \$1 million to cover administrative costs for a state agency related to moving staff and offices from one leased space to a new location. This move is a part of a government optimization program where state agencies will realize cost savings by reducing office space and sharing resources when possible. Funding will cover the cost of project management and a move consultant that will coordinate and effectuate the move.

### **Performance Report**

The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation has reported that this funding supported the relocation of 6 state agencies and 612.5 employees to a new office. The new space is better situated to provide public facing services while simultaneously achieving greater efficiency, transparency, and cost savings by digitizing the majority of agency records.

## **Nursing Pathways**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEDUNPPL**

**Funding Amount: \$730,854.31**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$730,854.31 to the Executive Office of Education (EOE) for a competitive grant program to provide resources to significantly increase the number of nursing

students entering the workforce in the Commonwealth. EOE will measure success based on the number of students served and this information will be collected through grantee final reports.

#### Performance Report

In conjunction with state funds, the Executive Office of Education awarded grants to 9 organizations: Catholic Charities Boston, MassBay Community College, McCann Technical High School, Middlesex Community College, Mount Wachusett Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, Springfield Technical Community College, Upper Cape Cod Technical School, and Worcester State University. More than 2,200 students were supported with these funds by helping the organizations increase the capacity of career pathway programs, increasing program staffing, and purchasing advanced equipment.

### **Education Development Center, Inc**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDOEEDCI**

**Funding Amount: \$725,446.82**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth allocated \$725,446.82 for the Education Development Center, Inc. to increase student participation in data science education pathways. This program aims to accomplish this by recruiting participating school districts, preparing a public awareness campaign for data science educational opportunities and careers and providing professional development courses in computational biology, chemistry and physics courses to teachers.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) reported that, in conjunction with additional state funds, the Education Development Center, Inc., developed 8 new data science modules, and trained 84 teachers, of which 75 implemented the new modules. Additionally, DESE reported that 3,080 students were reached.

### **Environmental Justice Community Investments- Boat Ramps**

**Project Identification Number: CSFFWEBRAM**

**Funding Amount: \$659,905.16**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$659,905.16 for repairs and improvements to two key boat ramps in coastal communities. The Green Harbor boat ramp project consists of repairs to the existing boat ramp, as well as replacement of the floating docks and associated pile systems. This work will ensure continued safe access to the waters of the Commonwealth for the general public and public safety officials in the event of an on-water rescue. The Plymouth Harbor boat ramp project consists of protection against flooding due to sea level rise and water quality improvements. Specifically, this project will entail raising the elevation of the parking lot and making improvements to the existing seawall. In addition, stormwater quality controls will be installed to improve the water quality entering the waterway.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has reported that this project is being funded with multiple sources. Federal CSFRF dollars were used to fund engineering work in Plymouth and the completion of the Green Harbor project. The Green Harbor boat ramp is the

3rd busiest state boat ramp. In addition to being popular for recreational boating and fishing access, it is also heavily used by the commercial tuna fishery. These investments will maintain the current use of 8,000 boaters per season.

### **Harm Reduction Efforts and Services**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPH70**

**Funding Amount: \$579,178.75**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### [Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated \$579,178.75 to prepare first responders for responding to opioid overdose emergencies. Funds will increase access to Naloxone, a medication used to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses. Additionally, this program will help first responders access test strips for identifying the presence of fentanyl in illicit drugs and will fund education programs for those responding to overdose-related situations. Access to these resources will help to mitigate fatalities attributed to the misuse of opioids.

#### [Performance Report](#)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has reported that in conjunction with state funds, a total of 28,800 doses of Naloxone are expected to be purchased by this program by the end of FY25.

### **Pathways in Technology Early College High School Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEDUPTEC**

**Funding Amount: \$422,748.82**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### [Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated \$422,748.82 to the Executive Office of Education (EOE) for a competitive targeted grant program for innovative STEM Tech Career Academy models. This funding aims to significantly increase the number of students served throughout the Commonwealth who are seeking to complete an associate's degree related to the Workforce Skills Cabinet's priority industry sectors of healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, environmental and life science, business, and financial services.

#### [Performance Report](#)

In conjunction with state funds, the Executive Office of Education awarded grants to 5 organizations: MassBay Community College, Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology, Haverhill High School, Springfield Technical Community College and Bristol Community College. These institutions successfully built pathways in technology early college high school programs and purchased equipment to train students. The final student impact is over 3,500 students served.

