

Funding Source	Funder	Anticipated Application Due Date (based on prior year)	Types of Projects (past or anticipated Needham projects are highlighted in blue)	Typical Grant Amounts
Housing Choice Grant Program	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)	June 2025	These funds support planning and zoning initiatives and public infrastructure construction projects in municipalities designated as Housing Choice Communities. Needham received a 5-year designation as a Housing Choice Community for 2022-2027.	up to \$500,000
HousingWorks Infrastructure Program	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)	June 2025	Fund municipal infrastructure projects (roads, sidewalks, water, sewer, stormwater) to support and unlock housing opportunities. This grant program awards funds based on the project's nexus with housing, transportation, infrastructure, and community development needs.	\$300,000 - \$5 million
Local Capital Projects Fund	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)	n/a	Funds a portion of the subsidies provided to housing authorities and nonprofit organizations needed due to reduced rentals in housing for the elderly, handicapped, veterans, families and relocated persons.	a formula determines funding amounts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program	Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED)	June 2025	In FY16, Needham received a \$1.7M grant for infrastructure improvements to 1st Avenue. This program is one of the State's most flexible source of capital funds for municipal infrastructure projects (roads, water, sewer, stormwater, etc.). Grants support municipal projects that spur housing production, new jobs, or private development.	\$500,000 - \$5 million
Brownfields Redevelopment Fund	MassDevelopment	June 2025	Environmental assessment and remediation of brownfield sites (contaminated land)	Up to \$100,000 for site assessment; up to \$250,000 for remediation
Collaborative Workspace Program	MassDevelopment	June 2025	Matching grants for the planning, development, and build-out of collaborative workspaces for entrepreneurs, artists, designers, scientists, inventors, and small business owners.	up to \$100,000
Commonwealth Places Programs	MassDevelopment		To help communities implement placemaking projects that improve public spaces, create foot traffic, and stimulate economic activity.	up to \$25,000
Community Planning Grants	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)	June 2025	In 2023, Needham received \$70,000 to support direct community engagement efforts in the Housing Needham (HONE) Working Group visioning process and the creation of zoning for multi-family housing.	up to \$150,000
Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grants	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)	July 2025	Funding to purchase land for conservation and passive recreation or to purchase a Conservation Restriction.	up to \$500,000
Massachusetts Downtown Initiative	Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED)	June 2025	In 2022, Needham received \$25,000 in technical assistance/consulting services to develop a marketing strategy aimed at promoting small businesses in Needham Center. Grants can be used to support Business Improvement Districts, placemaking, wayfinding, small business support, and more.	up to \$25,000
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning and Project Grants	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)	December 2025	In FY19, Needham received \$33,000 to complete a vulnerability assessment to prepare for the impacts of climate change and develop action-oriented resiliency plans. With this completed plan, Needham is eligible to apply for future MVP Action project grants.	up to \$100,000
Planning Assistance Grant	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)	July 2025	This year, Needham applied for \$45,000 to assist in the Planning Board's review of current parking requirements to reduce impervious cover and implement Low Impact Development (LID) practices. Award decision is pending.	up to \$50,000

MBTA Communities Act
 Funds ask for Municipalities not in MBTA

	Rural and Small Town Development Fund	Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED)	June 2025	Needham is not eligible to apply due to Town population.	n/a
	Site Readiness Program	MassDevelopment	June 2025	Funds municipal due diligence work, master planning, pre-permitting and permitting, engineering studies, capital improvements, demolition and/or property acquisition, that enhances a site's readiness for commercial, industrial, or mixed-use development.	\$50,000 - \$500,000
	Underutilized Properties Program	MassDevelopment	June 2025	Funds projects to improve or redevelop blighted, abandoned, vacant, or underutilized properties.	\$50,000 to \$1 million
	Urban Agenda Grant Program	Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED)	June 2025	General operating support for innovative and collaborative community economic development projects.	up to \$100,000
tion	Decarbonization Technical Assistance	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)	April 2025	In 2024, Needham was awarded technical assistance equivalent to \$30,000 to create a municipal building decarbonization roadmap in support of Climate Leader Communities designation and future funding opportunities.	
tion	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)	August 2025	This year, Needham applied for \$75,000 to fully insulate the Mitchell Elementary School attic which currently has no insulation. Award decision is pending.	up to \$300,000
tion	Federal Community Project Funding	Congress via Congressman Auchincloss	March 2025	In FY24, Dover & Needham received \$2 million to fund design for replacement of the Centre St/Central Ave Bridge. This year, Needham requested \$3 million for stormwater best management practices. \$1.1 million was approved by the U.S. House and remains pending in the federal budget process.	In FY25, Congressman Auchincloss submitted 15 projects requests ranging from \$600,000 to \$14 million.
tion	Green Communities Competitive Grant	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)	May 2025	This year, Needham was awarded \$162,848 for conversion of lighting at Eliot Elementary School to LEDs and the purchase and installation of heat pump hot water heaters at Town Hall and 470 Dedham Avenue (DPW). The Town previously received \$148,143 to fund energy conservation measures, lighting, in municipal facilities including Pollard Middle, Mitchell, and Newman Schools.	up to \$500,000
tion	MBTA Catalyst Fund	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)	rolling application	Available to municipalities that have received an MBTA Communities Act district compliance determination letter from EOHLC. The Catalyst Fund will support activities related to housing creation, infrastructure projects associated with housing, and acquisition of property to promote housing.	\$250,000 – \$1 million
tion	Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	December 2024	Needham is actively preparing a TIP application due Decemeber 31, 2024 for the redesign and construction of Highland Avenue from Webster Street to Great Plain Avenue. The project cost is estimated at \$20 million. Major state, regional, and local transportation improvement projects are funded through the TIP. The MPO is responsible for evaluating applications to receive federal and state funding through inclusion on the TIP.	Project scopes vary widely; regionally significant projects can receive \$50 million or more.

