



May 2, 2024

Rebecca Tepper, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: Purvi Patel
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Re: New England Power Company E131 Asset Condition Refurbishment Project, EEA# 16663

Dear Secretary Tepper:

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) hereby submits comments on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the New England Power Company (NEP) E131 Asset Condition Refurbishment Project (EEA# 16663). The proposed project spans four municipalities in Massachusetts: Adams, North Adams, Florida, and Monroe. The project's stated goals are to upgrade existing electrical utility infrastructure and construct improved roadways by which the transmission line can be accessed. These access roads will facilitate the proposed infrastructure improvements, as well as future maintenance activities and access by emergency personnel. The proposed project has met or exceeded MEPA review thresholds for a Mandatory Environmental Impact Report (EIR). On March 17, 2023, the request for Single EIR was denied requiring the preparation of a Draft and Final EIR.

The proposed project will have extensive impacts including permanently altered land, permanently altered Riverfront Area, and new steel structures 25ft higher than the current maximum height of 85ft. Impacts will primarily result from the replacement of structures, installation of new structures and the creation of both temporary and permanent access roads. Reassessment of the impact areas following the submittal of the Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) resulted in changes to impact numbers and Project sequencing. However, these modifications and updates did not significantly alter the analyses and conclusions provided in the EENF. According to the EIR, the extent of proposed tree removal has been minimized and the potential impacts to resource areas have been generally reduced.

BRPC continues to have significant concerns regarding the capacity of the electrical grid in relation to the Commonwealth's electrification goals. NEP has stated that in addition to the refurbishment work, the existing circuits will be adapted to provide high speed communications between substations by replacing existing shield wire with fiber optic ground wire (OPGW). NEP further stated that a strong and reliable electrical transmission and distribution system is vital to the region's safety, security, and economic prosperity and that benefits of the project include a strengthened transmission system in western New England that offers greater reliability and safety for customers. When commenting on both the EENF and the DEIR, BRPC has stated that it was not clear whether the project will directly address the anticipated future demand or whether additional work would be needed in the future. NEP's response within the FEIR states "Questions related to capacity of the electrical grid, the Commonwealth's electrification goals and anticipated future demand are not within the scope of MEPA for this Project." NEP's response further states that the Project has been designed to address current and anticipated future needs for operating and maintaining a safe and reliable transmission line. NEP's failure to answer this question and vague response with regard to anticipated future need is worrisome. BRPC respectfully disagrees that anticipated future demand is not within the scope of MEPA for this Project and continues to be concerned with regard for the potential for segmentation that should have been addressed within the Final EIR.

BRPC offers the following comments intended for the Secretary's consideration to provide greater clarity and/or improve the planning and design of the Project.

1. BRPC has previously raised concerns that permanent impacts are associated with the replacement and relocation of five structures to BVW via direct embed methods. The FEIR refers to narrative Section 6 for a detailed explanation of constraints requiring the relocation of structures into wetlands. Section 6 states "Whenever feasible, NEP sited proposed structures in proximity to the existing structures being removed or has relocated structures from wetlands into upland areas." Section 6 does not include a detailed explanation of constraints requiring the relocation of structures into wetlands resulting in 660 SF of permanent impacts to BVW.

BRPC urges NEP to consider working with the local conservation commissions to adopt an approach similar to that of the NSTAR Transmission Right-of Way Reliability Project, EEA# 16567 in which a compensatory mitigation plan has been developed, consisting of the permanent preservation of 170 acres of land by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC). Such a mitigation plan could be developed in consultation with MassDEP and the applicable local conservation commissions.

2. BRPC previously requested greater detail with regard to proposed mitigation measures including specific details related to wetland mitigation and replication. With regard to wetland mitigation, the DEIR had stated that "Specific details will be provided later to MassDEP pending further development of mitigation plan discussions with regulators." BRPC commented that this detail should be provided within the FEIR.

According to the FEIR, initial comments provided by MassDEP instructed that the replication area should be located outside of the maintained portion of the ROW. Tighe & Bond wetland scientists identified an alternate location along Main Road in Monroe near Structure 26, which is adjacent to Wetland 125 and situated within an unmaintained portion of the utility ROW. While BRPC anticipates that the project will be appropriately conditioned with guidance from MassDEP, the lack of detail within the FEIR and previous filings make it impossible for a reviewer to truly assess the impacts and/or potential alternatives. In addition, it appears that the majority of permanent impacts to BVW/IVW, Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone are within the Town of Florida while the proposed replication area is located within the Town of Monroe.

