

Tier 3 Funding Eligibility Criteria

While an individual grant is capped at \$500,000, there is no limit to the amount of Tier 3 grants a community may receive throughout their participation in the Complete Streets Funding Program. However, MassDOT is committed to ensuring that *all* eligible municipalities are able to receive a construction grant and further their local Complete Streets goals and initiatives.

To ensure equitable grant distribution among partners, MassDOT has implemented a new funding eligibility criteria for Tier 3 municipalities: Effective Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Round 2, municipalities are eligible to receive up to \$500,000 in any rolling four-fiscal-year period. In other words, a municipality may only receive one full \$500,000 grant, or several smaller grants, during any four-fiscal-year timeframe.

Prior to the first grant round of each fiscal year, MassDOT will calculate funding eligibility for all Tier 3 municipalities based on award history from the past three fiscal years and post it on the [program website](#). A community may also calculate their funding eligibility on their own by subtracting the total of any grant awards received in the last three fiscal years from \$500,000. The difference between those values is the total funding eligibility of the municipality for the current, or fourth, fiscal year. The particular grant round in which a previous award was made is not relevant; only the fiscal year is used to calculate eligibility. Tier 2 grants do not count towards the Tier 3 grant limit. Figure 10 below depicts two examples of future funding eligibility.

The goal of this criteria is to ensure equitable grant distribution to currently unawarded Tier 3 municipalities. However, it does not preclude past awardees from applying for smaller grants or receiving a full award in the future. Municipalities may apply for any amount of funding up to their maximum eligibility limit. Municipalities must ensure that they are not applying for more funding than they are eligible for in any given fiscal year. When applying for projects that cost more than the municipality's funding eligibility, the municipality should identify and list the amount and source of additional funding that will be used to implement the project.

FIGURE 10: \$500,000 FOUR-FISCAL-YEAR FUNDING LIMIT EXAMPLE

Municipality A		
FISCAL YEAR	FUNDING ELIGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT
FY20	✓	\$0
FY21	✓	\$210,000
FY22	✓	\$0
FY23	✓	Eligible for up to \$290,000

Municipality B		
FISCAL YEAR	FUNDING ELIGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT
FY19	✓	\$400,000
FY20	✗	\$0
FY21	✗	\$0
FY22	✗	\$0
FY23	✓	Eligible for up to \$500,000