Commonwealth of Massachusetts





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Massachusetts Municipal Auditors' & Accountants' Association

June 2021

Maximize all Federal grant reimbursements:

- 1. FEMA first
- 2. If rejected by FEMA, then CARES, if allowable. CARES expires before ARPA (CLFRF)
- 3. ARPA for expenses incurred beginning 3/3/21

Deficit spending permission under 44:31 is NOT required for 2021 COVID-19 related expenditures.

There will be no reductions of 6/30/21 free cash for COVID-19 account deficits.

For ARPA spending eligibility questions:

SLFRP@treasury.gov

Make sure you are subscribed to DLS Alerts. Our bulletins containing important guidance and other COVID 19 guidance is issued via alert. You can subscribe here: https://www.mass.gov/how-to/how-to-subscribe-to-dls-alerts.

See our webpage at this address to access ARPA guidance:

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-resources-and-guidance-for-municipal-officials



Accounting and Reporting Requirements for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

The Division of Local Services (DLS) Bureau of Accounts (BOA) has issued and posted Bulletin (BUL) 2021-4. This Bulletin is the first in a series that will provide guidance regarding the accounting treatment of revenues received by cities and towns from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

BUL-2021-4: Accounting for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

In addition, the Executive Office for Administration & Finance Federal Funds Office (FFO) has published Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Reporting Requirements

To access additional IGRs and Bulletins, please visit this <u>webpage</u>. For additional information and guidance related to the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), please bookmark the ARPA section of <u>DLS</u> <u>Covid-19 Resources and Guidance for Municipal Officials</u>.

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Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Revenue Loss

The Division of Local Services has posted preliminary guidance regarding the revenue less component of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA . To view Bulletin 2021-5, please <u>click here</u>.

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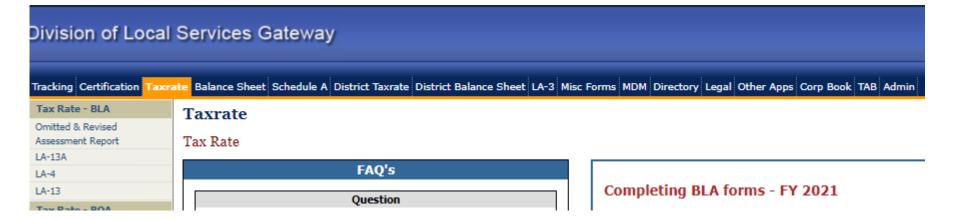
Federal Grant accepted under the provisions of MGL 44:53A. Expenditure of \$750,000 in Federal Grants in a single year triggers a requirement to have an audit.

Create one ARPA grant fund in the special revenue funds to record the receipt of funds.

More accounting guidance to record the use of funds is on the way.

Interest stays with the grant:

"10.3. Are recipients required to remit interest earned on CSFRF/CLFRF payments made by Treasury? [5/27] No. CSFRF/CLFRF payments made by Treasury to states, territories, and the District of Columbia are not subject to the requirement of the Cash Management Improvement Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR part 205 to remit interest to Treasury. CSFRF/CLFRF payments made by Treasury to local governments and Tribes are not subject to the requirement of 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8)–(9) to maintain balances in an interest-bearing account and remit payments to Treasury."



Downloadable Templates

Recap/Pro Forma supporting documentation:

- Recap Page 3: The Bureau of Accounts may require upload of a new Excel file to support variances between prior year actual receipts and current year estimated receipts on Recap/Pro Forma Page 3. Click here for the <u>Recap Page 3 variances template</u>.
- Pro Forma Recap: The Bureau of Accounts requires upload of an <u>Unused Levy Capacity Letter</u> prior to Pro Forma submission. The actual letter text can vary, but it should contain all information shown in the template.
- Support for the A-2 form: Enterprise Fund User Charge Template
- Clerk's Certification LA-5: click here for a copy of the Clerk's Certification of Vote document, which is required for LA-5 submission.

