



Support *Mass in Motion* in the FY18 Budget

Support Mass-in-Motion funding in the Conference Committee by including HOUSE funding for line-item 4513-1111 at \$4,010,977 and SENATE language with Mass-in-Motion funded at not less than the amount expended in FY17 within 4513-1111.



The Pressing Issue Facing Massachusetts:

- 2 out of 3 Massachusetts adults, and 1 in 4 Massachusetts children are either overweight or obese.
- Obesity is impacted by community conditions that limit access to healthy foods and safe places to be physically active. These conditions especially impact low income communities and communities of color.
- Obesity-related diseases account for a full *\$3.5 billion* in excess health care costs annually in Massachusetts.

The *Mass in Motion* program is improving health and well-being in communities by:

- Improving school nutrition and building physical activity into the school day.
- Working with restaurants, convenience stores and food pantries to offer healthier food and drink options.
- Improving parks and playgrounds by cleaning up litter, improving lighting and removing graffiti.
- Opening up school and community spaces during the evenings and weekends for physical activity.
- Adopting “complete streets” policies and practices, making it safer and easier for people to walk and bike.



Mass in Motion Works!

Communities that have been participating in Mass in Motion since its inception in 2009 have shown a statistically significant drop in the percentage of overweight and obese school children compared to the state as a whole.

State funding for *Mass in Motion* is contingent on federal matching funds and leverages private funding.

Amendment Language: Representative Cariddi of North Adams moves to amend the bill in section 2, in line item 4513-1111, by adding after “Allied Disorders, Inc” the following: provided that funding shall be expended for Mass in Motion community grants in an amount not less than expended in fiscal year 2017” and in said item by striking out the figures “\$3,510,977” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$3,929,010”.

Mass in Motion works in more than 60 cities and towns, including:

Adams	Fall River	Lowell	Orange	Wakefield
Amherst	Fitchburg	Lynn	Palmer	Warwick
Ashfield	Framingham	Malden	Pittsfield	Wendell
Belchertown	Gill	Manchester by the Sea	Revere	West Springfield
Buckland	Gloucester	Marlborough	Rockport	Weymouth
Cambridge	Great Barrington	Medford	Rowe	Williamsburg
Charlemont	Greenfield	Melrose	Roxbury	Worcester
Chelsea	Hawley	Monroe	Salem	
Clarksburg	Heath	Montague	Shelburne	
Conway	Holyoke	New Bedford	Springfield	
Deerfield	Hudson	New Salem	Stockbridge	
Dorchester	Lawrence	North Adams	Sunderland	
Erving	Lee	Northfield	Taunton	
Essex	Lenox	Northampton		
Everett	Leyden	Northborough		

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