

# MassWorks Grant Application Deadline Extension

## Additional time designed to help communities impacted by Hurricane Irene

BOSTON - Friday, September 2, 2011 - Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray and Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki today announced that the MassWorks Infrastructure Program application deadline has been extended by one week to give communities impacted by Hurricane Irene more time to apply. The application period began Thursday, September 1st, and now runs until Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Communities can apply at [www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure](http://www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure).

"Our administration continues to be a strong partner to communities across the Commonwealth and we are working closely with them to respond to the damage caused by Hurricane Irene," said Lieutenant Governor Murray. "Extending the MassWorks application deadline is consistent with those efforts, and will give communities impacted by the storm more time to apply for these critical infrastructure funds."

"From moving our application online to providing guidance to communities looking to apply to extending the deadline, we are committed to making the MassWorks program work for our municipal partners," said Secretary Bialecki.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program, which is overseen by HED, consolidates six capital budget programs administered across three different agencies, giving communities a single entry point and one set of requirements for state public infrastructure grants, rather than requiring them to expend resources "shopping around" different agencies at different times to gain support for their projects. The program will provide infrastructure grants for market rate and affordable housing development projects; transportation improvements to enhance safety in small and rural communities; community revitalization and sustainable development; and economic development and job creation.

Last week, Governor Deval Patrick filed a supplemental budget bill that directs surplus funds towards investments in job creation, including an additional \$35 million for specific shovel-ready MassWorks projects that will create up to 1,000 jobs in communities across the Commonwealth.

To learn more about the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and how it is supporting job growth and long term, sustainable economic development, please visit:[www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure](http://www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure).

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