3. BRPC previously commented that it was unclear why new permanent access roads are needed beyond those that currently exist or why temporary access roads are infeasible. According to the FEIR the installation of 28.6 acres of permanent access roads to access structures will allow for the replacement of the structures, continued maintenance, and emergency response to the infrastructure. There are very limited access routes existing within the ROW and those that do exist need to be upgraded to facilitate the new structures and access using equipment necessary for the installation. To avoid continued development or installation of temporary access across 11 miles of ROW the installation of permanent access routes is the most effective and appropriate means for NEP to maintain the existing and permanent electrical infrastructure.

BRPC believes that this is an example of why the capacity of the electrical grid, the Commonwealth's electrification goals and anticipated future demand are germane. Since the intent of permanent access roads is to avoid continued development or installation of temporary access and NEP's claim is that the installation of permanent access routes is the most effective and appropriate means to maintain the existing and permanent electrical infrastructure, BRPC believes the anticipated future demands and capacity of the grid are relevant.

4. BRPC previously submitted comments that the Final EIR should provide more detail with regard to the selection of steel structures for "lifespan maintenance requirements to support reliability" and the frequency and extent to which maintenance is required for wood structures.

BRPC believes that the detail regarding the selection of steel structures is still lacking. According to the FEIR, wood poles were not included due to the comparatively short design lifetime and due to NEP's current standard in preference for steel, which requires little maintenance. It is unclear whether NEP considered alternatives to the "current standard" including whether newer types of wood structures and/or new technology were considered. It is also unclear whether steel structures require construction techniques that may result in greater impacts when compared to potential alternatives.

The BRPC Executive Committee approved these comments at their meeting on May 2, 2024.

Sincerely,

Thomas Matuszko, AICP
Executive Director

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Re: NSTAR Transmission Right-of Way Reliability Project, EEA# 16567

Dear Secretary Tepper:

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) hereby submits comments on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for NSTAR Transmission Right-of Way Reliability Project (EEA# 16567). The Transmission Right-of-Way Reliability Program (TRRP) is a long-term transmission system reliability and resiliency program that increases the maintained width of the WT-02 ROW to the easement edge. The intent of the program is to improve system reliability by reducing the number of tree fall-in risks and to create a sustainable environment comprised of vegetation that can safely coexist with the transmission lines. The long-term management objective of the TRRP is to manage these newly cleared areas as early succession habitat and encourage the growth of grasses, forbs, and shrubs. The proposed project spans five municipalities in Massachusetts: Hancock, Lanesborough, Cheshire, Dalton and Hinsdale. However, it is important to note that, in addition to the WT-02 ROW, the Program-Wide Western Massachusetts TRRP includes 6 additional ROW's between 2023 and 2027 and another 11 ROW's with a timeline to be determined; we urge MEPA to request additional information from the proponent as it becomes available in order to understand the potential environmental effects and cumulative impacts of the project.

The project will result in extensive impacts. Tree removal within the WT-02 ROW will permanently convert 122.7 acres of forested land to successional scrub-shrub habitat; this includes 14.4 acres of bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) and 11.0 acres of other wetland resource areas (i.e., isolated vegetated wetlands [IVW], bordering land subject to flooding [BLSF], and riverfront area [RFA]). Further, the placement of construction mats to support equipment through wetlands during tree removal activities will temporarily impact 5.9 acres of BVW and 2.2 acres of other wetland resource areas. The WT-02 ROW TRRP will permanently convert 7.0 acres of state-listed rare species designated Priority Habitat from forested land to successional scrub-shrub habitat as a result of tree clearing. Temporary impacts to 1.0 acre of Priority Habitat will result from the placement of construction mats; however, because NHESP has determined that the activity (with conditions) will not result in a "Take" of a listed species the MEPA threshold for rare species is not triggered.

BRPC has supported the approach to develop a plan for compensatory mitigation. This project is well-suited for such an approach in light of the fact that permanent impacts to wetlands will not result in the loss of wetland resources but will result in the conversion from one wetland type to another. The selection of a 170-acre property off North Main Street in Lanesborough as its preservation has the potential for lasting benefits on ecologically important aquatic and terrestrial resources, such as water quality, fisheries, and state-listed threatened and endangered species. BRPC is encouraged that Eversource has met with the local conservation commissions and MassDEP and received positive feedback on preservation as a means of wetland mitigation under the WPA.