### **Labor and Workforce Development Statewide Marketing of Programs**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLSM2**

**Funding Amount: \$409,388.62**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### [Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated \$409,388.62 for the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) to design a brand identity, outreach marketing, and campaign for the "FutureSkills" brand. This includes a logo design, usage guidelines, and corresponding collateral to be used by multiple partners representing the programs under the FutureSkills umbrella. The goal of the FutureSkills brand is to bring together numerous Massachusetts workforce development training programs. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development will select a vendor to assist in these endeavors by providing project and account management services.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that, in conjunction with additional state funds, the Career Technical Institutes program was successfully completed by 2,239 individuals out of the 2,966 who initially enrolled. Out of the 4,534 individuals enrolled in the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund training programs, 3,045 successfully completed the program.

### **Veterans Special Projects**

**Project Identification Number: CSFVETEARM**

**Funding Amount: \$350,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$350,000 towards veterans' services housing projects and other veterans' services. The funding enabled the Commonwealth to invest in permanent supportive housing and projects for individual Massachusetts veterans and their families. Recipients utilized funds to establish a support network outside of state-owned veterans' homes.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) has reported that this funding was administered by 2 non-profits and was used to develop 21 housing units and place 17 veterans in employment.

### **Cliff Effects Pilot Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFWELCEP1**

**Funding Amount: \$326,062.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$326,062 for the administration of a pilot program by the Department of Transitional Assistance, in collaboration with Economic Development Council and Working Cities, to mitigate cliff effects for 100 participants from across the Commonwealth who have been receiving public benefits at the time of application. The purpose of the pilot program is to provide data, evidence, and insight into a scalable approach to support low-income workers by eliminating cliff effects.

#### Performance Report

The Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) has reported that in conjunction with state funds, in FY25, Springfield Works launched the Bridge to Prosperity Pilot, a program to address the impact of cliff effects through financial assistance, one on one coaching and employer

partnerships. In FY23 and 24, DTA distributed \$326,062 for start up costs, including staffing and administrative costs, program materials, financial coaching, and obtaining an evaluator. The program launched Cohort 1 in February 2025 with 18 participants and three coaching partners, United Way Pioneer Valley, Worcester Community Action Council and Women's Money Matters. As of May 2025, \$36,800 bridge payments have been distributed to program participants since February, with an average of \$500 per month. In FY25, DTA distributed an additional \$673,935 for staffing, subcontracting with coaching agencies and bridge payments.

## **Behavioral Health-Related Supports and Resources in Schools**

**Project Identification Number: CSFDPHGVP**

**Funding Amount: \$324,814.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$324,814 to the Department of Public Health (DPH) Bureau of Community Health and Prevention for behavioral health resources in schools. In conjunction with state funds, this grant program will award 5-12 contracts ranging from \$50,000-\$100,000 per year focused on creating trauma-informed school environments that promote access to mental health and substance use services, evidence-based social emotional learning, healthy connections between students and school staff, and opportunities for positive youth development and leadership.

### **Performance Report**

The Department of Public Health has reported that this funding was used to fund an Extreme Risk Protection Order public awareness campaign. The focus populations are health care providers, such as physicians and licensed behavioral health specialists who serve those experiencing mental health crises, and school leadership, such as administrators, instructors, school nurses, and school resource officers. Projects will be completed with state funds.

## **Labor and Workforce Development Regional Planning Grants and Contracting Network**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLRG2**

**Funding Amount: \$300,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$300,000 for the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to assist regional planning teams to develop CSFRF programs and ensure coordination and regional alignment to respond to business needs. Regional partners assessed their regional-specific needs, engaged partners and employers, and identified priorities for investments. The team produced an updated data set and blueprints to reflect these priorities and scaling up of training programs.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that as of June 2025, a total of 154 training grants have been funded with CSFRF funding through CTI (63) WCTF (89) and RENEW (2). Training programs were administered for a variety of fields and professions, including healthcare (certified nursing assistant, home health aid, pharmacy tech, medical clinical lab techs, medical records and health information, substance abuse & behavioral disorder counselors); finance (customer service agent, teller, loan officers, loan interviewer and

clerk, credit analyst); information technology (web developers, computer user support specialist, computer network support administrators, information security analysts); construction/skill trades (HVAC mechanics and installers, automotive service technicians, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, welder); transportation (heavy and tractor-trailer truck driver); and manufacturing (lab techs, CNC machine operator, sheet metal worker, electrical tech).

**Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer DCAMM Fleet**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFDCP2401**  
**Funding Amount: \$268,430.67**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

[Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated \$268,430.67 for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure to support fleet charging at priority sites identified by the Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) using telematics and information from agencies. This supported the transition of state-owned vehicles towards electric across Massachusetts.

[Performance Report](#)

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) has reported that, in conjunction with state funds, 12 EV charging ports have been installed in the towns of Wrentham and Westborough. The costs include bonds, insurance, all site work (e.g. trenching, etc.), 5 years maintenance and warranty, and 5 years of networking.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund Transfer DOS Inspection**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFDOSEVCI**  
**Funding Amount: \$247,319.90**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

[Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated \$247,319.90 to support the Division of Standards (DOS) in fulfilling its obligation to test and inspect all commercial electric vehicle charging stations in Massachusetts. This funding assisted with hiring DOS staff, purchasing test equipment, leasing vehicles, and investing in information technology that will help ensure consumer protection.

[Performance Report](#)

The Division of Standards (DOS) has reported that they have used this funding to procure mobile testing equipment and train staff to administer a pilot program. The pilot will implement new electric vehicle charging regulations and test the feasibility and staffing requirements associated with standing up this new program. DOS now has a clearer understanding of the unique challenges and requirements surrounding electric vehicle charging station testing and oversight.

**MassHire Individual Training Vouchers**  
**Project Identification Number: CSFEOLMH2**  
**Funding Amount: \$200,000.00**  
**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

[Project Overview](#)

The Commonwealth has allocated \$200,000 for a voucher program to assist individuals to

participate in workforce training programs. This program will supplement existing wraparound supports for individuals and with the goal of increasing uptake and completion of training programs funded by the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The rollout was facilitated by the 16 local workforce areas currently in Massachusetts.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development has reported that, in conjunction with additional state funds, 1,243 individuals were enrolled in training or approved for a stipend, of which 991 completed the training program and 359 were placed into jobs.

### **Investments in Publicly-Owned Lands- Coastal Habitat Restoration**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCHWQ**

**Funding Amount: \$157,441.29**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

The Commonwealth has allocated \$157,441.29 for a grant-based program to support municipal and regional projects to restore and protect coastal watershed water quality and habitats. Projects funded through these grants will be completed in one to two fiscal years depending on scope.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has reported that this funding helped support the Coastal Zone Management Coastal Habitat and Water Quality grants. Specifically, these grants were awarded to the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) and the Town of Yarmouth for the construction of multiple stormwater best management practices (BMPs). In partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, and the Towns of Dennis, Yarmouth, and Mashpee, APCC will complete construction of green stormwater infrastructure at three public boat ramp sites in 2025. These projects will treat stormwater for nutrients and bacteria to improve water quality and recreational opportunities at several sites across Cape Cod. The projects are on track and being completed with state funds.

### **Supporting Independent Restaurants and Combatting Food Insecurity**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEEDFOOD**

**Funding Amount: \$100,000.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### Project Overview

This funding was administered through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC), a quasi-state agency which sits under the Executive Office of Economic Development. The MGCC, in consultation with the Massachusetts emergency food assistance program, awarded grants to independent restaurants located in the Commonwealth. Grants were used to supply prepared meals and other food products to food banks and other programs addressing food insecurity. This program aims to mitigate food insecurity and support independent restaurants.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Economic Development has reported that in conjunction with state funds, the Growth Capital Division of Mass Development has made awards to 31 restaurants allowing them to provide meals to economically disadvantaged recipients experiencing food insecurity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of April 2025, an estimated 9,667 households

have been supported and 35,287 meals provided. Grantee restaurants have also benefitted from increased stability during the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and all have remained operational since receiving a grant award.

### **Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEPSNPSG**

**Funding Amount: \$52,493.68**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$52,493.68 to protect nonprofit organizations (faith-based institutions, medical and health care facilities, and other human service entities) that are at a high risk of terrorist attack or hate crime with enhancing building safety and security for its members and staff. This funding will award grants to organizations for projects that enhance physical safety and security.

#### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) has reported that, in conjunction with state funds, a total of 83 non-profits received funding for enhancing building safety and security to reduce the risk of hate crimes.

