

Dam and Sea Wall Repair or Removal Program

Under the authority created by M.G.L. c. 29, §2III and regulations issued under 301 CMR 15.00, EEA funds projects for the repair and removal of dams, levees, seawalls, and other forms of inland and coastal flood control. In FY 2016, it is anticipated that the maximum award for any one application is \$1,000,000 for dams and levees and \$3,000,000 for seawalls and other coastal foreshore protection. For full details of the offering, please see COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com/bso/).

A **minimum** financial match of 25% of total funds requested is required. For Category 1 projects this match may be provided as either direct cash or in-kind (staff time, equipment use, etc.). For Category 2 and Category 3 project proposals, this match may be provided as either direct cash, in-kind, or by indicating an acceptance of a loan from EEA. As part of the evaluation, the review committee will consider the applicant's own commitment to the project as evidenced by local investment in the project.

For the selected projects, responding applicants may be offered a financing package offering either a grant or a combination of grant and loan. The interest rate for loans made projected to be fixed at no more than 2%. In order to provide an incentive for projects that will maximize the use and/or restoration of natural systems, EEA reserves the right to modify the loan terms. Those projects which minimize or eliminate the use of hard infrastructure may be eligible for a zero percent interest rate.

Administering Agency:	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Eligibility:	Municipalities, nonprofits, private dam owners
Source of Funds:	Massachusetts Dam and Seawall Repair and Removal Fund
Matching Requirements:	25% Cash or In Kind.
Amount Awarded in 2014:	\$ 13,200,000.00
Typical Size of Awarded Grant:	Dams: \$1,000,000.00 Coastal Protection: \$3,096,169.00
Application Deadline:	July 14, 2015.
Award Date:	Early fall anticipated
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Web Site:	http://www.mass.gov/eea/waste-mgmt-recycling/water-resources/preserving-water-resources/water-laws-and-policies/water-laws/draft-regs-re-dam-and-sea-wall-repair-or-removal-fund.html

Criteria: Guided by 301 CMR 15.00, priority shall be given to projects that are owned or operated by cities, towns and charitable organizations. Priority shall be also given to those structures identified in writing by the United States Army Corps of Engineers as requiring imminent infrastructure improvement. For all projects, preference will be given to projects that incorporate any or all of the following factors (in no particular order of preference):

- Project results in improvement to public health and safety;
- Project results in protection of other public infrastructure;
- If a privately held structure, the applicant demonstrates that any private benefit is incidental to the public good.
- Design plan recognizes the potential impact of climate change and improves resilience;
- Completion of the project will improve/expand use of naturally occurring systems;
- Applicant/applicant partner has obtained all applicable permits required to implement the project;
- Project implementation will improve or expand the functions of naturally occurring systems;
- Project fits into a larger comprehensive plan to improve the environmental condition; project complements other work ongoing in the local watershed.
- Applicant/applicant partner have secured borrowing authorization;
- Applicant's (and partner's, if any) commitment to project implementation through direct contribution of funds and/or in-kind support;
- Applicant has proven capacity to implement the project;
- Applicant is credit worthy and not prone to default;
- Project budget is viable for the objectives proposed;
- Structure is in a community with an environmental justice population;