	Enter Current Fiscal Year:	2021		
	Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal	Percent Change
	No. Williams	2020	2021	0.000
	Motor Vehicle Excise			0.00%
	Other Excise			0.00%
	Meals			0.00%
	Room			0.00%
	Other			0.00%
	Cannabis			0.00%
}	Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises			0.00%
	Payments in Lieu of Taxes			0.00%
	Charges for Services - Water			0.00%
6	Charges for Services - Sewer			0.00%
•	Charges for Services - Hospital			0.00%
	Charges for Services -Solid Waste Fees			0.00%
	Other Charges for Services			0.00%
0	Fees			0.00%
	Cannabis Impact Fee			0.00%
b.	Community Impact Fee Short Term Rentals			0.00%
1	Rentals			0.00%
2	Departmental Revenue - Schools			0.00%
3	Departmental Revenue - Libraries			0.00%
4	Departmental Revenue - Cemeteries			0.00%
5	Departmental Revenue - Recreation			0.00%
6	Other Departmental Revenue			0.00%
7	Licenses and Permits			0.00%
8	Special Assessments			0.00%
9	Fines and Forfeits			0.00%
0	Investment Income			0.00%
21	Medicaid Reimbursement			0.00%
2	Miscellaneous Recurring			0.00%
23	Miscellaneous Non-Recurring			0.00%

	Municipal Revenue Gr	owth Factor Docum	entation	
	Receipt Type Description	(a) Estimated Receipts Fiscal	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal	Percent Change
		2020	2021	
	Motor Vehicle Excise			0.00%
a	Meals			0.00%
b.	Room			0.00%
C.	Other			0.00%
d.	Cannabis			0.00%
3	Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises			0.00%
1	Payments in Lieu of Taxes			0.00%
19	Fines and Forfeits			0.00%
20	Investment Income			0.00%
21	Medicaid Reimbursement			0.00%
22	Miscellaneous Recurring			0.00%
24 Plas	Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Totals se provide explanations below for any current year esti		,	0.00% ated receipts
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	Detail of Miscellaneous Recurr	ing and Non-Recurring Loc	al Receipts
	Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal
		2020	2021
22	Miscellaneous Recurring		
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23	Miscellaneous Non-Recurring		
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	Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Each total should equal the amounts placed on	the recap page 3, lines 22 and 23. entation Recurring NonRecurri	

				User Charge	s			
	FY20	FY21			FY20	Estimated	Estimated	
	Rate	Rate	\$ Change	% Change	Usage	Usage	Revenue	
Tier 1							\$0	
Tier 2							\$0	
Tier 3							\$0	
Tier 4							\$0	
Tier 5							\$0	
Irrigation							\$0	
Elderly							\$0	
							\$0	
**Total Esti	mated rev	enue must	t be equal to	or greater th	an line 1.a	, column (b) o	n the form A-2	

Clerk's Certification of Vote

l,		, clerk for the city/town of
	, herby ce	ertify that the
board of selectmen / city coun	ncil / town council / bo	ard of aldermen at a meeting held on
	at	a.m. / p.m.
adopted in public session the	residential factor and	percentages
set forth in this LA-5.		
Attest:		



Gloucester City Council CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

Certificate Number: 2019-095

The Gloucester City Council, at a meeting held on **Tuesday**, **June 18**, **2019** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall, voted to approve the following:

IN CITY COUNCIL:

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Hecht) absent, to appropriate in the amount of \$350,000 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance - Free Cash, Account #0001-359000 to Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purposes, Account #0001-328000. The purpose of this appropriation from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance - Free Cash is to reduce the Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Levy.

