



SRPEDD ASSISTANCE TO CITIES AND TOWNS

Second Notification

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District's cities and towns are entitled to technical assistance from SRPEDD. Every year each SRPEDD Commissioner (Mayor or Selectmen's representative and Planning Board representative) is allocated 20 hours for municipal assistance.

Earlier this year, SRPEDD sent out notifications that SRPEDD is offering additional technical assistance services courtesy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the legislature. SRPEDD has received funding under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) program to assist the cities and towns. As a result of the first notification, funds have been awarded to ten (10) municipalities and a Regional Cooperative Purchasing program has been launched. Limited funding is still available for assistance and SRPEDD will consider requests received through April 30, 2009.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT/LAND USE

The first area is in traditional planning work with an emphasis on sustainability. Examples of work in this area would include:

- Bylaw/ordinance preparation and implementation for open space residential/cluster zoning, low impact development, transit oriented development, workforce housing districts;
- Permitting procedures to implement prompt and reliable permitting;
- Master plan elements;
- Corridor analyses, especially for multiple communities.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Projects to be undertaken with DLTA funding will be selected on the basis of several criteria, including likelihood of completion and implementation, advancement of the state's sustainable development principles (attached), promotion of regional collaboration and local commitment.

You are requested to contact SRPEDD if you are interested in Round 2 of the DLTA funding. See contact information on the attached Technical Assistance Request Form. The deadline is April 30, 2009.

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In addition, SRPEDD will continue to offer technical assistance in these areas:

- **Municipal Assistance** - 20 hours to each SRPEDD Commissioner. Includes zoning bylaws, GIS Mapping, grant applications, subdivision rules and regulations, subdivision and site plan review, and survey assistance. (Funded by local assessments from cities and towns)
- **Expedited Permitting** - Assistance to municipalities on streamlining local review procedures or compliance with the state Chapter 43D process. (Funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
- **Economic Development** - Economic development strategies, project development and management, and grant applications. (Funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration)
- **Sustainability Planning** - Assistance to cities and town to pursue sustainable activities, including renewable energy alternatives, support for agriculture, low impact development, water management (potable water, wastewater, storm water) and sustainable local bylaws.(Funded by the Island Foundation and local assessments)
- **Environment** - As part of the Taunton River Campaign, technical assistance to basin communities including ACEC, CPA and open space planning activities. (Funded by the Sheehan Family Foundation)
- **Transportation** - Safety studies, intersection analyses, traffic counts, parking and circulation studies, pavement management analysis and other activities under SRPEDD's Unified Planning Work Program. (Funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation)
- **G.I.S. Mapping And Data Center** - Geographic Information System mapping for roads, zoning, land use, aquifers, open space, wetlands and many other layers. Demographic information, surveys, population projections, school enrollment projections and data analysis (Funded by local assessments to SRPEDD)

For all requests, please contact Greg Guimond (gguimond@srpedd.org) or Sandy Conaty (sconaty@srpedd.org) at SRPEDD (508-824-1367) to discuss your request because the procedures and eligibility for the various types of technical assistance differ. You will also be requested to consult your local representative on the SRPEDD Commission.

SRPEDD will not use technical assistance services to replace local staff.

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