

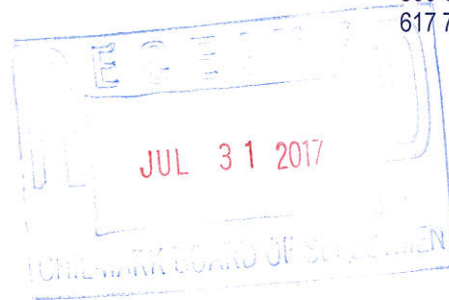


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Dear Applicant:

The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD), is pleased to announce the **Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program** application and selection process for FY18. Eligible applicants include any Massachusetts city or town, (hereinafter referred to as "Applicants.")

These grants will support capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving programmatic access and/or removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities in Applicant facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

Project Grants of up to \$250,000 will be awarded to successful Applicants to remove barriers and create and improve accessible features and programmatic access for persons with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth.

Planning Grants will also be awarded to assist a community in creating or updating a Self-Evaluation or Transition Plan required under Title II of the ADA.

Examples include but are not limited to increasing both physical access and programmatic access through the addition of features such as: ramps, elevators, power lifts and Limited Use/Limited Application (LULAs), signage, communication access devices, curb cuts and/or any other features that are designed to improve architectural access and/or programmatic access. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that demonstrate real and tangible positive impacts to persons with disabilities.

Municipalities that have signed, or are willing to sign, a Community Compact (CC) and selected the ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition best practice option will be provided priority for grant funding. Every City or Town in the Commonwealth is eligible to apply.

Application Process and Deadlines; FY18 Application period is from August 1, 2017 through November 17, 2017. All FY18 grants must be submitted using the online application portal. For grant related instructions and the online application portal, please visit our website at www.mass.gov/mod/adagrant.

Thank you for your interest in improving access for persons with disabilities. We look forward to working with you. **Please share this with your department heads.**

Sincerely,

David D'Arcangelo
Director