Jaane M. Senso

Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk

Date: June 20, 2019

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

VETOED BY THE MAYOR

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SIGNED THIS 2019 DAY OF JUNE, 2019

All Ordinances shall become effective 31 days after passage except Emergency Orders and Zoning Amendments shall become effective the next day

Schedule DE-1, Debt Exclusions

Status	Delete	(A) Ballot Vote Date	(B) Purpose(s) of Exclusion Vote	(C) Date of original issuance note/bond per purpose(s)	([/) Temp (r Pem (T, P)	(E) FY 2018 Net Excluded Debt Service	(F) FY 2018 Gross Debt Service Expended	(i) FY 2019 (ross Debt Service I xcludable	(H) Reimbursement adjustments (Whole numbers only)	(I) FY 2019 Net Excluded Debt Service
Attached		04/10/1995	LANDFILL/WPAT 97-46	12/09/1998	P	229,514	229,514	238,097	0	238,097
Attached		05/05/2003	SCHOOL	11/15/2005	P	374,492	374,492	336,538	0	336,538
Attached		07/07/1997	CAPT VILLAGE	12/15/1997	P	0	0	0	0	0
Attached		04/11/2000	POLICE	06/15/2001	P	346,330	346,330	325,830	0	325,830
Attached		02/04/2002	MILL LANE-LIBRARY	06/01/2003	P	35,020	35,020	0	0	0
Attached		05/02/2005	LIBRARY	06/15/2006	P	28,810	28,810	28,120	0	28,120
Attached		04/10/1995	LANDFILL	12/15/1997	P	198,327	269,408	14,670	0	14,670
Attached		05/01/2007	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	12/15/2007	P	14,840	14,840	15,275	0	15,275
Attached		04/13/1987	LAND	12/15/2004	P	11,660	11,660	11,220	0	11,220
Attached		05/02/2006	FIRE	06/15/2006	P	248,124	248,124	238,553	0	238,553
Attached		05/05/2003	SCHOOL	04/01/2009	P	105,266	105,266	102,061	0	102,061
Attached		05/04/2010	VARIOUS MUNI	12/15/2011	P	79,387	79,694	78,354	275	78,079
Attached		04/05/2011	FLAX POND BLDG REMODEL	06/01/2014	P	41,796	44,290	43,240	2,212	41,028
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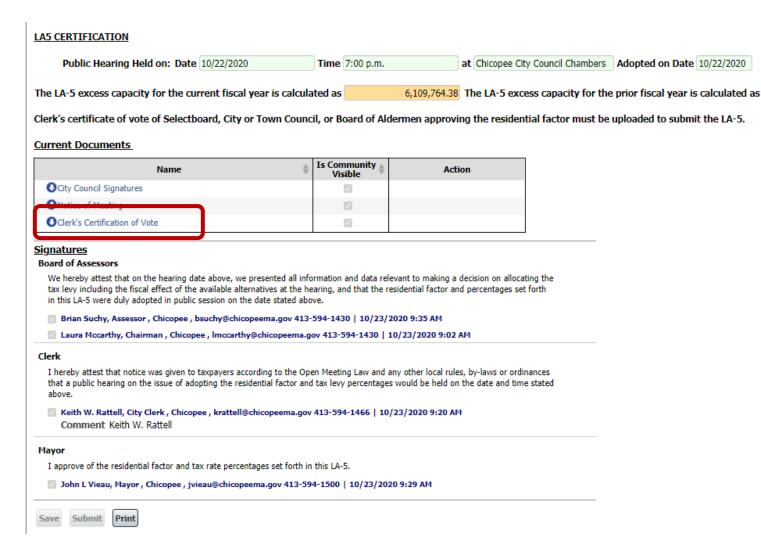
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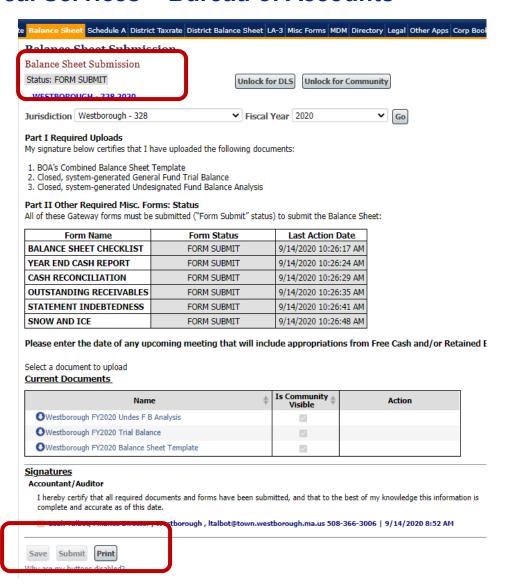
Name \$\display\$	Is Community Visible	Action
DE-1 FY19 Back-up	₽	

