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FY25 MCI Planning Budget

State Earmarks, \$475,000 and \$250,000

Budget	Description
\$400,000	Concept Planning, Economic and Market Analysis
\$40,000	Consulting Contract Contingency
\$285,000	Wastewater Treatment Plant Analysis: Including System Conditions, demand assessment, Integration Analysis
\$725,000	Total FY25 Earmark

FY25 Funding Use:

- We are grateful for the support from the state
 - Must use it by June 30, 2025 or lose it
 - Delayed release, until Feb '25 compressed the project
- Assessments and Public Outreach – March to June 2025 See: mci-concord.org/#events
- Wastewater System Planning
- Traffic – expanded ongoing local study scope

Context

- Concord has not had to spend Town funds yet
- New Funding from the State not expected.
- Access to funding we can deploy as needed will be important as we get closer to a transaction
- The town cannot enter into any contract without a source of appropriated funds

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FY26 MCI Planning Sources:

Budget	Description	Source	Status
\$100,000	Consultant to assist in drafting zoning	ARPA	Approved: Must be spent by December 31, 2026
\$250,000 <i>new</i>	<i>Requested Earmark, for public outreach, transportation, and WWTP</i>	<i>Legislature</i>	<i>Request submitted with Reps Status: won't receive new, but PAC treatment for \$40K is more likely</i>
\$250,000	<i>Town Meeting Warrant Article 33</i>	<i>Town Meeting</i>	<i>This Request: Concord can control and use as needed</i>

FY 26 Funding Uses:

- Additional Public Outreach – After June 2025
- Wastewater System Planning
- Traffic – Route 2 Rotary redesign project – 18 months
- Legal Support for MCI site options – RFP Input
- Due diligence studies and assessments of the site and buildings
- Compare to \$45K and 1000 hours of Staff and Planning Board effort spent just zoning for MBTA Communities



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