### **Environmental Justice Community Investments- FWE Land Stewardship**

**Project Identification Number: CSFFWESTEW**

**Funding Amount: \$36,384.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

#### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$36,384 to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for the continued conservation and stewardship of freshwater fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) guides the conservation efforts of the Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and identified 570 SGCN in the Commonwealth, the habitats to support them and the conservation actions necessary to conserve them. One of the identified key conservation actions includes habitat restoration. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) has established restoration goals through implementation of both Upland and Wetland Habitat Restoration Projects including planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Habitat Restoration efforts are scientifically designed to benefit Species of Greatest Conservation Need and incorporate climate smart actions to ensure long-term success. Besides the direct benefit to SGCN species, there are additional benefits to Habitat Restoration including but not limited to: economic, recreational and aesthetic, erosion and flood control, and water quality.

#### **Performance Report**

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has reported that this funding was utilized to conduct the first year of a multi-year bird monitoring project at the Myles Standish State Forest to evaluate effectiveness of previous habitat restoration activities. Funds were also used to conduct hazmat testing of structures planned for demolition. Additionally, funds were used for initial drone pilot and observer training. State funds were also contributed to this project and were used to procure drones to conduct long-term reconnaissance and biomonitoring.

## **Orange Brownfield Site**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEQEORNG**

**Funding Amount: \$20,034.29**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

Massachusetts has allocated \$20,034.29 for the cleanup and rehabilitation of a contaminated brownfield site in the Town of Orange. The project funding was used by the state to reimburse the municipality at a brownfield site on West River Street where a large pile of building demolition debris that contains asbestos caused a hazard to public health and the environment. The reimbursement was based on a milestone basis of progress as the contaminated debris is removed. The outcome will be total removal of the asbestos laden building debris pile of approximately 80,000 cubic yards and disposal at an appropriate hazardous waste facility.

### **Performance Report**

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has reported that this funding was used to remove 238 loads of soil laden in asbestos containing material and 7,675.68 tons of building debris from the riverfront site. This project will be completed using state funds.

## **Law Enforcement Training Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFEPSWPTI**

**Funding Amount: \$7,181.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

In conjunction with state funds, this project supported trainings for state and municipal law enforcement personnel and emergency medical personnel. Trainings will cover the most up to date information on the administration and use of federally-approved emergency opioid antagonists as well as handling compounds, responding to victims, and testing. Large, statewide symposiums will be followed by smaller, regional trainings.

### **Performance Report**

The Executive Office of Safety and Public Security has reported that the first statewide white powder training symposium was held on November 15, 2024 in Foxborough, Massachusetts. State funds will be used for smaller, regional trainings.

## **Conservation Partnership Grant Program**

**Project Identification Number: CSFENVCPGP**

**Funding Amount: \$560.00**

**Project Expenditure Category: 6.1: Provision of Government Services**

### **Project Overview**

The Commonwealth has allocated \$560 to conserve land and steward protected properties with a focus on healthy, carbon-rich soils. Farm, forest, and other natural and working lands that are owned by a state agency or by another entity such as a municipal conservation commission or a land trust and held for conservation purposes precludes development that would convert that land and ensures that the many benefits of that land are available to the public and the environment. Each fiscal year over that period, a set of projects will be developed, approved, and completed to acquire and care for land for natural resource purposes including mitigation of

and resilience to climate change, provision of clean air and water, protection of farmland to provide locally grown food, and conservation of land for habitat and passive recreation.

#### Performance Report

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has reported that these funds were used for due diligence costs, such as legal fees, associated with the donation of a parcel of land known as "The Kingdom of Bale." The property was fully conserved and is now open to the public.

