

# Proposals for Cleaner Water: A Grant Writing Workshop Grant Program Directory

## Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Minigrant Program

**Agency:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)-Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

**Description and Eligible Activities:**

The Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program, a planning and technical assistance unit of the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, makes funding available to assist eligible Buzzards Bay watershed municipalities to meet the goals and objectives of the Buzzards Bay Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan. Grant categories typically include the protection of open space, rare and endangered species habitat, and freshwater and saltwater wetlands, projects to help restore tidally restricted salt marshes, to develop designs and remediate stormwater discharges threatening water quality, to provide support for mapping stormwater drainage networks, to construct pumpout facilities, to digitize wetland boundaries approved in permits, to assist in the monitoring of water quality to prioritize stormwater remediation, to address problems in migratory fish passage, and to implement other recommendations contained in the watershed management plan for Buzzards Bay.

**Website:** <http://www.buzzardsbay.org/funding.htm>

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible towns include Fall River, Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Acushnet, Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Middleborough, Carver, Plymouth, Bourne, Falmouth, and Gosnold. However, specific restoration and protection projects must lie principally within the Buzzards Bay watershed.

**Typical Application Deadline:** July 1 each year

**Request Limit:** typically \$35,000

**Annual Spending:** \$150,000

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## Coastal Pollution Remediation (CPR) Grants

**Agency:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) - Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** The CPR program provides funding to municipalities located within the Massachusetts coastal watershed to address stormwater runoff pollution and boat-waste from commercial vessels. Eligible projects include stormwater pollutant identification and assessment; Best Management Practices (BMPs) selection, design, permitting and construction; and commercial boat-waste pumpout projects.

**Website:** [www.mass.gov/czm/cpr](http://www.mass.gov/czm/cpr)

**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities in the Massachusetts coastal watershed. Projects must focus on waters that directly connect to the coast (i.e., inland ponds/lakes with no flow connection to coastal waters)

through day-lighted or culverted streams, or impacts to groundwater, are not eligible project areas). For a list of all 219 eligible communities see: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/program-areas/coastal-water-quality/cpr/coastal-watershed-communities.html>.

**Estimated Application Deadline:** September

**Average Grant Size:** \$20,000 to \$60,000 for assessment /design grants; \$50,000 to \$125,000 (maximum) for construction

**Average Number of Grants funded:** 4 to 7

**FY 2016 Spending:** \$400,000

**Anticipated FY 2017 Spending:** \$400,000

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## Coastal Resilience Grant Program

**Agency:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)-Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** The Coastal Resilience Grant Program provides financial and technical support for local efforts to increase awareness and understanding of climate impacts, assess vulnerability and risk, plan for changing conditions, redesign vulnerable public facilities and infrastructure, and implement non-structural approaches that enhance natural resources and provide storm damage protection. Grants are available for a range of coastal resilience approaches—from planning, public outreach, feasibility assessment, and analysis of shoreline vulnerability to design, permitting, construction, and monitoring.

**Website:** [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/program-areas/stormsmart-coasts/grants](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/program-areas/stormsmart-coasts/grants)

**Eligible Applicants:** The Coastal Resilience Grant Program is open to the 78 municipalities located within the Massachusetts coastal zone. Certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with vulnerable coastal property that is open and accessible to the public are also eligible for funding for natural storm-damage protection (or green infrastructure) projects. Please see the website for more details.

**Estimated Application Deadline:** Unknown.

**Anticipated FY 2017 Level of Funding:** Unknown. In FY 2016, CZM awarded over \$2.2 million in grants with an average award of \$140,000. Applicants were required to provide at least 25% of the total project cost. The match could be cash, in-kind services, or a combination of the two.

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## Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program

**Agency:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

**Description and Eligible Activities:**

Under a bill signed into law in 2013 (M.G.L. c. 29, §21III and regulations issued under 301 CMR 15.00), EEA provides funding in the form of grants and loans to finance the costs to rebuild, remove or refinance

structures falling into one of the three categories of structures cited in the law: dams or similar unregulated structures; coastal infrastructure; and levees. By executing loans EEA ensures the funds are recycled through repayments of bond principle and interest in order to provide ongoing funding for other projects in future years. The program addresses the growing need to repair dams, coastal flood control structures and inland flood control structures that pose a risk to public health, public safety and key economic centers. Increasing the resiliency of the Commonwealth's infrastructure is a particularly important facet of project selection in the face of increasingly extreme weather impacts.

**Website:** <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>

**Eligible Applicants:** any local governmental body, charitable organization or private entity, as described in the regulations.

**Application Deadline:** to be determined

**Request Limit:** \$1 to \$3 million per project

**FY2014 Spending:** \$13 million

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## Federal 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** To prevent, control and abate nonpoint source pollution through implementation of structural and nonstructural best management practices.