<u>Signatures</u>

Financial Officer

6.113.408.59





	General Fund Accounts Receivable	e Detail			
	as of June 30, 2019				
	(Unaudited)				
		Accounts			
		Receivable	Deferred	Receipts thru	Remaining Receivable
Account Number	Account Name	Amount	Revenue	9/30/2019	6/30/2019
					0.00
01-13403	AMBULANCE RECEIVABLE	262,095.90	262,095.90		0.00
					0.00
01-13408	PARKING TICKET RECEIVABLE	112,320.00	112,320.00		0.00
					0.00
01-13404	SPECIAL DUTY - POLICE DETAIL ADMIN FEE	27,567.40	27,567.40		0.00
					0.00
01-13401	TOWN BUILDING RENTAL	(2.58)	(2.58)		0.00
01-13406	DPW - MISC RECEIVABLE	10,899.07	10,899.07		0.00
01-13411	SPECIAL DUTY - FIRE	2,671.64	2,671.64		0.00
	OTHER DEP'L	13,568.13	13,568.13		
					0.00
01-16609	DUE FROM RETIREMENT (WCRS)	7,729.25	0.00	7,729.25	0.00
					0.00
01-17208	DUE FROM COMM OF MA - CHERRY SHEET	818,853.00	0.00	818,853.00	0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
Total General Fund	d Accounts Receivable Detail	1,242,133.68	415,551.43	826,582.25	0.00

	LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Lia	bilities:								
	Warrants payable								
	Accounts payable								
	Accrued payroll								
	Withholdings								
	Accrued claims payable								
	Due to/from other funds								
	Due to other governments								
	Other liabilities								
	Deferred revenue:								
	Real and personal property taxes								
	Tax liens								
	Deferred taxes								
	Foreclosures/Possessions								
	Motor vehicle excise								
	Other excises								
	User fees								
	Utility liens added to taxes								
	Departmental								
	Special assessments								
	Due from other governments								
	Other receivables								
	Deposits receivable								
	Prepaid taxes/fees								
	Tailings								
	IBNR								
	Agency Funds								
	Notes payable								
	Bonds payable								
	Vacation and sick leave liability								
	Total Liabilities								

Entries for recording subsequent year's property taxes as prepaid taxes

1.) Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are collected

001-1040 Cash – Unrestricted 100,000

 001-1210 Personal Property Taxes Receivable FYxx
 25,000

 001-1220 Real Estate Taxes Receivable FYxx
 75,000

To record cash receipt of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes

Deferred Revenue is adjusted for property taxes collected so that the property tax receivable remains equal to the Allowance plus Deferred Revenue.

001-2610 Deferred Revenue - Real and Personal

Property Taxes 100,000

001-3910 Revenue 100,000

To adjust Deferred Revenue - Real and Personal Property Taxes

 At year end, the property taxes for the subsequent year need to be removed from current year receivables, and recorded as a liability

001-1210 Personal Property Taxes Receivable FYxx 25,000 001-1220 Real Estate Taxes Receivable FYxx 75,000

001-2680 Prepaid Taxes 100,000

To reclass the prepayment of subsequent year's property taxes to a liability account

4.) The prepaid tax revenue also needs to be removed from revenue, and by default, undesignated fund balance. The deferred revenue also needs to be adjusted so that the property tax receivable remains equal to the Allowance plus Deferred Revenue.