The FEIR has adequately addressed comments previously submitted by BRPC during the review of the EENF and DEIR. The BRPC Executive Committee endorsed these comments at their meeting on May 2, 2024.

Sincerely,

Thomas Matuszko, AICP
Executive Director



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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

This was a Virtual Meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023, extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20, until March 31, 2025.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Chair Buck Donovan called the meeting to order and read the Open Meeting Law statement.

Roll Call - Buck Donovan, Sam Haupt, Sheila Irvin, Kyle Hanlon and John Duval.

Also present: Malcolm Fick (Ex-officio), Marianne Sniezek, Tom Matuszko, Kate Hill Tapia

II. Vote to approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of December 23, 2023

Kyle Hanlon moved to approve the December 23, 2023 minutes with the correction that Malcolm Fick is an Ex-officio member, not "at large." Sam Haupt seconded. It was approved by a roll call vote from Buck Donovan, Sam Haupt, Sheila Irvin, and Kyle Hanlon.

III. FY2025 Budget Discussion and Vote to Recommend to the Full Commission for Approval

Marianne reported a \$3000 typo on the Expense sheet. The Total expenses should be \$6,640,005, not \$6,643,005. Under Project expenses Equipment /Software, the FY25 amount is \$22,969, not \$25,969.

Buck asked for a motion and if there were any questions or comments.

All thanked Marianne for the comprehensive and conservative budget, the great layout, and the easy-to-understand presentation, especially given the great number of projects and increase in revenue. Some large grants are pending; they will be added to the actual revenue if received, and the legislature has not yet approved DLTA funding.

Sam Haupt motioned to recommend the proposed FY2025 budget to the full Commission for approval at the May 16 Commission meeting. Kyle Hanlon

seconded the motion; it passed unanimously with a roll call vote from Buck Donovan, Sheila Irvin, Kyle Hanlon, Sam Haupt, and John Duval.

IV. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Quarterly Statement Balance Discussion

Marianne explained the Mission Square Trust ending Balance of \$1,420,989.52 as of March 31, 2024. There was a gain of \$82,257.16. On page 3, the gains are broken out by the three funds (Aggressive, Moderate and Conservative)

Tom explained that in the future, BRPC could pay the retirees' health and dental expenses out of the trust instead of paying the expenses from ADMIN and asked if the committee had a preference. The committee does not.

V. OPEB Trust Investment Policy Statement Discussion

Marianne explained that she asked Mission Square if they would review the three investment funds in BRPC's Draft Investment Policy Statement to ensure current Investment Funds comply with the draft statement. They refused because they do not offer this service. Marianne added money to the budget for professional services to review the current funds for BRPC.

Tom explained that other RPAs do not have an Investment Policy Statement, and Town or City Investment statements differ from BRPC's draft policy.

After a discussion, it was decided to invite a Mission Square representative to a Finance Committee meeting to explain our funds in detail.

VI. Update on the (Employer Portion) of State Retirement

Tom recapped the pending legislation permanently exempting RPAs from paying the state retirement employer portion. Details are in this week's Executive Committee meeting packet. BRPC hopes the RPAs will not have to pay the employer portion.

VII. Next Meetings

Date to be confirmed: Mission Square funds presentation
December for Audit review or sooner if needed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm by a motion made by Sam Haupt and seconded by Sheila Irvin. Adjourned by roll call vote from Buck Donovan, Sam Haupt, Sheila Irvin, John Duval, and Kyle Hanlon.

Attachments:

- Unapproved Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 12/14/2023
- Proposed FY2025 Budget Memo
- FY2025 Projected Revenue
- FY2025 Projected Expenditures
- Mission Square Trust Balance Jan 1,2024 to March 31,2024



MEMORANDUM

TO: BRPC Finance Committee Members

FROM: Marianne Sniezek, Office Manager

DATE: April 25, 2024

SUBJ: Proposed FY 2025 Budget

Attached is the BRPC FY 2025 proposed budget (revenue and expenditures). Highlights for the FY 2025 proposed budget:

PROJECTED REVENUE:

- The FY25 revenue is proposed at \$6,640,005. This is \$ 373,990 higher than the FY24 budget. This revenue increase is primarily due to several new grants for Public Health programs, Environmental and Energy, Economic Development, Community Planning, and the Transportation program.
- The revenue generated from community assessments has a 2.5% budget increase, resulting in a total amount of \$ 112,590 for FY25.
- We still have District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding for the calendar year 2025, which ends December 31, 2025. While the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding for the calendar year 2025 is included in the budget, it is still subject to approval by the state legislature.
- We have other grant applications that have been submitted or will be submitted in the next couple of months that are not in the proposed budget. If these new grants come through, we must adjust for these new potential awards.

