Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

ELIGIBLE DLTA PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Examples of eligible activities include:

Planning Ahead for Housing: Planning and implementation activities that encourage and support affordable and market-rate housing production opportunities or support municipalities in reaching their housing production goals that may include, but are not limited to:

- The development of market, mixed-income and affordable multi-family housing in transit-oriented-development locations, employment centers, downtown locations and state endorsed Priority Development Areas (PDAs) within the PVPC's service area, including any "Gateway municipality" (see definition in MGL Chapter 23A, Section 3A);
- The creation of as-of-right zoning districts such as those eligible under EOHLC's 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 Residential.
- Identifying challenges and solutions with respect to infrastructure requirements that affect the ability to construct multi-family residential projects subject to the Permit Extension Act (as amended), assessing impediments to such projects, and recommending steps that the Commonwealth and/or the applicable municipality could realistically take to enable those projects to go forward.
- Regional analysis of affordable and market-rate housing needs, to include, for example, preparation of a Housing Production Plan pursuant to 760 CMR 56.00 et. seq. and similar undertakings that may guide the execution of a compact among communities for locating affordable and market-rate housing.
- Assisting one or several municipalities who must comply with requirements under the new Fair Housing regulation issued by HUD.

Planning Ahead for Growth: Planning and implementation activities that encourage and support economic development opportunities that may include, but are not limited to:

- Identification, assessment and mapping of Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Preservation Areas (PPAs) at the local and regional levels, including discussion of specific areas for multi-family housing growth.
- Supporting prompt and predictable permitting through the Chapter 430 Expedited Permitting Program for Economic Development projects.
- Perform municipal or downtown Economic Analysis to identify economic problems and/or opportunities and strategies which can be used as part of an implementation program to address them.
- Identifying challenges and solutions with respect to infrastructure requirements that affect the ability to advance economic development activities.

- At a city or town's request, identifying economic development projects subject to the Permit Extension Act (as amended), assessing impediments, and recommending steps that state and/or the applicable municipality could realistically take to enable those projects to go forward; and
- Developing or updating components of municipal master plans and providing technical assistance that supports the implementation of strategies which are designed to advance well-planned growth and development policies and practices.

Supporting Municipalities, including Regionalization: Planning and implementation activities that strengthen municipal capacity and encourage intermunicipal partnerships and regionalization

- Any municipal shared service opportunities between two or more communities that look to improve service efficiency.
- Collective purchasing (if such purchasing cannot be otherwise accomplished using state- wide contracts or can be achieved regionally for less than the state contract price, or items proposed for purchase are specific to municipal and/or school district agreements); and
- Cost saving measures that benefit more than one municipality.