

**GRANT OPPORTUNITY  
STATEWIDE WATER MANAGEMENT ACT GRANT  
RFR #BRP 2017-08**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), Bureau of Resource Protection, has issued a Request for Responses (RFR) for Water Management Act (WMA) grants to provide funding for planning assistance, conservation/demand management, and withdrawal impact mitigation projects in local communities.

The focus of these grants is for: 1) planning projects for specific watersheds or subwatersheds to identify implementation projects to improve ecological conditions; 2) conservation projects aimed to reduce the demand for water within a municipality or a watershed; and 3) withdrawal mitigation projects that address the following: improve or increase instream flow, wastewater projects that keep water local, stormwater management projects that improve recharge, reduce impervious cover and/or improve water quality, water supply operational improvements, habitat improvement, demand management, , reduction of wastewater inflow and infiltration, and other projects that can be demonstrated to mitigate the impacts of water withdrawals.

The RFR was issued July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Grant funding is contingent upon appropriation by the Massachusetts legislature.

**PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Responses to the RFR may be submitted by any Massachusetts public water supplier or municipality with a valid Water Management Act permit. Cooperative proposals are encouraged.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

The RFR contains a schedule for each step of the application process. Applications are reviewed and recommended by a screening committee comprised of MassDEP, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Evaluation criteria will be specified in the RFR.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

No further questions may be asked about proposal content, other than at a public information session that is posted in the RFR. The RFR and additional information can be found at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/water-management-act-grant-program.html>