PROJECTED EXPENSES

SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

- The increase in salary expenses of \$264,931 is primarily related to three new full-time positions (Social Worker, Planner, and Trainer) for the Public Health program. Personnel Pay Plan adjustments, pay ranges for FY25, and merit pay increases also contribute to this higher amount.
- Direct billable salaries (Projects) are projected to increase by \$239,628. The increase can be primarily attributed to the following items. Three new positions for Public Health are being hired. The rest of the increase can be attributed to adjustments related to new pay ranges in the Personnel Pay Plan for FY25 and merit increases.
- The Administrative salaries budget increased by \$25,303. This change is due to Personnel Pay plan adjustments, merit increases, and staff charging for staff meetings and agency training. Occasionally, Program Managers charge to Admin when representing BRPC that cannot be billed to a project.
- The Intern Admin salaries line remains zero as there are no plans for an Administration Intern in FY25.

- Overall benefits increased by \$139,558 from \$1,128,050 in FY24 to \$1,125,608 in FY25. This increase is due mainly to the cost of additional vacation benefits to staff who have been with BRPC for several years and increases in health and dental insurance costs. The retirees' Health Insurance item increased because of the increase in the supplement health and dental rate cost for FY25.
- The Retiree Health Insurance Liability Trust (GASB 45) is budgeted at last year's budget of \$45,000. According to the FY23 audit, the total projected OPEB Liability for FY23 is \$1,838,804. As of March 31, 2024, \$1,420,989.52 is the balance in our trust account.

NON-PERSONNEL OPERATING EXPENSES:

- Non-personnel operating costs are budgeted to increase by \$67,229 from the FY24 budget. The FY25 Audit expense increased by \$6,500 due to more projects. We budgeted \$17,503 more to replace old laptops and docking stations and to increase the number of Microsoft licenses to sixty-five. Copying/ Scanning expenses increased by \$2,057 due to increased reports, flyers, materials, and income statements. The depreciation expense increased due to a new microserver. The Dues and Subscriptions increase of \$4,550 is for increases in cost for Unanet timesheet software, Zoom, Zoom Webinar, Mentimeter, Survey Monkey, Grammarly, Constant Contact, and Employers Association Northeast support. Legal (Administration) expenses are budgeted to increase by \$10,000 for the review of Agency Policies, Open meeting law, Ethics, and public records questions. For FY25, rent will increase per the terms of our leases. Staff development is budgeted to increase by \$3,500 for additional staff training and development. Website expenses increased by \$2,475 for support and hosting of the BRPC website and website domain names. Miscellaneous expenses increased for labor for maintenance, background checks, business cards for new staff or staff changes, and professional services, to assist with development of the investment plan and review of accounting software).

PROJECT EXPENSES:

- There is an increase in the overall direct project expenses of \$55,153. Communication increased by \$6,610 for increased public participation and outreach in projects (Digital Equity, Public Health, Home Modification program, and Community planning). Project related Equipment / Software decreased by \$36,737 due to the completion of an upgrade to the Online Permitting software and Group Purchasing's initial purchase of OpenGov procurement software. Project Legal expenses increased to \$10,000 related to the new EPA Revolving Loan Fund. Meetings/Training increased by \$3,010 for Digital Equity, Gray to Green, Public Health, Energy and Environmental, and Transportation. Supplies increased by \$61,901 for Public Health Clinics, Inspections and Training, and the environmental project for Air Quality monitoring. Travel increased by \$10,638 due to more in-person meetings for local projects in FY25. Other direct project expenses increased by \$3,190 due to a paid intern to assist with Digital Equity projects and other direct expenses for projects that do not fall into the other expense categories.

SUBCONTRACTS / SUBRECIPIENTS:

- The subcontractor amount decreased by \$152,880. The subcontract amount is "money in, money out" and does not affect our bottom line. The decrease in the subcontractor expense line is primarily due to the completion of Public Health subcontractors for community intervention and environmental subcontractors' work.
- Excluding subcontractors, the expense budget increased from \$4,672,128 to \$5,198,998, totaling an increase of \$526,870 from FY24 to FY25.

