SRPEDD OFFERS
ASSISTANCE WITH PROJECTS
THAT YOU DON’T HAVE THE TIME
AND MONEY TO DO

Potential Opportunities:
- ePermitting solutions for any or all municipal permits and licenses.
- Savings on purchasing capital items and consumables through group bids.
- Energy savings with building and equipment upgrades, LED street light conversions, and Community Aggregation Programs.
- Permit Guidebooks for prompt and predictable permitting.
- Bylaw amendments to implement growth plans.

SRPEDD has DLTA Funding
To Develop and Implement
Projects for your City or Town

The District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program, funded for FY 2015 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts allows Regional Planning Agencies to provide much needed technical assistance to their member communities.
Use of Funds

This funding allows SRPEDD to assist cities and towns with projects that;
- Promote planning for growth or implementing a growth plan; or,
- Develop Municipal Partnerships that encourage municipalities to work together to achieve and/or enhance cost-effective service delivery; or,
- Create and sustain ongoing collaboration/consultation on issues affecting the municipalities.

Eligible Projects: Projects that may qualify for funding include activities that develop and implement **regional service** and/or **regional planning** activities. Examples of eligible activities under this year’s program guidelines include:

**Supporting Regional Services**
- Shared service(s) that efficiently combines resources of two or more communities. SRPEDD can serve as a technical consultant, project manager, grant applicant and fiduciary. Projects may include:
  - Regional lockup, regional 911 centers, other public safety and emergency response collaborations.
  - Information technology/data management
  - School district/regional school district analysis
  - Shared professional and administrative services
  - Agreements to operate shared waste disposal/recycling facilities/programs
  - Green energy, conversions to LED street lights, and ESCO solutions
  - Shared municipal functions such as: veteran’s services; inspectional services; health agents, purchasing; animal control; Sealer of Weights and Measures, IT and GIS functions; website management; and planning and conservation.
- Cooperative agreements (e.g. regional analysis of affordable housing need, compact among communities for locating affordable housing, Inter Municipal Agreements);
- Collective Purchasing (if purchasing can be achieved regionally for less than the state contract price).
• Joint/collective purchasing for large / specialized capital items and/or consumables; SRPEDD will handle the 30B process. Cost saving measures that benefit more than one municipality;
  o E-Government; e-permits and e-bills/payments, inter-departmental data integration, IT, GIS and other technology services.
• Other projects identified by community leaders.

Planning Ahead for Growth
Planning and implementation activities that encourage and support economic development opportunities that may include, but are not limited to:
• Implementation of zoning and permitting changes needed to create prompt and predictable permitting of commercial or industrial development for activities located within Priority Development Areas of the South Coast Rail Plan; such as but not limited to:
  o Open Space Residential Design bylaws intended to create a more predictable process to support growth;
  o Economic development district bylaws/ordinances, including development of mixed-use districts that incorporate housing opportunities;
  o Energy facility siting bylaws that are intended to promote a regional growth plan;
  o Procedures for prompt and reliable permitting clean energy/co-generation facilities;
  o Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) bylaws/ordinances;

• Identifying challenges and solutions in respect to infrastructure requirements that impact the ability to advance economic development and multi-family housing growth opportunities.
• Encouraging communities to conduct an economic development self-assessment to assess economic development opportunities within communities and/or regions and to develop implementation strategies based on recommendations.
Planning Ahead for Housing
Planning and implementation activities that encourage and support affordable and market-rate housing production opportunities, specifically related to a community’s housing needs that may include, but are not limited to:

- Preparation and implementation of a Housing Production Plan;
- Preparation of the Housing section of a Master Plan;
- The creation of as-of-right zoning districts such as those eligible under the Compact Neighborhoods policy or the Chapter 40R/Smart Growth statute;
- The creation of prompt and predictable permitting through an Expedited Permitting Priority Development Site using Chapter 43D for Housing;
- The development of market, mixed-income and affordable multi-family housing in transit-oriented-development locations, employment centers, downtown locations, and state endorsed priority areas or the South Coast Rail Community or Regional Priority Development Areas.

SELECTION CRITERIA:
Projects to be undertaken with DLTA funding will be selected on the basis of several criteria, including likelihood of completion and implementation with a measurable change in the municipality, promotion of regional collaboration and local commitment, and consistency with the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan (designated Priority Development and Priority Protection Areas). Visit [www.srpedd.org/south-coast-rail](http://www.srpedd.org/south-coast-rail) to see copies of the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan and Map, the Regional PPA/PDA Map and PPA/PDA Community Reports and Community Maps. Proposals for activities in areas identified by two or more municipalities will receive higher priority.

For additional information on previous DLTA projects, check the SRPEDD web site at: [http://www.srpedd.org/dlta](http://www.srpedd.org/dlta)

SRPEDD will not use technical assistance services to replace local staff.
2015 DISTRICT LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

(Office Use) Project # _____________

NAME: ____________________________ POSITION: ____________________________

EMAIL: __________________________ PHONE: ____________________________

CITY/TOWN: __________________________

Describe requested project and how it meets the selection criteria: (Use separate sheet if additional space is required)

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For Land Use Planning activities: Please describe project’s consistency with the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan and/or the community’s designated Priority Development and Priority Protection Areas:

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SIGNATURE: __________________________ DATE: __________________________

For all requests, you are encouraged to contact SRPEDD (508-824-1367) to discuss your request. Please consult your local representative on the SRPEDD Commission.

For Municipal Partnership requests, please contact Suzanne Dagesse (sdagesse@srpedd.org) or Ross Perry (rperry@srpedd.org). SRPEDD will consider requests at any time.

For Land Use Planning activities, please contact Grant King (gking@srpedd.org) or Sandy Conaty (sconaty@srpedd.org). SRPEDD will consider requests received by February 28, 2015. Some applications may either receive conditional approval based on funding availability or a second round of projects may be approved in April 2015 if additional funding is available.

All projects must be completed by December 31, 2015.