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/watersheds-water-quality.html#2>

**Eligible Applicants:** Any Massachusetts public or private organization

**Estimated Application Deadline:** June

**Average Grant Size:** \$250,000

**Average # of Grants:** 11

**FY 2016 Spending:** \$1,28 Million

**Estimated FY17 Spending:** \$1.3 million

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## Federal 604b Water Quality Management Planning Grant Program

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** Assists regional planning agencies and other eligible recipients in providing water quality assessment and planning assistance to local communities.

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/watersheds-water-quality.html#3>

**Eligible Applicants:** Regional planning agencies, conservation districts, cities and towns

**Estimated Application Deadline:** December

**Average Grant Size:** \$50,000

**Average # of Grants:** 3 to 5

**FY 2016 Spending:** \$201,812

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## Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), co-administered by Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

**Description:** The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available Federal funds to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/grants/>

**Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, Federally-recognized tribes, Local governments/communities

**Application Deadline FY 2016:** May 25, 2016 (state deadline)

**FY 2016 Funding:** \$199,000,000 available nationwide

**FY 2016 Grant Size:** 200 awards projected nationally

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## Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), co-administered by Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

**Description:** The HMGP is a post-disaster mitigation grant funding made available statewide as a result of a federal disaster declaration. As well as minimizing overall risk to lives and property, funding for hazard mitigation plans and projects is also intended to reduce the need for the reliance on taxpayer-funded federal assistance for disaster recovery. Sub-applicants may be eligible to apply for funding to cover projects including storm-water upgrades, drainage and culvert improvements, property acquisition, slope stabilization, infrastructure protection, seismic and wind retrofits, structure elevations, etc.

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/grants/>

**Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, Federally-recognized tribes, Local governments/communities, Certain private non-profit organizations

**2016 Application Period:** CLOSED

**MA DR-4214 Funding:** Estimated Federal share is \$21,000,000

**MA DR-4214 Grant Size:** 41 sub-applications submitted to MEMA/DCR

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## Land Conservation Grants

**Agency:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)-Division of Conservation Services (DCS)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** The Division of Conservation Services provides grants to assist in acquiring land for natural resources and passive outdoor recreation (LAND Program), acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation (PARC Program), protect public drinking water supplies (Drinking Water Supply Protection Program), purchasing large, unique, unfragmented conservation and working landscapes (Landscape Partnership Program), and acquisition, development, or renovation of parks or conservation areas (Land and Water Conservation Fund Program).

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/dcs-grants>

**Eligible Applicants:** Massachusetts entities; specific to each grant program

**Estimated Application Deadline:** Summer and Fall

**Typical Request Limit:** specific to each grant program

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## Massachusetts Environmental Trust

**Agency:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** The Trust supports cooperative efforts to restore, protect, and improve water and water-related resources of the Commonwealth. Grants funds are generated through the sale of environment themed license plates.

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/met>

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible organizations generally include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and municipalities. Unincorporated organizations may apply provided that they have an eligible fiscal sponsor.

**Estimated Application Deadline:** Letters of Inquiry due in October

**FY 2016 Spending:** \$480,000

**Typical Grant Size:** \$10,000 to \$40,000 per year for up to three years

**Anticipated FY 2017 Spending:** \$300,000

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## MassBays Healthy Estuaries Grants

**Agency:** Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM)-Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program (MassBays)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** The Healthy Estuaries Grant Program dedicates funds to support local progress on protecting, restoring, and enhancing estuarine habitats (e.g. seagrass beds, salt marshes, beaches) and informing management efforts to reduce stressors (e.g. wastewater, stormwater, habitat fragmentation). Filling a perceived funding gap between development of a concept for improving estuarine conditions and its implementation MassBays directs monies to planning, assessment, and prioritization to advance well thought-out and resilient restoration and resource management projects.

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/mass-bays-program/grants/>

**Eligible Applicants:** Massachusetts cities and towns; academic institutions; Regional Planning Agencies, and IRS-certified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations

**Estimated Application Deadline:** Early 2017.

**Anticipated FY 2017 Level of Funding:** \$150,000. Applicants are required to provide at least 25% of the total project cost as cash, in-kind services, or a combination of the two.

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## Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), co-administered by Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

**Description:** The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters.

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/grants/>

**Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, Federally-recognized tribes, Local governments/communities

**Application Deadline FY 2016:** May 25, 2016 (state deadline)

**FY 2016 Funding:** \$90,000,000 available nationwide, \$4,000,000 limit on project budgets (Federal share), \$575,000 state set-aside

**FY 2016 Grant Size:** Each state is limited to a total of 18 sub-applications (of the 18, no more than 8 sub-applications for projects); 200 awards projected nationally

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## State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program (Clean Water & Drinking Water)

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

**Description and Eligible Activities:** Provides subsidized loans to assist municipalities and water and wastewater districts in the implementation of capital projects that protect, enhance or mitigate water quality and public health.

**Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/state-revolving-fund.html>

**Eligible Applicants:** Any Massachusetts water district, wastewater district or municipality

**Estimated Application Deadline:** August

**Average Loan Size:** \$4,000,000

**Average # of Loans:** 70 to 100 loans

**Annual Spending:** \$400 to \$475 million

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