Team Massachusetts

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Advancing the Commonwealth's Economic Development Agenda

The Healey-Driscoll Administration prioritizes investments that advance equity, improve affordability, and strengthen Massachusetts' economic competitiveness. These efforts are essential for sustaining Massachusetts' innovative, mission-driven, and high-growth economy. To achieve this, the state is strategically investing in critical sectors and emerging industries while also supporting local projects in towns and cities to unlock new economic opportunities across the state.

Through the FY26-FY30 Capital Investment Plan (CIP), the Administration continues to make key investments to advance its economic strategy by supporting proven, established capital programs, as well as new and innovative programming included in the landmark 2024 Economic Development Bond Bill, *An Act Relative to Strengthening Massachusetts's Economic Leadership*, or *Mass Leads*.

The CIP focuses on investing in infrastructure that advances the state's cutting-edge work in certain sectors of the economy, including life sciences, climatetech, artificial intelligence (AI), and other strategic technology and innovation industries. Between FY26 and FY30, the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) will invest over **\$1.5 billion** in capital funding that continues to foster opportunity across all regions of Massachusetts. The FY26-FY30 CIP also includes **\$657 million** of funding to support community development and infrastructure improvements in municipalities.



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Turning Commitments into Action: Progress Under Mass Leads

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has made investing in local economies a core goal of its economic development plan, leveraging community initiatives to drive job creation, support business, and foster inclusive economic opportunity. As part of this commitment, the Administration is expanding on initiatives funded in *Mass Leads* through targeted investments that advance the legislation's goals. The FY26–FY30 CIP allocates **\$251 million** across six plan items to support these efforts and reinforce Massachusetts's leadership in innovation and equitable growth across all communities.

Mass Impact

The CIP invests **\$28 million** over five years for the **Mass Impact program**. Mass Impact was first authorized in *Mass Leads* and originally funded in FY25. This program is designed to support large, transformational projects with the potential to create substantial economic impact. The available funding will allow the Administration the flexibility to support unique economic development opportunities as they arise.

This funding has helped leverage public and private investments in projects like the Lowell Innovation Network Corridor (LINC), which aims to stimulate the Massachusetts economy by investing in projects across various sectors and development of new industries or technologies. In action, Mass Impact invests in large-scale infrastructure improvements, projects that create a significant number of jobs, and initiatives that revitalize underserved communities.

Climatetech

The Healey-Driscoll Administration continues to support climatetech through new appropriation for the **Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC)**. **\$57.5 million** over five years will promote job creation, economic development, and workforce development through deployment of climate technologies in the Commonwealth. Funding will also support equipment and infrastructure purchases at climatetech startup companies to scale and deploy novel clean energy and climate technologies that will benefit the Commonwealth.

Robotics

The FY26-FY30 CIP invests **\$32 million** over 5 years in EOED's **Robotics grant program** which is designed to increase access to robotics tools for communities across the Commonwealth, as well as boost the local entrepreneurial ecosystem.

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Mass TechHub

The **Massachusetts TechHub Program** is slated to receive **\$33.5 million** over five years to support the advancement of emerging technology sectors in regions across the Commonwealth. The allocation will award grants, through competitive solicitation offerings, to support infrastructure development and job growth in this area.

Massachusetts Al Hub

The new Massachusetts AI Hub is designed to strengthen the state's AI ecosystem and to



keep Massachusetts competitive by supporting innovation, research, and the commercialization of AI technologies. The program will provide incubator support for AI-driven startups and private sector users, while also expanding access to high-performance computing resources in collaboration with institutions like the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center. The FY26–FY30 Capital Investment Plan allocates **\$68.6 million** over five years to further these efforts, positioning Massachusetts as a global leader in applied AI and fostering responsible, inclusive AI development.

Business Builds

The CIP introduces the **Business Builds Program** and invests **\$33.1 million** over five years to support businesses in making sustainable investments that reduce their carbon footprint while fostering job creation. This initiative also aims to create a competitive package to attract or retain businesses considering relocation or expansion in other states, encouraging them to grow in the Commonwealth and continue contributing to the state's economic development.

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These strategic investments demonstrate the Healey-Driscoll Administration's commitment to turning bold economic development goals into tangible outcomes for communities, industries, and workers across Massachusetts. By aligning resources with innovation, inclusion, and sustainability, the FY26 CIP actively shapes a stronger, more equitable economic future for the Commonwealth.

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Building Local Capacity: Investing in People and Places

The Healey-Driscoll Administration demonstrates its deep commitment to local communities and municipalities through strategic, on-the-ground investments that reflect the values of Team Massachusetts. Through six targeted programs in the Community **One Stop for Growth initiative**, the Administration is directing a total of **\$657 million** over five years to support capital investments that foster inclusive economic development, workforce opportunities, and community-driven growth. These investments underscore the belief that empowering people and strengthening places is essential to building a more resilient and equitable future for the Commonwealth.



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Economic Development

The FY26-FY30 CIP makes important investments in infrastructure and site development to bolster economic growth across Massachusetts. The CIP commits **\$500.3 million** over five years to the **MassWorks Infrastructure Program** which provides flexible infrastructure funding for municipalities and other public entities to support economic development and job creation initiatives. In FY25, 62 grantees were awarded MassWorks grants for a total award of **\$95 million**. These grants will support 6,740 new permanent jobs and 10.5 million square feet of new office, industrial, and commercial development. The CIP also includes **\$3 million** annually to the **Site Readiness Program**, aiming to enhance local infrastructure and prepare sites for development.

Community Revitalization

Revitalizing contaminated and abandoned sites is key to transforming areas into thriving hubs of economic activity and local opportunity. The FY26-FY30 CIP invests **\$8.7 million** for **Brownfields Redevelopment**, to provide support for the cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties and **\$79 million** for **Revitalizing Underutilized Properties**. In FY25, the Revitalizing Underutilized Properties program made 37 grant awards, targeting vacant or underused buildings for productive reuse.

Investing in community and regional development strengthens local economies, creates jobs, and builds long-term resilience. The FY26-FY30 CIP invests in the **Transformative Development Initiative** for the first time in recent years. This program supports the revitalization of Gateway City downtowns and commercial districts by leveraging their cultural and community strengths to expand access to economic capital and create wealth-building opportunities for residents. The CIP also invests in **Rural and Small Town Development Fund**. This program invests in infrastructure and community development specifically in rural-and small-town settings. Supporting all communities—regardless of size or location—is essential, because true success happens when everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

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