

Proposals for Cleaner Water: A Grant Writing Workshop

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Carol's work has focused primarily on the evaluation of science and mathematics education programs in formal and informal learning environments, K-16+. Areas of interest include strategies that support teacher learning and practice, design of curriculum materials, student learning, leadership development in educational communities, and institutional change efforts.

Pam DiBona

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Pam has more than 20 years' experience in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. She brings organizational development and strategic planning expertise along with a solid understanding of ocean and coastal science to her work at MassBays, gained through positions at the New England Aquarium, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, and the Charles River Watershed Association. Pam earned a B.A. in Biochemistry from Connecticut College, and an M.S. in Environmental Microbiology and a Graduate Certificate in Critical and Creative Thinking, both from UMass Boston.

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Since joining the Massachusetts Environmental Trust (MET), Bill has awarded more than 130 grants for over \$6 million. MET is a state trust within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and is funded primarily through the sale of environmental license plates. The Trust is governed by an independent board of trustees and the Secretary of EOEEA. Bill holds a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Studies from St. Lawrence University and a Master of Nonprofit Management degree from Case Western Reserve University.

Steven McCurdy

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Steve joined Mass DEP in 1986. He began working with Clean Water Act grant programs in 1993 and in 1997, expanded his responsibilities to include the State

Revolving Fund loan programs. In this time, Steve has managed the selection and management of millions of dollars in federal and state sub-grants for water quality protection and improvements in the Commonwealth. In addition, he has directed about \$6 billion in financing to water and wastewater infrastructure in Massachusetts' cities, towns and districts. He holds a B.A. from Merrimack College and an MPA from Suffolk University.

Diana Payne (Taunton)

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Diana has experience in science, education and evaluation. Her work related to this project includes presentations on logic models and strategic planning. Additionally she conducts professional development for educators, is as an international expert on Ocean Literacy (<http://oceanliteracy.wp2.coexploration.org/>) and has served as an evaluator on numerous projects for the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and numerous local and regional partners. Diana holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biology, a Connecticut teaching certification for grades 7-12, and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology.

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Jane manages a state grant program funded by EPA under the Clean Water Act, with about sixty active grant-funded projects and many program and partnership activities underway at all times. She has an undergraduate degree in plant ecology from Hampshire College, and an MS from Antioch University in Keene NH. She is also a Massachusetts Registered Sanitarian, Soil Evaluator, and Title 5 Inspector. In her spare time, she serves as chair of the local Board of Health and treasurer of the Swift River Valley Historical Society, remembering the four lost towns of the Quabbin watershed.

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Cindy has worked in the public sector most of her career, and has written all or part of over \$14.5M worth of successful grant applications.