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IN BRIEF

MAKING **MOVES** IN
MASSACHUSETTS



Notes on the *economy*

Senator Anne Gobi, D-Worcester, has been named director of Rural Affairs in the Executive Office of Economic Development. In the position, Gobi will advocate for rural communities, Healey said Monday, to support economic development and growth in rural areas of the state. [Read more here.](#)

Having recently been welcomed into the newly formed Massachusetts Economic Development Planning Council, **Town Administrator Steve Ellis is positioned to ensure western Massachusetts is well-represented** as the state develops a four-year economic development plan. [Read more here.](#)

State and federal funds combined with tax credits will boost housing starts in 20 Massachusetts communities; projects have already been launched and will add 1,600 units to the state's low-income stock. [Read more here.](#)

Congressman Richard Neal attended an event on Friday to celebrate the president and vice president of Millennium Press for being named Massachusetts Small Business Persons of the Year. Millennium Press is a full-service print shop that has been in business since 1989. Jim and Kelly Sullivan were honored at the annual SCORE Boston Celebrates Small Business Success. The award comes 15 years after Millennium Press was hit hard by the 2008 financial crisis, but with the help of Neal and the Small Business Administration, Millennium Press created a plan to consolidate its debt and refinance its assets. [Read more here.](#)

RoslinCT and Lykan Bioscience, two leading Contract Development and Manufacturing Organizations (CDMOs) in the Cell and Gene Therapy industry, announce their integration, creating a unified business that will operate under the RoslinCT brand. The integration, facilitated by GHO Capital, a global investment firm, aims to establish a dominant player in the Advanced Cell and Gene Therapy CDMO market. [Read more here.](#)

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced the launch of a new workforce initiative to train and employ Boston residents in life science careers at the opening of the BIO International Convention at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. She was joined by Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren E. Jones, leaders from Vertex Pharmaceuticals, MassBio, The American City Coalition, the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation, Year Up and other community partners. [Read more here.](#)

Expanding in MASS

Whalley Computer Associates officially broke ground on a new 85,000-square-foot building during a ceremony at company headquarters on Hudson Drive. [Read more here.](#)

MassDevelopment announced that its \$276,250 equipment loan to Harper Lane Brewery will

help the limited liability company overseeing it to buy a canning line, kegs, a keg washer, tanks, refrigeration, and wall-mounted HVAC units. [Read more here.](#)

A plan submitted by a Boston-based developer to layer the former landmark Table Talk Pies headquarters at 135 Green St. with three more floors was approved by the Planning Board. [Read more here.](#)

Moderna is establishing manufacturing footholds in far-flung outposts including Australia and Kenya. Now, the Cambridge-based biotech is setting up a plant closer to home in Massachusetts with a new manufacturing facility in Marlborough. [Read more here.](#)

King Street Properties and Healthpeak Properties celebrated with a grand opening of its new premier life science facility at 101 Cambridgepark Drive in Cambridge, Massachusetts. [Read more here.](#)

NEW Products & funding



Hostimus, a leading digital marketing company in Western Massachusetts, announces an exclusive initiative to support local nonprofit organizations. Under this new initiative, the company will offer free websites to nonprofits, helping them establish a strong

online presence and better engage with their target audience. [Read more here.](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$13,790,000 from President Biden's Investing in America Agenda to expedite the assessment and cleanup of brownfields sites in Massachusetts while advancing environmental justice. EPA selected 14 communities in Massachusetts to receive 14 grants totaling \$8,740,000 in competitive EPA Brownfields funding through the Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant programs. Thanks to the historic boost from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this is the largest ever funding awarded in the history of the EPA's Brownfields MARC Grant programs. In addition, the agency is announcing \$5,050,000 in non-competitive supplemental funding to two successful existing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant programs to help expedite their continued work at sites in their area by extending the capacity of the program to provide more funding for additional cleanups. [Read more here.](#)

Tech Goes Home, a Massachusetts nonprofit working to advance digital equity by providing devices, internet access, and digital skills training, including to residents in Haverhill and other Essex County communities, received a historic \$4.5 million grant to expand its programming and help build stronger systems to equitably and sustainably close the digital divide. [Read more here.](#)

A \$164 million federal grant announced this week will go toward construction of a new Holyoke Veterans' Home, a \$482.6 million project that when complete in 2028 will provide long-term care for 234 veterans. [Read more here.](#)

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has opened a new round of funding for the Fiscal Year 2024 Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP) which aims to accept applications from freight rail-supported businesses across the state for projects to expand or improve rail or freight access and which will support economic opportunity, safety and job growth. [Read more here.](#)

The Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board (MDPB), in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), have announced two dairy promotion grants totaling \$70,000 to fund projects that will advance the image, sale of and demand for local dairy products. These funded grant projects for the 2024 Fiscal Year include education initiatives to Massachusetts communities on the importance and nutritional benefits of dairy products. In addition, the projects will bring greater awareness to the contributions of our dairy farmers and provide more resources to our schools to support the consumption of Massachusetts dairy products. [Read more here.](#)

Partners @work



MassDevelopment announced it issued a \$129 million tax-exempt bond on behalf of 2Life Opus Newton for the development of a senior living community aimed at serving the middle market. [Read more here.](#)



At its meeting on May 2, the **Westborough Economic Development Committee (EDC)** voted to support six businesses with \$14,633.71 in total grant funding through its Business Assistance Grant Program. [Read more here.](#)



The **Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce** is pleased to award six Massachusetts small businesses with the title of Small Business of the Year. The Chamber's annual Small Business of the Year Awards celebrate the remarkable vision and resilience of small businesses that lead in the categories of Diversity and Inclusion, Cultural Excellence, Community Impact, Innovation and Growth, CEO Leadership, and Small Business Champion. [Read more here.](#)



More than two dozen local businesses and organizations are set to be honored when the **Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce** conducts its Annual Small Business Recognition Awards Program early next month. [Read more here.](#)

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