## Appendix

### Appendix I: CSFRF-Funded Programs in the Commonwealth

<b>Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations</b>		<i>Figures in \$ Millions.</i>
<b>#</b>	<b>Program or Project by Action</b>	<b>Amt</b>
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>5,286.1</b>
	<b>Action: Governor's Executive Action</b>	
1	Aid to Hardest Hit Communities Treated as Nonentitlement Units	109.1
2	Chapter 766 Schools	68.7
3	Health & Human Services Workforce Stabilization Payments	54.4
4	Job Training (Workforce Skills Cabinet): Hire Now	50.0
5	Administrative Use	19.9
6	VaxMillions	8.2
7	Administrative Use	5.8
8	Administration and Finance Local Projects	3.0
	<b>Subtotal, Governor's Executive Action</b>	<b>319.1</b>
	<b>Action: Paid Sick Leave</b>	
9	Paid Leave for Vaccinations	158.8
	<b>Subtotal, Paid Sick Leave</b>	<b>158.8</b>
	<b>Action: Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021</b>	
10	Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Transfer	500.0
11	Premium Pay & Side Letter Costs	459.9
12	Fiscally Strained Hospitals	250.0
13	Affordable and Rental Housing Production	106.4
14	Clean Water Trust Transfer	86.9
15	Behavioral Health and Addiction Services	80.3
16	Commonwealth Builder Program	75.8
17	Supportive Housing	69.3
18	MassDREAMS	58.5
19	Public Housing Maintenance	49.9
20	Workforce Development	49.8
21	Payments to Providers & Community Health Centers	20.0
22	DESE HVAC	17.6
23	Broadband Internet Access	12.4
24	Chapter 766 Schools	10.0
25	Local and Regional Public Health Systems	2.9
	<b>Subtotal, Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021</b>	<b>1,849.8</b>
	<b>Action: Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022</b>	
26	Fiscally Strained Hospitals	349.0
27	Business Assistance	149.5
28	Clean Water Trust Transfer	108.2

29	Payments to Providers & Community Health Centers	104.1
30	Affordable and Rental Housing Production	102.5
31	Marine Port Infrastructure	100.0
32	Workforce Housing	61.0
33	LIHEAP	57.0
34	Clean Energy Investments	50.0
35	Electric Vehicle Adoption	42.4
36	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	38.3
37	Nursing Facilities and Rest Homes	30.0
38	Local Economic Development Projects	23.8
39	Immigrants and Refugees Housing Reserve	20.0
40	VOCA Grant Programs	19.8
41	Low Threshold Housing	14.3
42	State Parks and Trails	14.1
43	Health and Human Services Programs and Local Projects	12.0
44	Environmental Investment Local Projects	9.5
45	Education Development Projects	9.1
46	College Scholarships	8.1
47	Gun Violence Prevention & Reentry Grants	6.8
48	MassWorks Projects	6.4
49	Broadband Internet Access	4.0
50	Housing and Community Development Projects	2.9
51	Labor and Workforce Development Projects	2.7
52	Local Transportation Projects	2.4
53	Administration and Finance Local Projects	2.1
54	Public Safety Investment	2.0
55	Reproductive and Family Planning Service Needs	2.0
56	Agriculture, Fishing, and Cranberry Growers	1.3
57	Food Insecurity	0.8
58	Nursing Pathways	0.7
59	Harm Reduction Efforts and Services	0.6
60	Pathways in Technology Early College High School Programs	0.4
61	Veteran's Service Programs and Local Projects	0.4
62	Cliff Effects Pilot Program	0.3
63	Nonprofit Security Grant Program	0.1
	<b><u>Subtotal, Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022</u></b>	<b><u>1,358.7</u></b>
	<b><i>Action: Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2023</i></b>	
64	Fiscally Strained Hospitals	87.2
	<b><u>Subtotal, Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2023</u></b>	<b><u>87.2</u></b>
	<b><i>Action: Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023</i></b>	
65	Emergency Assistance Shelters	46.0

<b>Subtotal, Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023</b>		<b>46.0</b>
<b>Action: Chapter 206 of the Acts of 2024</b>		
66	Group Insurance Commission	1,466.5
<b>Subtotal, Chapter 206 of the Acts of 2024</b>		<b>1,466.5</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>5,286.1</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>0.0</b>

## Appendix II: Framework for Use of Evidence-Based Interventions

In developing Massachusetts' proposed Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth focused on directing funds to existing programs that have a track record of strong implementation and outcomes, but that lack sufficient resources to meet demand and need for their services. As the Administration and the Legislature worked together to refine and implement Massachusetts' Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth developed a plan for project selection and performance monitoring in which, wherever possible, the Commonwealth applied CSFRF funds to projects that are evidence-based interventions designed to achieve defined, measurable outcomes that materially support our communities' recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Such evidence-based projects:

- Demonstrate statistically significant effects on improving relevant community outcomes based on evidence<sup>1</sup> from well-designed and well-implemented experimental studies; or
- Demonstrate a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such interventions are likely to improve relevant community outcomes; and
- Include ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such interventions.

