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Easthampton Receives \$35,000 in Funding from Community Compact Grants

Easthampton, MA – The Baker/Polito Administration awarded the City of Easthampton two Community Compact Best Practices program. The program funds projects that fuel municipal effectiveness, save taxpayers money and make it easier to interact with local government. While the Community Compact grant program is highly competitive, Easthampton was successful in securing money to focus on how to technology to drive innovation and transformation at the local level.

“With these two Community Compact grants, Easthampton can now create a holistic approach to real-time fiscal management software for all City departments. As a part of this plan, we can now identify, update and streamline financial processes to save time and taxpayer dollars.”, said Mayor LaChapelle.

The first grant is for \$10,000 and will be used for costs associated with the review of the potential consolidation of the City’s financial management software. The City will evaluate open checkbooks and/or open budget technologies that are easily consumed by the public, promote transparency, and allow data to be downloaded in a machine-readable format. Based on the City’s transition to a budget process based on GFOA Best Municipal Budget Practices, a subject matter expert will build out steps to put the City’s ledger and budget online, reflecting real-time figures.

The second grant is for \$25,000 and will be used for the costs associated with the review and identification of business processes that are inefficient and not meeting the expectations of key stakeholders. After analysis, a plan will be developed to better meet the needs of stakeholders and more effectively leverage technology.

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