RESERVE AND OVERHEAD:

- We have budgeted to put \$15,000 into our reserve to continue to rebuild that fund.
- The overhead rate is targeted at 140%. As our "cognizant agency," the United States Department of the Interior has approved an Indirect Cost rate of 140% for FY23 and FY24. As of March 2023, our overhead rate is 140%. We will continue to use the Retiree Health Insurance Liability Trust contributions to maintain our overhead rate.

Attachments (2)

FY 2025 Projected Revenues 4.25.2024

FY 2025 Projected Expenditures 4.25.2024

FY 2025 BUDGET - EXPENDITURES - Recommended

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

5.18.2023

4.30.2024

EXPENDITURES	FY2024 APPROVED	Recommended
SALARIES		
Direct Billable	\$ 2,280,860	\$ 2,520,487
Indirect Admin.	\$ 674,640	\$ 699,943
Interns (Admin)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Subtotal Salaries	\$ 2,955,499	\$ 3,220,430
BENEFITS		
Comp and Vacation Leave	\$ 190,588	\$ 207,078
Holiday and Jury Leave	\$ 131,437	\$ 137,976
Sick unaccrued used	\$ 96,126	\$ 111,969
Health Insurance	\$ 553,800	\$ 641,193
Retirees Health Insurance	\$ 22,989	\$ 27,850
Retiree Future Health Insurance Liability (GASB 45)	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
State Unemployment Insurance	\$ 10,520	\$ 11,461
FICA and Medicare	\$ 68,091	\$ 75,581
Subtotal Benefits	\$ 1,128,050	\$ 1,267,608
NON-PERSONNEL		
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Accounting Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500
Advertising	\$ 3,569	\$ 3,669
Audit	\$ 22,500	\$ 29,000
Computer Equipment, Software & Maintenance	\$ 72,359	\$ 89,862
Copying / Scanning Expense	\$ 6,500	\$ 8,557
Depreciation	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,660
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 22,950	\$ 27,500
Flex Plan Administration	\$ 2,002	\$ 2,100
Insurance (Auto, Officers, Office)	\$ 11,401	\$ 12,216
Janitor	\$ 12,060	\$ 12,180
Legal (Administrative)	\$ 6,000	\$ 16,000
Mapping Supplies	\$ 750	\$ 750
Meetings (Administrative)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Parking	\$ 0	\$ 0
Payroll Services	\$ 4,443	\$ 4,509
Postage	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,100
Printing (Administrative)	\$ 200	\$ 1,000
Publications	\$ 700	\$ 700
Rent	\$ 103,047	\$ 107,532
Staff Development	\$ 21,500	\$ 25,000
Supplies/Office	\$ 19,500	\$ 20,000
Telephone/Internet	\$ 19,676	\$ 19,676
Travel (Administrative)	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,200
Utilities	\$ 22,500	\$ 23,500
Water & Recycling	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
Web Site	\$ 1,850	\$ 4,325
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,800	\$ 14,000
Subtotal Operating (Admin)	\$ 377,307	\$ 444,536
PROJECT EXPENSES		
Interest Expense	\$ 100	\$ 100
Communications (Projects)	\$ 14,000	\$ 20,610
Equipment / Software (Projects)	\$ 59,706	\$ 22,969
Legal (Projects)	\$ 4,000	\$ 10,000
Meetings / Trainings (Projects)	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,010
Postage (Projects)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,220
Printing (Projects)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,520
Supplies (Projects)	\$ 42,951	\$ 104,852
Travel (Projects)	\$ 14,000	\$ 24,637
Other Program Expenses	\$ 39,715	\$ 42,905
Unreimbursed Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 600
Subtotal Operating (Other)	\$ 196,271	\$ 251,424

FY 2025 BUDGET - EXPENDITURES - Recommended

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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EXPENDITURES	FY2024	Recommended
	APPROVED	
	FY2024	FY2025
SUBCONTRACTS / SUBRECIPIENTS	APPROVED	PROJECTED
Traffic / Transportation Consultant(s)	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500
Berkshire Public Health Nursing Program Support	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Rest of River Clean-up Legal Consultation	\$ 15,000	\$ 0
Burn Permit Software Consultant	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,100
Medical Reserve Corp Support	\$ 44,112	\$ 44,112
Nonpoint Source Consultant	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
Post OD in Northern County Consultant/Subcontractor	\$ 12,034	\$ 0
Community Engagement Intervention Subcontractors	\$ 125,000	\$ 0
Community Health Improvement Planning Partners	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000
Health Equity in Pittsfield Green Planning	\$ 65,000	\$ 75,000
Technical Assistance Subcontractors	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Substance Abuse Prevention Subcontractor	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Hepatitis C Prevention Subcontractors	\$ 12,000	\$ 0
Substance Abuse Prevention Subcontractor	\$ 9,900	\$ 55,075
Parent Advocacy Subcontractors	\$ 0	\$ 0
Berkshire Early Childhood Community Subcontractors	\$ 0	\$ 17,564
Translation Services	\$ 3,625	\$ 0
Local Health Support Contract Tracing	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
Environmental Subcontractors (CLK MVP)	\$ 0	\$ 72,875
Housing Subcontractor	\$ 65,000	\$ 6,250
Rural Vaccine Equity Subcontractors	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Community Partners/Advocate Subcontractors (WMS/LAN)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
Board of Health Online Permitting Services	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000
Engineer Subcontractor	\$ 18,000	\$ 0
Stormwater Subcontractor	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Website Subcontractors	\$ 13,500	\$ 0
Town Assistance Services	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
Environmental Subcontractors	\$ 125,000	\$ 175,000
Regional Food System Partners	\$ 368,016	\$ 206,500
Brownfield Contracts	\$ 4,000	\$ 20,000
Promotion of the Arts Consultants	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
Online Software Consultant	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
Digital Equity - Pittsfield - Subcontractors	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Digital Equity - Southern Berkshire County - Subcontractors	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000
Digital Equity - Dalton - Subcontractors	\$ 2,500	\$ 350
Digital Equity - Clarksburg - Subcontractors	\$ 0	\$ 375
Digital Equity - New Marlborough - Subcontractors	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Digital Equity - Otis, Windsor, Washington, Becket - Subcontract	\$ 0	\$ 150
IT Consultant	\$ 80,000	\$ 0
Community Partners/Advocate Subcontractors (ADM/NAD)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Community Partners/Advocate Subcontractors (GTB/LEE)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Air Quality Consultants	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Traffic / Transportation Safety Consultant(s)	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000
Energy Consultants	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Engineer Subcontractor - Pittsfield Study	\$ 0	\$ 89,550
Post Overdose Partners	\$ 0	\$ 278,388
Town of Lee Town Planner	\$ 0	\$ 25,000
Post Overdose Subcontractors	\$ 0	\$ 27,218
Subtotal Subcontracts/Subrecipients	\$ 1,593,887	\$ 1,441,007
RESERVE	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,266,015	\$ 6,640,005

	FY2024 APPROVED	FY 2025 Recommended
PROJECTED REVENUES		
Outsource GIS Planner	\$ 11,000	\$ 4,852
Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 18,876	\$ 18,000
Berkshire Bike Path Council Support	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,413
Berkshire Public Health Alliance Inspections	\$ 137,719	\$ 141,455
Berkshire Public Health Alliance Nursing	\$ 73,088	\$ 73,088
Rest of River Coordination	\$ 15,000	\$ 0
Online Burn Permits	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,100
Berk. County Boards Of Health Assoc. Support Services	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
Adams Brownfield Assessment	\$ 0	\$ 19,000 ³
Lanesborough Shared Economic Planner	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000 ¹
Transportation Planning	\$ 789,727	\$ 859,421
Great Barrington Shared Economic Planner	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000 ¹
Lanesborough Stormwater Management Plan	\$ 16,006	\$ 11,000 ¹
Richmond Shared Economic Planner	\$ 10,670	\$ 0
Adams Shared Economic Planner	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000 ¹
Berkshire United Way	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Berkshire Benchmarks - Berkshire United Way	\$ 19,600	\$ 10,000
Emergency Preparedness Planning	\$ 162,158	\$ 162,158 ²
Medical Reserve Corps - Berkshire Medical	\$ 22,056	\$ 22,056 ²
Medical Reserve Corps - Franklin County	\$ 22,056	\$ 22,056 ²
Dalton Stormwater Management Support	\$ 12,380	\$ 12,000
Berkshire County Sheriff's Office - Opioid Prevention 2023	\$ 3,401	\$ 0
Berkshire County Sheriff's Office - Opioid Prevention 2024	\$ 40,155	\$ 0
District Local Technical Assistance	\$ 222,667	\$ 222,674 ²
District Local Technical Assistance - Augmentation 2023	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
District Local Technical Assistance - Augmentation 2024	\$ 0	\$ 48,500
Group Purchasing	\$ 115,512	\$ 120,000
Lenox Economic Planner	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000 ¹
Regional Energy Planning Assistance	\$ 0	\$ 38,356
Milltown / Outdoor Recreation Plan	\$ 19,200	\$ 0
Milltown / Outdoor Recreation Plan 2024	\$ 0	\$ 19,600
OPIOID Prevention North County	\$ 12,034	\$ 0
Food Safety Retail Standards 2020 #1 Washington	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Food Safety Program 21 - Egremont	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
AFDO/FDA - Alliance Strategic Plan - Egremont	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Food Safety Retail Standards 2020 #2 Egremont	\$ 2,519	\$ 2,519
Food Safety Retail Standards Re-assessment Sheffield	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Food Safety Retail Standards 2020 #3 Williamstown	\$ 2,837	\$ 2,837
Alliance Food Safety Program Assessment - Adams	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Nonpoint Source Regional Coordinator	\$ 0	\$ 39,796
HEALing Community Study year 3	\$ 124,933	\$ 0
HEALing Community Study year 4	\$ 90,435	\$ 0
Community Health Improvement Planning	\$ 23,482	\$ 0
Community Health Improvement Planning years 4 & 5	\$ 75,000	\$ 226,488
Health Equity in Pittsfield Green Planning 23	\$ 8,172	\$ 0
Health Equity in Pittsfield Green Planning 24 & 25	\$ 188,984	\$ 358,911
Coalition for Public Health (WMPHA)	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
Northampton Health Dpt-Comprehensive Opioid/Stimulant/Substance Abuse	\$ 35,000	\$ 0
NEAETC,Community Research Initiative of New England, Inc. Hepatitis C	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
Substance Misuse Prevention Grant Program	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000 ³
Great Barrington Brownfields Clean-up	\$ 7,987	\$ 17,170
BOAPC Substance Abuse Prevention Webinar	\$ 2,460	\$ 0

	FY2024 APPROVED	FY 2025 Recommended
PROJECTED REVENUES		
DPH Shared Services/ Public Health Excellence	\$ 299,999	\$ 515,700
DPH Shared Services/ Public Health Training Hub	\$ 0	\$ 549,000
Berkshire Early Childhood Community Circle	\$ 0	\$ 37,000
EPA Healthy Communities	\$ 6,012	\$ 60
Local Health Support Contact Tracing	\$ 357,105	\$ 120,000
Clarksburg Municipal Vulnerability Program	\$ 0	\$ 117,669
MassCEC Capacity Building Program	\$ 5,041	\$ 0
Cheshire Stormwater Support	\$ 8,230	\$ 7,600 ²
Adams Zoning Support for Housing & Housing Choice Designation	\$ 874	\$ 0
Earmark Housing	\$ 77,082	\$ 90,000
Williamstown Housing Needs Assessment	\$ 8,005	\$ 0
Williamstown Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 4,469	\$ 0
Economic Development District	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
New England Rural Health Association - Rural Vaccine Equity	\$ 75,000	\$ 108,445
Williamstown Community Partnership - Mass Save/Berkshire Gas	\$ 42,635	\$ 8,151
Alliance Food Safety Program Advancement - 3 yrs	\$ 170,578	\$ 42,697
Alliance Food Safety Program Online Permitting - 3 yrs	\$ 152,526	\$ 26,689
Monterey 319	\$ 51,072	\$ 1,258
Housatonic Valley Association Berkshire Clean Cold and Connected Restoration	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
Adams Green Communities	\$ 5,613	\$ 0
North Adams Green Communities	\$ 3,022	\$ 0
State Earmark Outdoor Recreation Website	\$ 27,225	\$ 2,272
Cheshire Green Communities	\$ 2,446	\$ 5,066
Shared Services	\$ 50,930	\$ 0
Lee Master Plan Open Space Recreation Plan	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
EPA - Assessment Project	\$ 138,000	\$ 254,530
West Stockbridge Green Communities	\$ 6,087	\$ 8,426
Decarbonizing Berkshire County with Municipal Energy Self-Sufficiency	\$ 21,940	\$ 0
Sheffield Sustainable & Affordable Housing	\$ 8,628	\$ 0
Adams Stormwater	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Berkshire Funding Focus (grants)	\$ 45,000	\$ 8,685
(CEDAC) Home Modification Loan Program (HMLP)	\$ 25,403	\$ 47,000
Clarksburg Grant Writing	\$ 5,770	\$ 0
Western Mass Emergency Preparedness Mgmt	\$ 35,000	\$ 0
Monterey Municipal Vulnerability Action Grant	\$ 37,345	\$ 0
Lee Hazard Mitigation and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	\$ 12,198	\$ 287
Regional Food System Partnerships Program	\$ 306,506	\$ 297,025
Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund 2	\$ 23,002	\$ 23,000
Massachusetts Regional Trail Map	\$ 0	\$ 5,000 ¹
Lee - Stockbridge Road Parcel Planning	\$ 10,765	\$ 2,794
(MCLA) National Endowment for the Arts	\$ 49,998	\$ 0
Dept of Revenue (EOAF) - Efficiency and Regionalization - Online Permitting	\$ 100,042	\$ 0
Mass Audubon Society - Rowe MVP	\$ 1,155	\$ 0
Hancock MVP	\$ 17,844	\$ 0
Digital Equity Planning Pittsfield	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
Digital Equity Planning Southern Berkshire County	\$ 85,000	\$ 18,617
Digital Equity Planning - Dalton	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,016
Digital Equity Planning - Clarksburg	\$ 0	\$ 8,453
Digital Equity Planning Services - New Marlborough	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Digital Equity Planning Services - Otis, Windsor, Washington, Becket	\$ 0	\$ 35,988
Municipal Cybersecurity Services Pilot	\$ 100,283	\$ 0
Community First Partnership - Mass Save - Adams & North Adams	\$ 40,763	\$ 0

	FY2024 APPROVED	FY 2025 Recommended
PROJECTED REVENUES		
Community First Partnership - Mass Save - Adams & North Adams 24-25		\$ 25,000
Community First Partnership - Mass Save - Lee & Gt. Barrington	\$ 40,763	\$ 0
Community First Partnership - Mass Save - Lee & Gt. Barrington 24-25		\$ 25,071
Sandisfield Green Communities	\$ 3,977	\$ 417
Air Quality	\$ 178,001	\$ 209,517
USDOT Transportation Safety Planning	\$ 198,000	\$ 886
MassDOT Transportation Safety Planning	\$ 0	\$ 325
National Council on Aging - Home Vaccinations	\$ 88,110	\$ 0
Mass Clean Energy Technology Center-EMPower Innovation/Implement	\$ 129,912	\$ 58,054
Digital Equity Partnership	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,862
Cultural District	\$ 36,000	\$ 33,052
BTI - Berkshire Benchmarks	\$ 0	\$ 14,700
Sheffield EOHLIC - CDBG Housing Rehab 2022 & 2023	\$ 0	\$ 96,004
Accelerating Age- and Dementia-Friendly Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work	\$ 0	\$ 5,137
(EOEEA) Lanesborough Master Plan	\$ 0	\$ 21,274
Lanesborough Master Plan	\$ 0	\$ 1,881
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs - Washington Zoning	\$ 0	\$ 16,709
Washington Zoning Recodification	\$ 0	\$ 250
Pittsfield Francis Ave. Parklet and Routing Study	\$ 0	\$ 18,941
Dept of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program (COSSUP)	\$ 0	\$ 425,727
Health New England - Mini grant for PH Communiy Outreach	\$ 0	\$ 5,292 ³
Municipal Employee Development in Berkshire County	\$ 0	\$ 50,000
New Marlborough Open Space & Rec Plan	\$ 0	\$ 9,926
University of Baltimore - COCLI - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	\$ 0	\$ 41,896
Savoy Culvert and Road Assessment	\$ 0	\$ 12,300
Peru Zoning	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Lee Complete Streets	\$ 0	\$ 494
North Adams Brownfield Inventory (Comm Compact)	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Pittsfield - Plan Consulting Services for 5-Year Consolidated Plan	\$ 0	\$ 35,000
Adams Slum and Blight Study	\$ 0	\$ 20,500
Community Health and Health Equity Improvement	\$ 0	\$ 85,000
MS4 Municipal Assistance Support	\$ 0	\$ 8,167 ³
Digital Equity Implementation Application Pittsfield	\$ 0	\$ 10,000 ³
Digital Equity Implementation Application Southern Berkshire County	\$ 0	\$ 3,495 ³
Digital Equity Implementation Application Dalton	\$ 0	\$ 9,660 ³
General: Community Assessment	\$ 109,844	\$ 112,590
Unsecured New Projects	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,266,015	\$ 6,640,005

¹. Applied for / requested- no decision as of 4/26/2024

². As of 4/26/2024 not yet under contract

³. As of 4/24/2024 awarded but not yet under contract