

Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP)

The MTAP provides resources for cities and towns to support increased local housing production. The Program is administered by RIHousing according to guidelines approved by the RI Housing Resources Commission's Coordinating Committee and in collaboration with the Department of Housing, and is funded by the State's Housing Production Fund (HPF). \$4 million of the initial capitalization of the HPF has been reserved for MTAP. Participation is subject to funding availability.

COMMUNITY & PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be an incorporated Rhode Island city or town
- Applicants must have support from key municipal leaders
- The scope of work must be carried out by a consultant approved by RIHousing to participate in the MTAP
- Cost per project may not exceed program caps: \$100,000 for individual municipalities or the lower of \$100,000 per community up to \$500,000 in total consultant services for communities applying in partnership
- The proposed timeline for completing the scope of work may not exceed 18 months

See the full list of approved consultants & learn more about the application process:
www.RIHousing.com/MTAP



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The proposal must fall within the categories of eligible activities:

Needs analysis

Assistance in identifying where more affordable housing could or should be built in the community. This could encompass areas of the community and/or specific properties.

Updating land use and permitting requirements

Assist municipalities with updating or improving their zoning and land use requirements or permitting processes to remove barriers to housing development.

Developing model zoning ordinances

Assistance in developing model zoning ordinances that increase density, promote a mix of housing types and otherwise remove barriers to housing development.

Infrastructure capacity assessment

Assistance in evaluating the capacity of a municipality's infrastructure (such as water and sewer service) to serve existing and planned development and/or determine infrastructure needs to serve future development.

Public engagement and education

Share techniques and tools to respond to resident opposition that is preventing development and engage the community in support of proposed affordable developments or proposed zoning or land use changes that would facilitate housing development.

