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Agenda

- Mission
- Where We Work
- Ways We Can Help
- Funding Opportunities

The Collins Center Mission

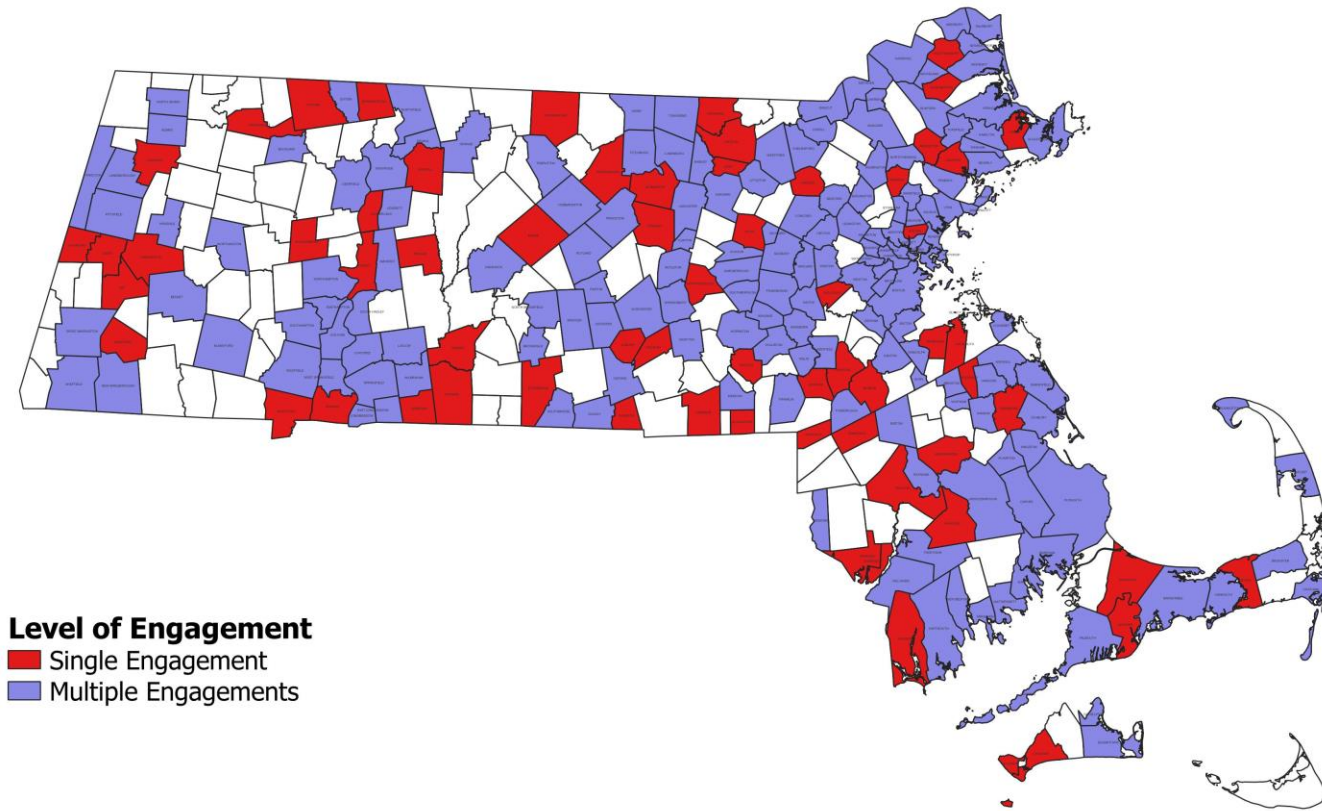
The Collins Center is dedicated to improving the efficiency, effectiveness, governance, responsiveness, and accountability of public sector organizations, with a particular focus on local and state governments.