### Framework Themes

To provide a framework for use of evidence-based interventions in its Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth emphasized two strategic themes described in the [Results for America 2020 State Standard of Excellence](#):

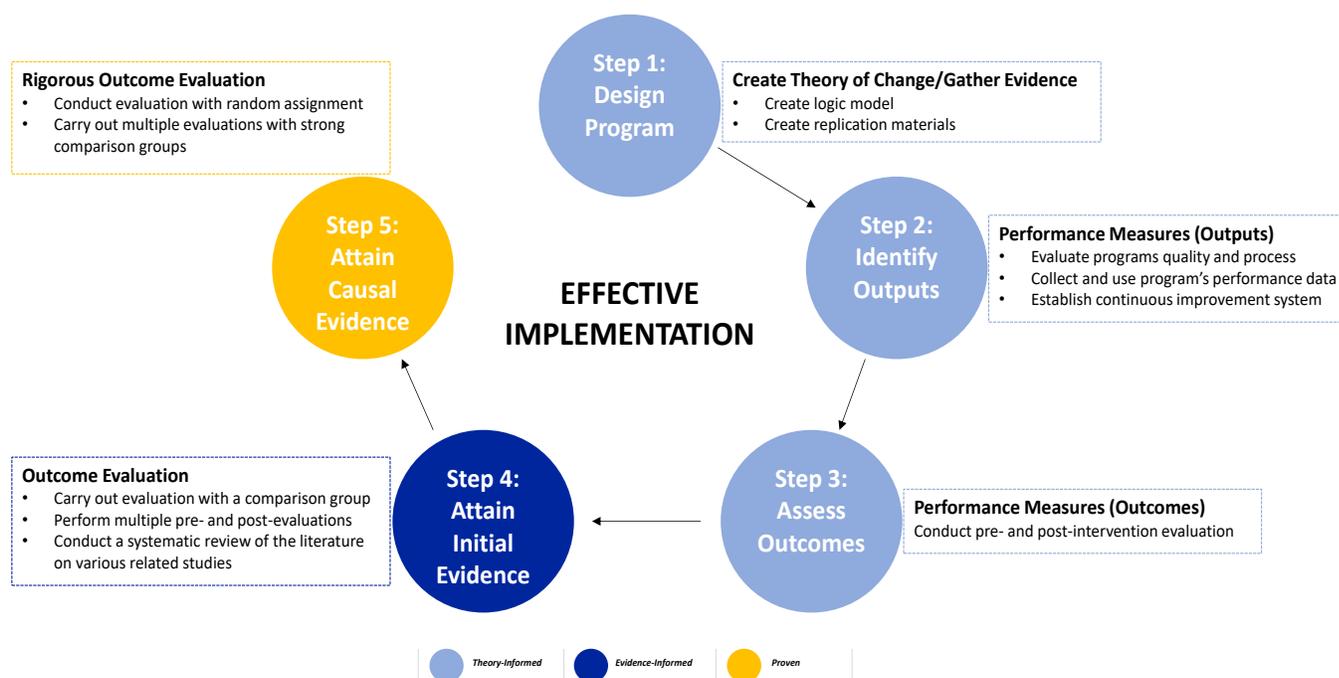
- Using project budgets to build and focus state evaluation capacity and resources on evidence-based investments
- Directing grant and contract spending towards interventions with evidence of effectiveness to deliver results and encourage innovation

### Using Project Budgets to Build and Focus Evaluation Capacity

When evaluating and approving Recovery Plan project proposals, the Commonwealth aimed to follow a budget decision-making process that gives preference to [requests with evidence](#) and data related to quantifiable material outcomes (i.e., not just counts of inputs and outputs). As part of this process, the Commonwealth gave higher priority to requests that are supported by higher tiers of evidence following [a model similar to that developed by the Colorado Evidence-Based Policy Collaborative](#) (depicted below).

<sup>1</sup> Valid evidence includes: i) strong evidence from at least one well-designed, well-implemented experimental study; ii) moderate evidence from at least one well-designed, well-implemented experimental study; or iii) promising evidence from at least one well-designed, well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias. [Derived from the definition of "evidence-based intervention" included in Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015]

## Colorado Evidence Continuum



The project budget decision-making process may also review new programs that do not yet have an evidence base, but that do have strong data that demonstrates quantifiable outcomes.

