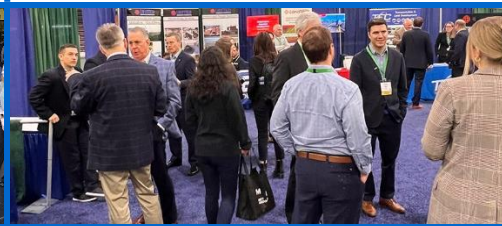
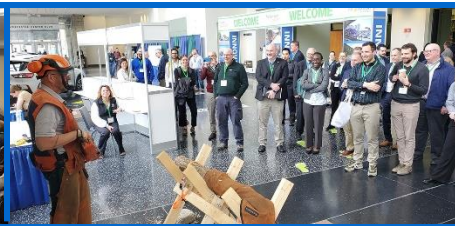


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# Streamlining Municipal Funding: Grant Central

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# Overview

- **Purpose**
- **Features**
- **Demo**
- **Program Launch Dates & Trainings**
- **Support & Resources**



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# Vision for Grant Central



## Why are we on this journey?

The **current grant management process is highly manual and inconsistent** causing inefficiencies both for municipal & MassDOT staff.

Users must look for information across multiple program-specific websites, navigate different guidelines and application forms, and manually track statuses across programs.



## Where are we heading?

MassDOT Highway Division is implementing Grant Central using the Salesforce platform already leveraged more broadly by MassDOT to enable the future growth of our investments in municipal infrastructure.

Grant Central will cover key grant management activities including submitting applications, funding award tracking, and processing funding reimbursement requests.

## Current State

Key contract details are hard to find



Award records exist on various internal & external platforms



Communication with municipal staff is siloed



Program materials live on various sites



Application formats vary



Forms require signatures from various departments



## Future State

Contract values and end dates are listed within each account

Detailed award list & map for MassDOT staff and external users

Ability to post news & send targeted updates

All materials in one place with one format

One fillable form with customized questions

Signature requirements reduced & e-sign available



# Who Uses Grant Central?



## Grant Central Users

The Public | Municipal Officials |  
Regional Transit Authorities |  
MassDOT Staff

## Funding Programs

Chapter 90 | Complete Streets | Local  
Bottleneck Reduction | Municipal  
Pavement | Municipal Small Bridge |  
Shared Streets and Spaces

*Publicly available*



Centralized program information with hyperlinks to documents and resources



View award history by program and fiscal year for each municipality.

*Access limited to those who have a municipal email address and are registered users*



One place for you to apply to each available grant program.



Each municipal user can see applications that other registered users in their municipality have saved – increasing collaboration.



Expense reimbursements can be submitted electronically saving time and manual effort.



Status of applications, expense reimbursements, and funding award amendments always visible.



New Closeout Form for all programs allows you to upload images and submit information to support the continuous improvement of programs.

# Highlight of Features in Grant Central



**We'll now take you into Grant Central to show a demo**



## What's Next

- **We will continue to provide updates via email; however, Grant Central will be the primary way for you to access information about grant programs.**
- Grant Central will be available for **Chapter 90 Project Requests starting on May 2nd**
  - For already approved Chapter 90 Projects, continue with the existing process for related reimbursement requests.
  - For new Chapter 90 Projects Requests, use Grant Central.
  - MaPIT will no longer accept Chapter 90 Project Requests after May 1st.
- **You will use Grant Central to apply for any grant program funding round that comes available from this point forward.**
- Additional training will be conducted on the following dates and times below.
  - Feel free to forward the training email you received to others who would like to learn more.

### Municipality Training Dates:

Date	Start Time	Duration
Thursday, May 2, 2024	3:00 PM	60 mins
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	9:00 AM	60 mins
Thursday, May 9, 2024	3:00 PM	60 mins

# Grant Central Support

The following **User Reference Guides** can be accessed after logging into Grant Central. These guides provide step-by-step instructions to help you learn this new tool.

1. Grant Central: Public Website Overview
2. Grant Central: Registered User Website Navigation
3. Grant Central: How to Apply for a Grant Program
4. Grant Central: How to Submit an Expense Reimbursement
5. Grant Central: How to Submit the Closeout Form

**For questions about Grant Central** please contact the  
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# Questions?