

Other COVID-related Resources for Municipal Planners

Below are other resources municipal planners and staff may find helpful in responding to the pandemic and its impacts. This list is updated regularly.

- The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has \$19.65 million of Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant – CV (CDBG-CV) funds available to eligible municipalities to respond to COVID-19. Access the Notice of Funding Availability on CommBuys. [Access the NOFA on CommBuys](#)
- Municipalities may apply for the Economic Development Administration's [Cares Act Funding Program grants](#) for planning and technical assistance, capitalization and recapitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs) to provide access to capital for businesses, construction of infrastructure and other economic development projects, and innovation grants.
- The [Massachusetts Housing Partnership](#) has information regarding affordable housing during the pandemic, including resources for setting up an emergency rental assistance program and other local financing options. [More information](#)
- The National Association of City Transportation Officials has developed the [Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery](#) guide, which includes detailed information about strategies municipalities might consider to provide safe access and spaces through street redesign.
- National League of Cities is compiling a [database of municipal actions/responses to COVID-19](#).
- The Metropolitan Area Planning Council has developed a [white paper](#) on how municipalities may help small businesses as they reopen.
- The International Economic Development Council maintains Restore Your Economy, a resource for information on COVID-19 and its economic impacts with [State and Municipal Reopening Resources](#) and other [Resources and Research](#).
- What Works Cities has posted a COVID-19 [Local Government Response and Resource Bank](#).