The Commonwealth's Recovery Plan project budgeting allowed funding to be allocated to build agencies'/recipients' capacity to evaluate programs. This is especially relevant for new programs where it is important to design the evaluations and metrics that will be used to measure the success of proposed initiatives.

Balancing the need for expedited implementation of Recovery Plan projects with the inherent challenges of major institutional process changes, the project budgeting process continues to be integrated as much as possible into the Commonwealth's broader systematic approach to managing results.

### Directing Grants and Contracts Towards Interventions with Evidence of Effectiveness

As part of the implementation of its Recovery Plan, the Commonwealth also sought to identify relevant existing programs where results could be improved, including those not achieving desired policy outcomes or equity goals. When evaluating existing programs for inclusion in the Recovery Plan – including those run by grantees and contractors – the Commonwealth determined if program outcomes can be improved by using [evidence of effectiveness to allocate funds](#) to more effective practices or providers.

In identifying candidates for inclusion in the Recovery Plan among existing programs, the Commonwealth looked for programs that could deliver services or support critical to plan and consider each program's:

- Purpose – What is provided through the program?
- Target Population – To which communities will the program's support/funds go directly?

- Equity Focus – Does the program specifically and intentionally focus on underserved populations?
- Potential Evidence Base – What program outputs are measured? What is the program’s intended outcome, and is it measured?

Examples of the types of program purpose, target population, equity focus, and evidence base characteristics to be considered when evaluating existing programs for the Recovery Plan are presented in the following table.

Characteristics to Be Considered When Evaluating Recovery Plan Candidate Programs

Program Purpose	Target Population	Equity Focus on Underserved Populations	Potential Evidence Base
Provision of Capital Equity investment Grants Loans/guarantees	Private Sector Tech, innovation, life science businesses Developers Manufacturers	Low-to-moderate income residents and communities	Measurement of outputs
Capacity Development Technical assistance Skills development	Neighborhood small businesses Other small businesses	Underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities Women	Definition and measurement of outcomes Established measurement systems
Other Technical Support Real estate development Resource sharing/networking	Civic Sector Educational institutions Hospitals/medical centers Research institutions Arts/culture centers Other community organizations  Other Constituents Municipalities Individuals	Youth LGBTQ Veterans	Track record of measurement and reporting

### Framework Application Examples

Representative examples of the Commonwealth’s experience applying the Evidence-Based Intervention Framework described in this appendix are presented below.

#### School Redesign Grant Program

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education distributes competitive federal funds through the [School Redesign Grant](#) to help districts improve their lowest-performing schools. The schools and districts, in partnership with the state, develop a [sustainable improvement plan](#), which guides the approach to rapid school improvement. The state requires that the plan, in order to meet both state and federal requirements, [must incorporate](#) at least one strategy backed by evidence that meets the criteria from one of the top three evidence tiers [as defined by ESSA](#). The Department provides support to potential applicants on using evidence-based practices through its [How Do We Know Initiative](#).

#### Pathways to Economic Advancement Program

The Commonwealth's Pathways to Economic Advancement program uses an innovative “Pay for Success” funding model in which private sector investors provide upfront capital to scale promising programs, and the government pays back the investors only if the programs achieve predetermined outcomes. This was the first Pay for Success project in the country to focus exclusively on workforce development, specifically on increasing access to programs that assist adult English-language learners in making successful transitions to employment, higher wage jobs, and higher education. Through the Pathways to Economic Advancement, in 2016 the Commonwealth contracted with Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) and Social Finance to conduct an evaluation of JVS' English for Advancement program (EfA). EfA provides adult English-language learners in the Boston area with employment-focused language instruction, career coaching, and job placement assistance to help them obtain employment or advance to a better job. A report on the evaluation was released in November 2020 and found that EfA had a significant impact on annual earnings for program participants over the two years after entering the program.<sup>2</sup>

### Student Learning Time Program Support

For the vast majority of students, in-person learning is a critical component of their academic growth and social-emotional wellbeing. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many Massachusetts school districts had to provide virtual learning environments during the 2020-2021 school year. To help these districts successfully provide virtual learning for students and inform the public of the results of their efforts, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education developed the [Student Learning Time](#) dashboard. The dashboard provides information about how districts and schools are meeting student learning requirements for students during the pandemic.

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<sup>2</sup> Anne Roder and Mark Elliot, *Stepping Up: Interim Findings on JVS Boston's English for Advancement Show Large Earnings Gains* (Economic Mobility Corporation, 2020)