

Projects to Support Economic Development in Franklin County

As part of creating the 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan for the greater Franklin County region, FRCOG is seeking information about regional economic development projects that will create new employment opportunities, promote investment and business growth, and make Franklin County more economically resilient and competitive. Please complete this survey to tell us about your project, so that it may be considered for inclusion in the 2015 CEDS Plan.

Examples of the types of projects that could be included in the 2015 CEDS Plan are:

- Business incubator, business accelerator, or industrial park.
- Targeted workforce training or skills development program.
- Entrepreneurship or business development program.
- A regional initiative or study that will help grow a key industry or cluster.
- Critical infrastructure improvement that directly results in greater economic activity in an area.
- An event, capacity building program, resource document or other discrete activity that would help spur business growth and entrepreneurship.

Please note that this is not an application for grant funding. There is no guarantee that by responding to this survey or participating in this process that a project will be included in the 2015 CEDS Plan or will receive funding. For projects deemed potentially eligible and competitive for federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding, project sponsors may be asked to provide additional information.

Minimum criteria for consideration in the 2015 CEDS Plan:

- Project will not benefit a single individual or business.
- Project will result in the creation or retention of jobs in Franklin County, MA.
- Project will spur business growth or increase investment by private businesses in the region.
- Project will contribute to the region's economic competitiveness and/or foster business growth.
- Project will require some form of public investment to be feasible.
- Project has an identified project advocate who will champion its implementation.
- If the project is for construction and is seeking public funding, the project must be on property that is municipally-owned or owned by a non-profit organization.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jessica Atwood, FRCOG Senior Economic Development Planner at jatwood@frcog.org.

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***1. Project Title:**

***2. Project Area/Location:**

***3. Project Description:**

***4. Lead Organization for Project:**

5. Project Partners (if any):

Name, Organization:

Name, Organization:

Name, Organization:

***6. Primary Contact Person for Project**

Name:

Organization:

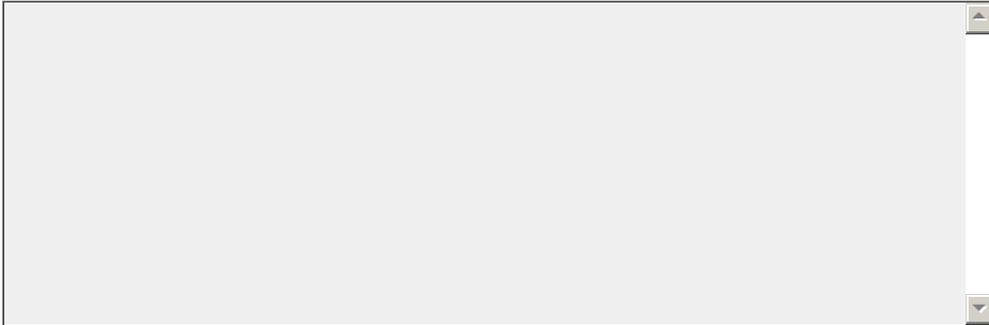
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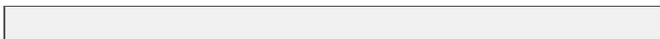
***7. How will this project result in creating new employment opportunities, promote investment and business growth, and make Franklin County more economically resilient and competitive?**



8. Will a particular industry or economic cluster be strengthened through this project? If so, what industry or cluster (more than one may be selected)?

- Agriculture, Forestry and Food Processing
- Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Visitor Industries
- Education & Knowledge Creation
- Healthcare & Social Assistance
- Information Technology & Infrastructure Services
- Manufacturing – Plastic Products
- Manufacturing – Metal Products
- Manufacturing – Paper Products
- Manufacturing – Wood Products
- Marketing, Design and Publishing
- Professional Business Services
- Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency

Other (please specify)



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9. Has this project been included in a Master Plan, Community Development Strategy, Strategic Plan or other similar document produced by a municipality, institution or organization?

- No
- Yes

If yes, please specify:

10. Please select the response(s) that best describe support for the project (check all that apply):

- Project has been discussed publicly and public support has been expressed.
- Project has the expressed support of the Board of Selectmen or Mayor for where the project is located.
- Project partners have committed to support project implementation.
- Some funding or in-kind support has been committed to project.

Other (please specify)

11. Estimated Project Cost and Amount of Funding Secured

Estimated project cost for implementation

Amount of funding secured

12. Please describe the source(s), amount, and status of funding and/or in-kind support committed to project implementation, and additional resources needed.

13. Any additional comments?

14. Project Profile submitted by (if different from Primary Contact Person):

Name:

Organization:

Title:

Email:

Phone: