



SMART GROWTH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this correspondence as a Legal Opinion Letter issued on behalf of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning authority representing 101 communities in the metro Boston area. MAPC, in partnership with the housing authorities of Boston, Chelsea, and Lowell, is submitting an application to the EPA's CPRG Implementation Grant Program. As the General Counsel to MAPC, a position that I have held for nearly 7 years, I have been requested to provide a Legal Opinion Letter concerning whether the partner housing authorities are eligible for grant consideration as a public body created by or pursuant to state law and are accountable to municipal or state units of government.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 121, §3, municipal housing authorities are created and dissolved by a vote of the local governing body in each city and town in the commonwealth, as "... a public body politic and corporate to be known as the "Housing authority" of such city or town". As such, it is my legal opinion that the partner housing authorities satisfy the grant eligibility requirements set forth by the EPA.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding my legal opinion. I can be contacted at: [mweinberger@mapc.org](mailto:mweinberger@mapc.org).

Very truly yours,

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