Available Funding for Stormwater Projects in Massachusetts

This table describes grant and loan programs that fund stormwater and water quality projects.

Funding Source	Funding Agency	Eligible Projects	Eligible Applicants
319 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grants	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)	Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) design, BMP construction, stormwater utilities, assessment, education and outreach	Massachusetts public or private organizations
604b Water Quality Management Planning Grants	MassDEP	Water quality assessment and watershed management planning, BMP design, stormwater utilities	Regional planning agencies, counties, conservation districts, municipalities
Buzzards Bay Municipal Grants	Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program	BMP design, boat-waste pumpouts, water quality monitoring/assessment	Municipalities within the Buzzards Bay watershed
Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans	MassDEP	Stormwater management planning, BMP design, BMP construction, stormwater utilities	Municipalities, water districts, wastewater districts
Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grants	Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM)	Stormwater BMP design, BMP construction, water quality monitoring/assessment, education and outreach	Municipalities within the Massachusetts coastal watershed; also nonprofits, regional planning agencies, and stormwater collaboratives in partnership with the above municipalities
Coastal Pollutant Remediation (CPR) Grants	CZM	BMP design, BMP construction, boat-waste pumpouts, water quality monitoring/assessment	Municipalities within the Massachusetts coastal watershed
Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Flooding and drainage improvements, planning and capacity building	Municipalities and counties (eligibility based on U.S. Census population data)
Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grants	National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF)	Design and construction of green infrastructure BMPs, water quality monitoring/assessment, outreach and education	Nonprofits, state government agencies, municipal governments, tribes, educational institutions
Hazard Mitigation Grants	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation	BMP design, BMP construction (including green infrastructure to reduce flooding hazards)	State agencies, tribes, municipal governments
Healthy Communities Grant Program	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Education and outreach, assessment, BMP construction	Nonprofits, state government agencies, municipal governments, tribes, educational institutions

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Healthy Estuaries Grants	Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program	Water quality monitoring/assessment, BMP design	Municipalities, nonprofits, regional planning agencies, research and education institutions
Massachusetts Environmental Trust Grants	Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)	Water quality monitoring/assessment, outreach, education, research, BMP design, BMP construction	Municipalities, nonprofits
MassWorks Infrastructure Grants	Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development	BMP design, BMP construction	Municipalities
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant Program	EEA	Green infrastructure, smart growth/LID, reduction of impervious cover and other nature-based design and construction projects targeting water quality in the context of climate change vulnerability	Municipalities
National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant	Restore America's Estuaries/EPA	Projects targeting nutrients, loss of habitat, or flooding/coastal erosion within the 28 National Estuary Program watershed geographic areas	State, tribal, and other public or nonprofit agencies, institutions, and organizations
Rural Development Water & Waste Disposal Loans & Grants	U.S. Department of Agriculture	BMP design, BMP construction	State and municipal government, nonprofits, tribes
Southeast New England Coastal Watershed Restoration Program Watershed Implementation Grants	Restore America's Estuaries/EPA	Green infrastructure BMP design, construction, retrofits, and water quality assessment, education and outreach (projects must be located in the Southeast New England Region)	Municipalities, counties, state agencies, tribes, regional planning organizations, nonprofits, academic institutions
Southeast New England Network	EPA	Training and technical assistance to advance stormwater and watershed management, ecological restoration, and climate resilience (the network is funded by EPA's Southeast New England Program)	Municipalities, organizations, and tribes in the Southeast New England Region
Statewide Water Management Act Grants	MassDEP	Water quality assessment, BMP design, BMP construction, stormwater management	Massachusetts public water suppliers, municipalities
Stormwater MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program	MassDEP	Efforts to support requirements of the 2016 small MS4 general permit through resource-sharing partnerships	Municipalities or regional planning agencies/nonprofits on behalf of municipalities
Urban Waters Small Grants	EPA	Water quality monitoring/assessment, education, outreach, BMP design, BMP construction	State and municipal government, nonprofits, tribes, educational institutions, interstate agencies
Water Quality Monitoring Grants	MassDEP	Efforts to build or expand capacity for bacteria monitoring data	Nonprofits, federally recognized tribes

See the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Water Finance Clearinghouse within the Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance for more grants and resources.