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Good morning D-2 Communities,

I am happy to share the funding release of the Rural Roadway Funding program of \$25M in extra funding for your communities. This funding will be added to your Ch 90 funding balance and there is no deadline to spend the funds. We will send out updated balance sheets once we add the amounts to your balances, please give us two weeks to do so. I am including the apportionment funding amount sheet attached and a link to the program guide for your reference.

Rural Roadway Funding Program link:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rural-roadway-funding-program>

est,
Chris

Rural Roadway Funding Program

Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2023 authorized \$25 million in funding to support the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways. Per the legislation, these funds are to be distributed to all 351 municipalities in the Commonwealth using a formula based on local road mileage, municipal population, and rurality. A municipality is considered rural for the purposes of this funding if it has a population of less than 10,000 and a population density under 500 people per square mile.

Apportionments for each city and town are shown in the table at the end of this page. The authorizing legislation can be found below. Apportionments have been added to each municipality's existing Chapter 90 contract and are readily available for use. These funds must be spent in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Chapter 90 Program. Municipalities must submit a Project Request in advance of starting any project that uses these funds. Similar to the Chapter 90 Program, all state procurement and prequalification regulations apply. There is no deadline to spend these funds.

Please visit the [Chapter 90 Program website](#) for details on project eligibility, project approval, and the reimbursement process. For further questions, please contact your District State Aid Staff.

Authorizing legislation from Massachusetts Acts of 2023, Chapter 27:

122-2128 For a program to support the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways; provided, that funds shall be distributed to municipalities based on a formula established by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided further, that said formula shall provide funding to all municipalities and shall be based on local road mileage, population and whether the municipality is considered rural; provided further, that a municipality shall be considered rural for purposes of this item if it has a population of less than 10,000 and a population density under 500 people per square

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I just watched your last Selectboard meeting where you voted to take the cost of the gravel for parking at Pratt Field from ARPA. I strongly recommend that you take that money from the Kiwanis Rec Equipment fund (this would properly be labeled Kiwanis Rec Equipment and Field Maintenance Fund) since this is directly related to field maintenance.

Thanks
Jane

Subject **Balance Sheet with Ch 90 with Rural Roadway Funding added**
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Balance Sheet with Ch 90 with Rural Roadway Funding added

Good morning,

We are providing your current balance sheet with FY24 Ch 90 with Rural Roadway funds have been added to your Ch 90 balance. The new funding is available to request just as you would a Ch90 project and there is no deadline to spend, you do not need to specify which funding source you are using with requests it is considered Ch 90 funds and part of your new balance.

The available balance is what is currently available to request for projects.

Please take some time to look at your unpaid balance and see what projects you still have open that you might have completed and would like to close out and have those funds returned to your available balances.

Best,
Chris

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