# District and School Finance: Chapter 70 Program FY26 Public School Military Mitigation Grant

## Application Instructions

The Commonwealth’s FY26 Budget[[1]](#footnote-1) includes funding to assist school committees in towns that have been negatively impacted by shortfalls in Federal Impact Aid for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations located within the town’s limits. School districts in towns that meet these criteria may apply for these funds in accordance with the following instructions.

* Applicants must *email and mail a signed copy of the attached application* (page 3).
  + The application must be submitted and signed by the *Superintendent of Schools*. Any award will be treated as a grant and may be expended by the school committee without further appropriation.
* Applicants must also *submit copies of the following* *by email*:
  + Copy of the school committee’s/school district’s most recent application for Federal Impact Aid.
  + Copy of the most recent Federal Impact Aid award letter(s) or notification(s), indicating the type and amount of total Federal Impact Aid awarded with respect to the most recent application.
  + Copy of all payment vouchers received for Federal Impact Aid for the most recent fiscal year. Be sure the vouchers include:
  + Voucher payment date(s) and period payment is intended to cover,
  + Payment type(s), and
  + Payment amount(s).

NOTE: If a final payment voucher for a fiscal year reflects all Federal Impact Aid payments, you may submit that document.

* The application and supporting documentation requested above must be submitted by email to [Michelle.L.Griffin@mass.gov](mailto:Michelle.L.Griffin@mass.gov). The completed and signed application (page 3) with original signature must also be submitted by mail to *Michelle Griffin,* *Office of Regional Governance, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02149*. Applications must be *received* no later than 5:00 p.m. on ***November 10, 2025.***

* Award amounts will be determined by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education and will depend, in part, on the number of applications received, the Federal Impact Aid financial shortfalls demonstrated in the applications, and the appropriations by the Commonwealth.

***Questions regarding this program should be directed to Michelle Griffin at 781-338-6515 or at*** [***Michelle.L.Griffin@mass.gov***](mailto:Michelle.L.Griffin@mass.gov)***.***

## FY26 Application: Public Schools Military Mitigation

**Shortfalls in Federal Impact Aid**

*Eligibility: School committees in towns negatively impacted by shortfalls in federal impact aid for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations located within the town’s limits.*

**School District Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Town**: Click or tap here to enter text.

* **Name of military installation(s)/reservation(s) in the town**: Click or tap here to enter text.
* **Total number of federally connected children claimed for the 2024-2025 school year (from the district’s Application for Federal Impact Aid):**  Click or tap here to enter text.
* **Total number of federally connected children claimed for the 2025-2026 school year (from the district’s application for Federal Impact Aid):** Click or tap here to enter text.
* **Total amount of Federal Impact Aid owed in FY25:** Click or tap here to enter text.
* **Total amount of Federal Impact Aid received in FY25:** Click or tap here to enter text.
* **Total amount of Impact Aid owed in FY26:** Click or tap here to enter text.
* **Total amount of Impact Aid received in FY26:** Click or tap here to enter text.

***Please also submit a copy of the school committee’s/school district’s most recent application for Federal Impact Aid and the additional information outlined on page 1.***

**Contact person** (if further information is required): Click or tap here to enter text.

**Name**: Click or tap here to enter text. **Title**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Telephone**: Click or tap here to enter text. **Email**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Application submitted by (Superintendent of Schools)**:

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**Signature of Superintendent of Schools**

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**Name of Superintendent of Schools**

1. Line item [*7061-0033 - Public School Military Mitigation*](https://budget.digital.mass.gov/summary/fy26/enacted/education/education-k-12/70610033/?focus=table)states, in part, as follows: “*For a reserve to assist towns negatively impacted by shortfalls in federal impact aid for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations located within a town's limits; provided, that any grants provided under this item shall be expended by a school committee without further appropriation;…”* See also[: M.G.L. c. 71, § 95, as amended by Chapter 173 of the Acts of 2014.](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter173) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)