We do this through a variety of approaches, including:

- **Technical assistance and consulting** on public management issues to public entities
- Offering practical, low-cost, and customized public management **training, education, and professional development** to public officials and aspiring public officials
- **Creating publicly-available resources** to support public officials

Where the Collins Center Has Worked in Massachusetts

Municipal Engagements as of 2022



Collins Center and Local Public / Environmental Health

Since 2008, the Collins Center has worked on many projects related to public or environmental health and inspectional services

Ways We Can Help

Covid-19 "After Action" Exercises and Reports

- Review what worked (is working) and what didn't during pandemic operations
- Make recommendations for moving forward

In-depth data analysis

- Population / demographics
- GIS mapping

Ways We Can Help

Department-level projects including:

- Assessing department organization and/or staffing levels
- Data analytics
- Support for special projects and initiatives
 - Problem Properties Task Force
 - Sewer district planning
- Fee reviews

Ways We Can Help

Facilitating Shared Services Agreements, across the lifespan:

- Guiding discussions prior to pursuing sharing services
- Drafting of intermunicipal agreements
- Assisting with shared services start up and implementation

E-Permitting

- Drafting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for e-permitting software
- Project management for e-Permitting software implementation

Common Funding Sources

Commonwealth Compact Best Practices Grants

- Assess challenges posed by recent public health crises and identify opportunities for building public health infrastructure and staff capacity
- Develop shared public health services with contiguous municipalities
- Convene local and state health and enforcement officials to develop a standardized response protocol, by region, for hoarding, including animal hoarding

Commonwealth Compact Best Practices Grants

Substance Use Disorder Prevention efforts, including:

- Community Coalitions for Substance Use Prevention
- Environmental analysis of overdose locations
- Data driven planning for prevention of early onset substance use disorder
- Expand community access to all FDA-approved Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Implement and enforce evidence-based tobacco control strategies at the point of sale to reduce youth initiation of tobacco use

Commonwealth Compact Best Practices Grants

- Develop foodborne illness outbreak protocols and assess capacity to enforce regulations that evaluate food systems
- Assess capacity to ensure all housing inspections include lead hazard identification and that lead inspections are conducted when requested by families with small children
- Assist local boards of health (LBOH) in advancing health equity
- ...and many more public health related best practices...

IT Grants

(Open until Oct 7)

- Grants support the implementation of innovative and transformative IT projects by funding one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure and/or purchases of equipment or software
- All municipalities are eligible except those that received grants in FY22
- Up to \$200,000. No match required
- Applications evaluated on the impact of the proposed project on the community

Efficiency and Regionalization Grants

Opening Soon (Oct 10 – Nov 10)

- Grants provide one-time funds to assist in the planning and implementation of regionalization and other efficiency initiatives that support long-term municipal sustainability
- Up to \$100,000 for one municipality, up to \$200,000 for multiple municipality

Efficiency and Regionalization Grants

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- **Regionalization:** shared services, joint or regional facilities, intergovernmental agreements, consolidations, mergers and other collaborative efforts
- **Internal Efficiencies:** for a single entity to plan and implement innovative strategies that improve the quality and efficiency of municipal service delivery

MA COVID-19 Community Grants

- **Goal:** Reduce COVID-19 infections, morbidity, and mortality among Asian, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color in our hardest hit cities and towns, as well as to support education and awareness of vaccination efforts in Massachusetts
- **Funds:** Culturally and linguistically appropriate community outreach, communication, and education

MA COVID-19 Community Grants

Eligible communities:

- Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Methuen, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, and Worcester
- Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Serving Organizations (TIPSO)

Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds

Community Health Funds

Priority will be given to activities that benefit communities outside of Boston that:

- Have not historically and routinely benefited from previous local Determination of Need (DoN) community health funding; and
- Have high rates of health inequities

Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds

Healthy Aging Fund

\$10,000 – \$100,000 per year, up to 5 years

Preference will be given to activities that benefit communities that:

- Are Gateway Cities or rural areas; and
- Have high rates of health inequities

Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Funding

\$10,000 – \$75,000 per year, up to 5 years

CHIPs are based on the results of a community health assessment (CHA), which studies the health-related needs and strengths of a community

CHIPs aim to

- respond to CHA results;
- bring together resources and stakeholders; and
- create a shared framework for community health

Contact Us

We would love to discuss potential projects with you!

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