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AVAILABILITY OF PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Date: July 31 2013
To: Town Administrators, Managers, Boards of Selectmen, CMRPC Delegate and Other Local Officials
From: Lawrence Adams, Executive Director
Tim Wheeler, CMRPC Physical Development Committee, Chair
Subject: Professional Technical and Planning Assistance to Municipalities –District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA)

In 2012, the Governor and Legislature funded the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program for CY 2013, which enables Regional Planning Agencies to provide technical assistance to municipalities for “any subject within regional planning expertise.”

Over the past several years, CMRPC has assisted dozens of cities and towns as they have undertaken local and inter-municipal planning, rewritten local zoning, secured cost savings through shared services contracts, or entered into inter-municipal agreements to save money and/or to improve service delivery. This is a great opportunity for your community and CMRPC to work together on projects that meet local needs while advancing regional and state goals regarding smart growth and regional collaboration.

The first invitation for proposals for CY2013 DLTA funds resulted in the allocation of the majority of our total funding. Limited funding, however, still exists for small projects. We invite you to look over the past projects undertaken by Towns within the CMRPC region (on the reverse side or for more detail see <http://www.cmrpc.org/community-development-documents>). Please, consider what needs you may have either in traditional land use planning, housing, energy, or shared municipal services planning. We encourage you to contact CMRPC to discuss possible projects. If your project does not receive funding this year, we will be able to consider it for funding in Calendar Year 2014.

Eligible projects will fall into two major funding categories:

- 1) Sustainable Development and Preservation in support of a regional plan, and
- 2) Regional Collaboration in Service Delivery or Procurement.

For further information on this program, previously funded projects, or to discuss a project concept for next year, we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible, as funds and staff availability are very limited.

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Previous DLTA Funded Projects

2013 (in progress)

- ▶ Rural-11 Prioritization Project
- ▶ Boston Worcester Air Line Trail assistance
- ▶ Housing Workshops
- ▶ Priority Development Area Technical Assistance
- ▶ Regional Services
 - ALS/EMS Regional Service
 - Cooperative Procurements
 - Shared DPW Director Position Study
 - Shared Animal Control Services
 - Regional Building Inspection Services
- ▶ Lost Village Scenic Byway

2012

- ▶ Blackstone Valley Prioritization Project
- ▶ Central -13 Prioritization Project
- ▶ Boroughs Regional Park Feasibility Project

2011

- ▶ Data That Tells A Story, December, 2011
- ▶ Southbridge Drinking Water Supply: Assessment of Capacity to Meet Future Demand, December 2011

2010

- ▶ Gambling on Development: A Report to the Warren Casino Study Committee, November 2010
- ▶ Greater Leicester Water Resources Project Report, December 2010
- ▶ Housing Planning and Development, Boylston, Sterling and West Boylston, December 2010
- ▶ Paxton Village Center Planning, December 2010
- ▶ Route 9 Development and Traffic Analysis, Shrewsbury, Northborough, and Westborough, December 2010

2009

- ▶ Lost Villages Scenic Byway (Route 122 Paxton to Petersham) Corridor Management Plan, June 2009
- ▶ Commercial/Tourist District Revitalization Study for the Town of Sturbridge, MA, December 2009