001-3910 Revenue 100,000

001-2610 Deferred Revenue – Real and Personal

Property Taxes 100,000

To reclass the revenue from the prepayment of the subsequent year's property taxes so that revenue is adjusted, as well as undesignated fund balance, when the revenue closes

On July 1^{st} , entries 3 and 4 are reversed and the revenue will be recorded correctly in the proper fiscal year.

Ledger History - Detail with Payables - General Ledger

Tran. Type Warrant	Block/Batch Voucher	Posted Payee	Ву	Tran. Name	JE Seq	Comment Payment Type	X-Po: Payment N	Beginning st Source Ledger lumber	Debit	Credit	Ending
Account: 010-359	9-000-3590-0000-40		ÜNRES	SERVED FUI	ND BALANCE	Sum	mary:	0.00	24,175,808.27	26,612,569.19	-2,436,760.92
Journal Entry	072019/3	07/01/2019	claviolett	307595	DEFER	TO ESTABLISH A	DEFERRED		486,522.94	0.00	486,522.94
Roll Over GL		07/01/2019	claviolett						0.00	2,530,130.61	-2,043,607.67
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		117,407.55	0.00	-1,926,200.12
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		0.00	156,000.00	-2,082,200.12
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		0.00	42,988.79	-2,125,188.91
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		136,033.39	0.00	-1,989,155.52
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		402,145.59	0.00	-1,587,009.93
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		0.00	1,232,226.54	-2,819,236.47
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		67,447.41	0.00	-2,751,789.06
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		0.00	45,573.36	-2,797,362.42
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		22,966,251.39	0.00	20,168,888.97
Journal Entry	06/2020/38 -	06/30/2020	claviolett	307669	FY 20	TO CLOSE REVEN	NUE AND		0.00	22,605,649.89	-2,436,760.92
						1 Account(s) to	aling:	0.00	24,175,808.27	26,612,569.19	-2,436,760.92

Add:						
	Current Year Reserved for	r Appropriati	on Deficits			
	Current Year Reserved for	r Snow and Ic	e Deficits			
Add:	Current Year Revenue Clo	seouts				22,605,649.89
	Other Financing Sources					
	Audit Adjustments					
Less:						
	Current Year Expenditure	Closeouts				22,966,251.39
	Other Financing Uses					
	Audit Adjustments					
Current	: Year Undesignated Fund Bal	lance				4,436,760.92
		PROOF	F UNDESIGNAT	TED FUND BALANCE	E	
		AGREF	ES TO THE BALA	ANCE SHEET		4,436,760.92



Commissioner of Revenue

Sean R. Cronin Senior Deputy Commissioner

TO: Treasurers, Treasurer/Collectors

FROM: Sean R. Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services

DATE: June 4, 2021

SUBJECT: State House Notes Program

I am writing to remind communities that participate in the Bureau of Accounts' State House Notes Program of the importance of timely submission of notes and supporting documentation. This enables us to properly schedule the necessary review and approval activities, especially during the peak borrowing month of June. Please take the steps necessary to ensure that

As of June 1, all Division of Local Services offices will begin a hybrid work model. This includes the State House Notes program. Although we will still be available for questions daily by telephone or email as usual, we will not be in the office daily. Therefore, we require that you provide us with the materials to certify your note at least five business days before the scheduled issue date to eliminate the chance of default.

The exciting news is that our program, now in its 111th year, is in the process of automating its activities. We will utilize current technology to quicken the certification of properly submitted notes and eliminate the transfer of documents to us on paper copy. We estimate this process will be completed by the fall and we will provide you with information on the new process when available.

The Bureau will continue to provide a convenient, no-cost note certification procedure for the issuance of short-term debt and long-term serial and refunding notes and is committed to maintain its reputation in the public finance world that has been highly respected for many years.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Bill Arrigal at arrigal@dor.state.ma.us or Tony Rassias at rassias@dor.state.ma.us.

More ARPA guidance to be issued as further information/clarifications are received from the US Treasury