



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Fall River District Registry of Deeds

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Bernard J. McDonald III
Register

The Honorable Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House
24 Beacon Street, Room 145
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

RE: County Registers Technological Fund Consultation

August 26, 2026

Dear Mr. Carroll:

This is a submission of an initial plan for expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund for the Fall River Registry of Deeds, and a request for referral of this plan to the Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight.

Consistent with the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003 and MGL Chapter 29 Section 2KKK, the proposed expenditures are for the purposes of technological improvements at the Fall River Registry of Deeds. In preparing this plan I have consulted with the Commonwealth's Chief Information Officer and the Secretary of the Commonwealth. See attached approval letter.

I respectfully request **\$285,000.00** to continue with our technological improvements. We have been able to accomplish a great deal with the surcharge funds and this plan will enable us to continue our long-term strategy.

Thank you for your past support of our Tech Fund plans. I hope you look favorably upon this request as we continue to improve upon our advances in technology and modernization at the Fall River Registry of Deeds.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. McDonald III
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The Honorable Michael D. Hurley
Clerk of the Senate
24 Beacon Street, Room 335
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

RE: County Registers Technological Fund Consultation

August 26, 2026

Dear Mr. Hurley:

This is a submission of an initial plan for expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund for the Fall River Registry of Deeds, and a request for referral of this plan to the Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Administrative Services

Paul C. McCarthy
CFO
Director, Registry of Deeds

August 25, 2026

Bernard J. McDonald, III
Fall River District Registry of Deeds
441 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Re: Fall River District Registry of Deeds Technological Fund Request

Dear Register McDonald;

This letter is in response to the Fall River District Technological Fund request on August 10, 2026, to expend a total of \$285,000 for the County Register's Technological Fund for the Fall River District Registry of Deeds. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003, is asked to review each Register's Technological Fund requests to ensure consistency with the IT plans of the Commonwealth and of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Pursuant to the General Laws Chapter 36, Section 41, governing all County Registry of Deeds, this falls within the intentions of the county surcharge.

Please note this approval shall not act as an endorsement of any one vendor associated with this expenditure request.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul McCarthy", written over a white rectangular background.

Paul McCarthy
Director, Registry of Deeds
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

cc: Tim Larkin, ITD



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Mr. Paul C. McCarthy
CFO
Director: Registries of Deeds
Secretary of the Commonwealth
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

August 10, 2026

RE: Technology Fund Request

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

I recently requested \$285,000 from the Fall River Registry of Deeds Technology Fund. There is sufficient funds collected and not requested to support this request. The last time I requested an allocation was on June 22, 2022 in the amount of \$250,000.

Over the following fiscal years the income that was collected and not requested is as follows:

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$102,290.00
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	\$ 86,050.00
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	\$ 94,600.00
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	\$ 94,905.00

\$377,845.00

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Mr. Paul C. McCarthy

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Director; Registry of Deeds

Secretary of the Commonwealth

One Ashburton Place

Boston, MA 02108

July 29, 2026

RE: Technology Fund Request

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

This is a letter of consultation regarding a proposed initial plan for expenditures from the County Registers Technological Fund for the Fall River Registry of Deeds.

Consistent with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003, section 4, subsection 2KKK, the proposed expenditures are for the purpose of completing projects that have been ongoing and to purchase new technological equipment.

Since its inception in 2003 the Fall River Registry has utilized the Technology Fund to purchase new computers, update our software and modernize our facility. We have been able to digitize many of our records and by doing so we have been able to make these records available through our internet website at fallriverdeeds.com.

I respectfully request **\$285,000** to continue with our technological needs. The attached is a breakdown of my request.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. McDonald III

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FY 2027
Fall River District Registry of Deeds
Tech Fund Purchase Request

Component	Quantity	Description	Estimated Cost
Label / Receipt Printers & Peripheral Replacement	Various	Replace aging office peripherals used by recording stations	\$4,000
Disaster Recovery Equipment	1	Backup hardware and contingency equipment to ensure continuity of operations	\$6,000
Network Attached Storage / Archive Expansion	1	Additional storage for scanned documents, backups, and archival preservation	\$8,000
Public Search Software & Website Improvements	Annual	Public search enhancements, accessibility improvements, software upgrades, and website modernization	\$10,000
High-Speed Production Scanner	1	Fujitsu/Ricoh production scanner for indexing and disaster recovery backup of primary scanner	\$12,000
Dell OptiPlex Workstations	10	Replace remaining Windows 10/end-of-life public and staff workstations with Windows 11 Pro systems including deployment and configuration	\$20,000
Microfilm Creation & Archival Storage	Annual	Creation of security microfilm, duplicate archival copies, vault storage, and preservation services	\$75,000
Back Indexing Historic Records	Project	Continue indexing Books 1-300 (approx.) to improve public searchability of historical land records	\$120,000
Contingency / Installation & Configuration	-	Professional services and related costs for installation, configuration, integration, deployment, testing, and onsite support of new technology, including workstations, scanning equipment, storage/backup hardware, network and software configuration, data migration, vendor coordination, travel, and unforeseen implementation expenses.	\$30,000
TOTAL REQUEST			\$285,000.00