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The Patrick Administration developed the Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) grant program in 2012. The program encourages and incentivizes regionalization based upon the belief that the most crucial and visible interactions between government and citizens occur locally. In two years, the program invested \$6.25 million in 49 unique projects that involve 197 municipalities across the Commonwealth.

[Read more about the Community Innovation Challenge Grant Program](#)

CIC Success Stories (FY12 Project Reports)

2014 CIC Application and Guideline Documents

2013 CIC Grant Program

2012 CIC Grant Program

Municipal Performance, Accountability, and Transparency

Several projects funded by the CIC program support the development of similar initiatives at the municipal level to embed performance management best practices and utilize new technologies to improve accountability and increase transparency. This webpage highlights five such projects.

Regionalization Assistance Guide

CIC Facts

- In two years, municipalities requested \$41,008,402 in funding through the program.
- 3,686,311 residents total live in the 197 municipalities participating in CIC programs. This equates to 56% of the Commonwealth's population.
- 18 of 26 Gateway Cities are part of at least one CIC program.
- Of the 30 projects in Fiscal Year 2013, 8 expand projects originally funded in Fiscal Year 2012.
- Of the 49 total projects, 84% are regionalization projects and 16% are internal efficiencies.
- The CIC program has funded projects in 11 municipal service delivery areas (Facilities management, education, financial services, public health, public works, information technology, transportation, library, public safety, veterans' services, and housing)

Press Releases

Administration Announces \$2.25 Million in CIC Grants

Administration Announces Funding for CIC Grants

100 'Community Innovation Challenge' Grants Received

Community Innovation Challenge Grant Announced

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The Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) developed a Regionalization Assistance Guide which serves as a directory of programs offered by the Commonwealth to assist municipalities in the development of regional projects. The Guide includes both technical assistance and grant programs.

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