

Massachusetts Dredging Program
2020 Grant Round
Questions and Responses

Q1: Are communities required to use only municipal funds for the project match?

No. While communities are required to provide a 50% match for this grant, the match funds do not have to be from municipal funds only. The match may come from one or multiple non-state source, as described in Part II.F of the RFP.

Q2: If two municipalities share jurisdiction within a project site, can they split the match?

Yes. Two municipalities may split or share the match provided that the sum of all match funds equals 50% or more of the total project cost. In cases of a split or shared match, match documentation will be required from both municipalities prior to the execution of a grant contract. Please see Part II.F of the RFP for acceptable match documentation.

Q3: Are there file-size restrictions when submitting attachments?

Yes. The *collective* size of all uploaded files cannot exceed 25 MB. If you receive a file-size error at the time of submission, please click “Previous” and resubmit the form with fewer attachments. After submission, please contact Nicholas Bulens at 617-788-3620 or Nicholas.Bulens@mass.gov for instructions on how to submit remaining attachments.

Q4: Is maintenance dredging eligible?

Yes.

Q5: Can a municipality request funding for construction administration services that are performed by municipal employees?

No. Construction administration services performed by municipal employees are not eligible for grant reimbursement.

Q6: Is dredging of private docks located in public tidelands eligible for funding?

No. Dredging of a private dock or any similar berthing area or structure held by a private entity by license and/or grant is not eligible for funding.

Q7: If a private entity commits to piggybacking on a public project, can the municipality count the spending of the private entity towards the project match?

No. A municipality may seek to coordinate their dredging work with private entities also in need of dredging, to achieve an economy of scale. However, the cost and funding associated with any private piggyback project cannot be counted towards the public project's match for this grant program.

Q8: Is construction funding expected to continue for the foreseeable future?

Funding for the Massachusetts Dredging Program is authorized by the 2018 Economic Development Bond Bill (Section 2A of Chapter 228 of the Acts of 2018) and is subject to future annual appropriations. The Massachusetts Dredging Program is currently included in the Commonwealth's Five-Year Capital Investment Plan (FY 2020-2024).

Q9: (A) Can a municipality request funding if it intends to complete the project using a municipal-owned dredge, operated by municipal employees? (B) If so, what costs are eligible for reimbursement?

(A) Yes. Such projects will be considered.

(B) In these cases, reimbursable expenses may include:

- Construction services performed and invoiced by third-party subcontractors.
- Municipal employee time and salary expenses associated with actual operation of the municipal-owned dredge and/or other construction machinery necessary for the disposal of the dredged material.

When applying for a project of this nature, a municipality should incorporate both types of expenses into their total project cost and should submit a breakdown of these expenses as an attachment to their 2020 Dredging Program application.