

Compact Community: Governor Charlie Baker has initiated a Community Compact whereby towns may apply for assistance to help improve public services. The assistance is to support best management practices. Rolling admissions. Two-year timeframe to complete the project. Details are enclosed.

The Select Board is asked to indicate their general willingness to participate. The departments will develop recommendations as how best to participate, and a formal recommendation will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Community Compact Cabinet & Becoming a "Compact Community"



What is the CCC



- **Created by the Governor's first Executive Order (#554), the Community Compact Cabinet (CCC)**
 - Improves state-municipal relations by having state agencies work better with and for municipalities
 - Works to better coordinate and leverage state resources available to cities and towns
 - Strives to incentivize best practices at the local level

- **Membership:**
 - Lieutenant Governor (Chair)
 - Senior Deputy Commissioner, Division of Local Services (Vice-Chair)
 - Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
 - Secretary of the Executive Office of Education
 - Secretary of Transportation
 - Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
 - Assistant Secretary for Operational Services
 - Chief Information Officer



Areas of Responsibility



- Champion municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies;
- Develop mutual standards of best practices for both the state and municipalities;
- Develop ideas to incentivize adoption of best practices at the municipal and school district level;
- Work with the Local Government Advisory Commission (LGAC) to resolve issues and implement recommendations made by the LGAC and approved by the Governor;
- Review state regulatory burdens on municipalities and school districts and recommend reforms;
- Understand the major cost drivers of municipalities and school districts and identify actions that the Commonwealth, municipalities and school districts can take to control them;
- Identify and remove barriers to economic development opportunities for cities and towns;
- Empower cities and towns and school districts by finding new ways for local governments to leverage state resources and capacity.

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What is a Community Compact?



- **The Community Compact is a voluntary, mutual agreement between the Administration and municipality**
- **In a Community Compact, a community will agree to implement at least one best practice that they select from across a variety of areas**
- **Once approved, the written agreement will be generated and signed by both the municipality and the Commonwealth**
- **The Compact also articulates the commitments the Commonwealth will make on behalf of all communities**

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Commonwealth's Commitments



- **As a sign of its commitment to an improved partnership with cities and towns, the Baker-Polito Administration:**
 - Intends to be a reliable partner on local aid.
 - Pledges to work with our partners in the Legislature toward earlier local aid formula funding levels.
 - Will work to make available technical assistance opportunities for cities and towns as they work toward best practices.
 - Will not propose any new unfunded state mandates, and we will look at existing mandates with a goal toward making it easier to manage municipal governments.
 - Will give special attention, in its review of state regulations, to those that affect the ability of municipalities to govern themselves.
 - Pledges to work closely with municipal leaders to expand opportunities to add municipal voices to those state boards and commissions that impact local governments.
 - Will introduce incentives for municipalities that sign Compacts in existing and proposed state grant opportunities, including proposals for technical assistance grants available only to compact communities.
 - Will identify ways to expedite state reviews that can often slow down economic development opportunities or hinder other municipal interests.

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Why Enter Into a Community Compact?



- **Allows your community to implement a best practice(s) that you might otherwise be unable to**
- **Shows residents and taxpayers that you are striving to follow best practices**
- **The Commonwealth will offer incentives, including prioritizing Commonwealth technical assistance resources to help reach your chosen best practice(s)**
- **Extra points on certain grants, and a grant program specifically for Compact communities, are also incentives**

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How to Become a Compact Community



- ☐ Visit Mass.gov/CCC and choose "Compact Application"
- ☐ Then choose the Best Practice(s) you want to implement and briefly explain why
- ☐ Hit submit and that's it!
- ☐ Division of Local Services (DLS) will review and forward to the appropriate Secretariat for review and follow-up with the municipality
- ☐ The Commonwealth will work with the municipality to obtain technical assistance resources to help reach your chosen best practice(s)
- ☐ Each Compact agreement will run for two years
 - During the two year period of each compact, the DLS will monitor progress
 - Progress payments made based on project timeline community has with consultant

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Areas of Best Practices



Financial Management	Housing / Economic Development	Education	Energy / Environment	Technology	Transportation / Citizen Safety	Regional Cooperation
Budget Document	Preparing for success	Administration and finance	Maximizing energy efficiency and Renewable opportunities	Cyber-security	Complete streets	Explore sharing services/regionalize
Financial policies	Housing	Coordination and collaboration - professional development	Climate Change mitigation and adaptation	Transparency	Safe routes to school	
Long-range planning	Infrastructure	Coordination and collaboration - higher education	Sustainable development and land protection	Business continuity	A safe and mobile future for older drivers	
Capital planning	Competitiveness	Coordination and collaboration - transition	Comprehensive water resource management	Citizen engagement	Sharing best practices	
Review Financial Management Structure	Job creation & retention	Coordination and collaboration - early education	Waste and site cleanup	Data standards	Citizen safety	
Other	Other	Other	Promoting agriculture	Other	Other	
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