

About the Community Compact Cabinet

The Community Compact Cabinet elevates the Administration's partnerships with cities and towns and allows the Baker-Polito Administration to work more closely with leaders from all the Commonwealth's municipalities. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations and accountability for both partners. As Governor Baker said when signing the Executive Order, the Community Compact Cabinet "gives cities and towns a real seat at the table" in the Baker-Polito Administration.



What is a Community Compact?

The Community Compact is a voluntary, mutual agreement entered into between the Baker-Polito Administration and the municipalities of the Commonwealth. In a Community Compact, a city or town agrees to implement at least one best practice that they select from 10 best practice areas (Education, Energy and Environment, Financial Management, Housing and Economic Development, Human Resources, Information Technology, Public Accessibility, Public Safety, Regionalization/ Shared Services, Transportation / Public Works). The community's chosen best practice(s) are then reviewed and discussed between the Commonwealth and the municipality to ensure that the best practice(s) chosen are unique to the municipality and reflect needed areas of improvement. Once approved, the written agreement is generated and signed by both the municipality and the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth will provide resources, either in the form of a grant or in-house technical assistance, to help the community finalize the best practice(s).

What is the obligation of the Commonwealth?

The Commonwealth's commitments are found on the Community Compact website. In addition, the Commonwealth will provide resources, either in the form of a grant or in-house technical assistance, to help reach your chosen best practice(s). Extra points on certain grants, including MassWorks, Complete Streets, PARC grants, and the Efficiency & Regionalization grant, and an IT grant program specifically for Compact communities, are also incentives included for participation in the program.

Can communities have a joint Community Compact?

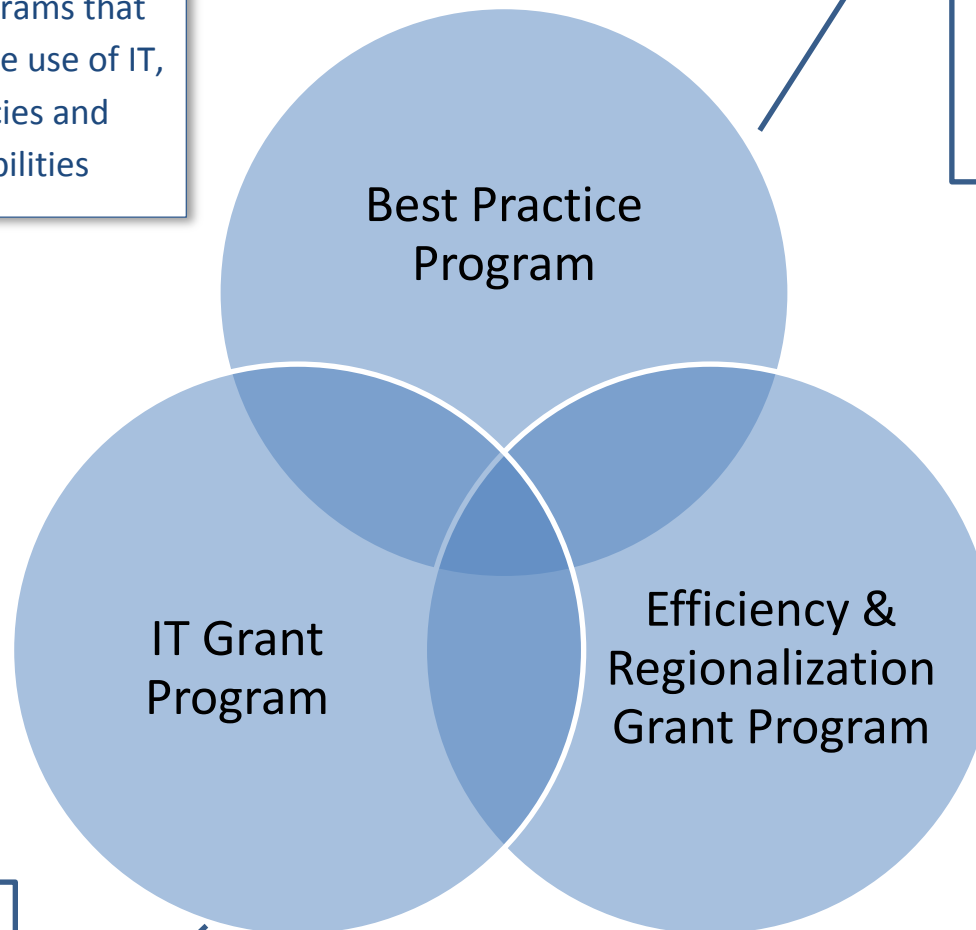
Yes, for smaller communities, regionalization of the Compact is an option. The Communities will individually fill out an application, choose the same best practice(s) and choose the regionalization option on the website.

To find out more information please visit www.mass.gov/ccc. The website includes examples of Compacts and finalized best practices.

Community Compact Programs

The Community Compact Cabinet provides assistance to cities and town through three programs that focus on best practices, the use of IT, and exploring efficiencies and regionalization possibilities

Incentivizes best practices and assists communities in implementing them by providing grant funding or in-house technical assistance. Signing the Best Practice Compact makes the community a "Compact Community".



Focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology

Provides financial support for governmental entities interested in implementing regionalization and other efficiency initiatives that allow for long-term sustainability

Statistics as of July 28, 2017

- 302 municipalities have applied covering 669 best practices
- 294 Compacts have been signed by the Lieutenant Governor and the communities

Green = Signed

Yellow = Applied

