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August 15, 2019

Dear Municipal Executive:

The Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to announce that Year 5 of the Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) program is set to begin on August 15. In FY20, we will continue to offer the Best Practice program and the IT Grant program. Information on both of these CCC programs is provided below.

Fostering a strong partnership with our municipalities continues to be a top priority for the Baker-Polito Administration, and the Community Compact Cabinet is a prime example of how the state remains responsive to the needs of municipalities.

The first four years of the program have been incredibly successful, with all 351 cities and towns signing up for the Best Practice program, more than 200 municipalities and school districts receiving Efficiency and Regionalization grants, and close to 190 municipalities receiving funds from the IT Grant program.

Fiscal Year 2020 CCC Municipal Grant Programs

Best Practices Program

Beginning August 15, applications for Year 5 of the CCC Best Practice program can be submitted by those municipalities *who did not apply in FY19 for a Compact,* at www.mass.gov/ccc. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed within one month of submission. Eligible applicants can choose up to two best practices. The complete set of best practices is available on the Community Compact Cabinet website, along with a helpful Question and Answer section.

You may access the application page, however to begin the application you will need a password. The password for your community is tgZEIVp372. Applications cannot be saved once they are started and should be completed all at once. Your community can only submit one application in FY20.

IT Grant Program

On September 16, the application for the Community Compact IT Grant Program will open. Cities and towns that were awarded an IT Grant Program grant in FY19 will not be eliqible in FY20.



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This is a *competitive* grant program focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology. Using the transformative powers of IT, we can drive innovation, make government more efficient, save taxpayer money, and make it easier for residents to interact and transact with their local government.

Grants of up to \$200,000 will support the implementation of innovative IT projects by funding related one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure, upgrades and/or purchases of equipment or software. Incidental or one-time costs related to the capital purchase such as planning, design, installation, implementation and initial training are eligible.

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It is exciting to have these programs available again for our partners in local government. Together they offer you an opportunity to position your community for long-term success, including bonus points on various statewide grants if you enter into a Best Practice compact. I thank the Legislature for funding these programs in FY20 and look forward to working with you in the near future as Chair of the Community Compact Cabinet. If you have any questions, contact Sean Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services, at croninse@dor.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Karyn E. Polito

Lieutenant Governor