



STAFF SUMMARY

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Frederick A. Laskey, Executive Director 
DATE: May 6, 2020
SUBJECT: Application of Debt Service Assistance to Community Assessments

COMMITTEE: Administration, Finance & Audit

VOTE
 INFORMATION

Matthew R. Horan, Deputy Director, Finance/Treasurer
Preparer/Title

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As a result of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, MWRA and Advisory Board staff have undertaken several initiatives to provide cash flow relief to MWRA's member communities. Staff are proposing applying the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Funds (Debt Service Assistance) received on May 5, 2020 to reduce the community assessment due on June 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

To apply the FY20 Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Funds to reduce the June 1, 2020 assessments to MWRA's member communities as presented and filed with the records of this meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Annually MWRA applies for funding from the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund, also known as Debt Service Assistance. Massachusetts communities that have outstanding debt issued after January 1, 1990 issued for water pollution control facilities are eligible to apply for sewer rate relief. In addition to water pollution control facilities, debt service costs associated with the MetroWest Tunnel and Chicopee Valley Aqueduct are also eligible for funding. Typically 40 to 50 communities receive funding with, MWRA usually representing approximately 80% of the total appropriation.

On May 5, 2020, MWRA received \$891,533 from the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund. Staff are proposing utilizing the funding received in the FY20 to reduce the June 1, 2020 assessment to eligible local bodies as outlined on Attachment A to this staff summary.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

The application of the \$891,533 to reduce the June 1, 2020 assessment will provide relief to member communities without having any impact on MWRA's FY20 CEB.

Attachment A

**Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief
By
MWRA Community**

<u>Local Body</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Body</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arlington	\$ 16,014.57	Needham	\$ 10,816.32
Ashland	\$ 4,480.73	Newton	\$ 40,035.60
Bedford	\$ 5,920.16	Northborough	\$ 354.96
Belmont	\$ 9,488.17	Norwood	\$ 14,396.22
Boston Water and Sewer Commission	\$ 263,122.34	Peabody	\$ 1,179.19
Braintree	\$ 16,137.78	Quincy	\$ 37,559.06
Brookline	\$ 23,501.47	Randolph	\$ 11,002.84
Burlington	\$ 9,482.66	Reading	\$ 9,410.00
Cambridge	\$ 43,048.61	Revere	\$ 19,190.85
Canton	\$ 8,112.31	Saugus	\$ 1,141.53
Chelsea	\$ 15,401.62	Somerville	\$ 30,750.89
Chicopee	\$ 957.80	South Hadley Fire District No.1	\$ 192.09
Dedham	\$ 9,556.14	Southborough	\$ 250.85
Dedham-Westwood Water District	\$ 49.20	Stoneham	\$ 8,663.96
Everett	\$ 16,680.58	Stoughton	\$ 8,584.50
Framingham	\$ 24,409.98	Swampscott	\$ 584.57
Hingham Sewer District	\$ 3,158.86	Wakefield	\$ 11,436.54
Holbrook	\$ 3,028.23	Walpole	\$ 6,679.07
Leominster	\$ -	Waltham	\$ 25,367.33
Lexington	\$ 14,807.90	Watertown	\$ 12,026.76
Lynn Water & Sewer Commission	\$ 106.16	Wellesley	\$ 10,074.55
Lynnfield Water District	\$ 216.66	Weston	\$ 652.75
Malden	\$ 24,390.11	Westwood	\$ 5,155.82
Marblehead	\$ 696.69	Weymouth	\$ 21,336.81
Marlborough	\$ 1,588.70	Wilburham	\$ 204.78
Medford	\$ 22,141.34	Wilmington	\$ 5,069.80
Melrose	\$ 11,769.06	Winchester	\$ 7,738.26
Milton	\$ 10,302.39	Winthrop	\$ 6,563.45
Nahant	\$ 123.66	Woburn	\$ 16,564.28
Natick	\$ 9,855.51	Total	\$ 891,533.00