

**1st Virtual  
Question and  
Answer  
Session**

**December 3,  
2024**



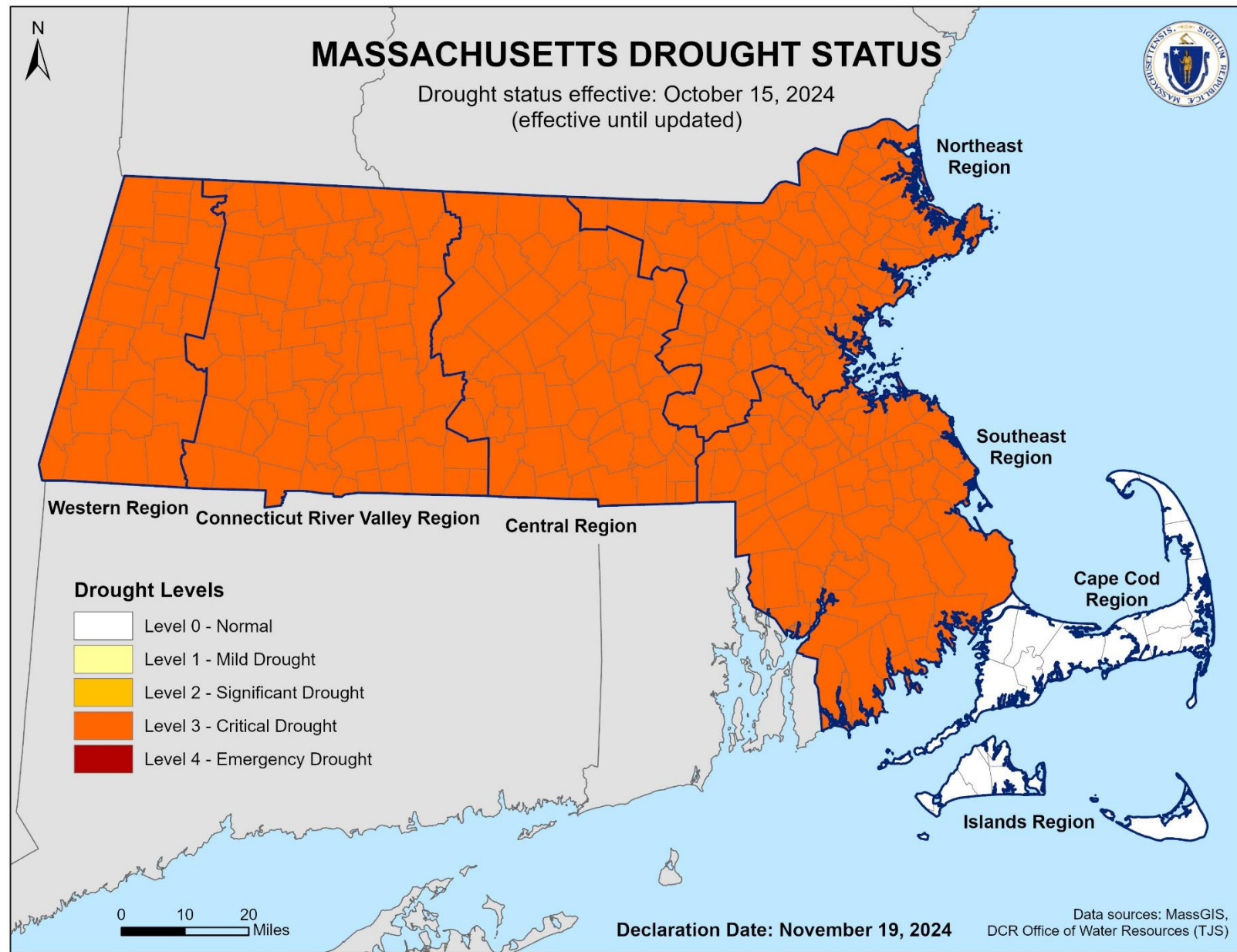
# **Drought Resiliency and Water Efficiency Grant Program**

NEW Funding Opportunity Coming Soon

Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

***Anticipated Full Program Announcement - December 2024***

# Current Drought Status



# Purpose of the Program



## Increasing Drought Frequency:

Due to climate change, Massachusetts faces rising drought frequency, impacting water availability.



## Program Goal:

Support projects that reduce water use, promote climate resiliency, and ensure enough water for essential uses.



## Focus Areas:

Indoor and outdoor water use reduction, water loss control programs, drought management/planning

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- **Municipalities**
- **Public Water Suppliers**
- **Non-profit Organizations**
- **Public Schools/Colleges/Universities**
- **Regional Planning Agencies**

*Collaboration between multiple organizations  
encouraged!*

# Examples of Project Types Eligible for Funding (including, but not limited to):

## Water Loss Control

- Development and implementation of water loss control programs
- Leak detection and meter calibration

## Water Conservation/Efficiency

- Development of water conservation plans
- Leak detection activities, incentive programs

## Outdoor Water Use Efficiency

- Landscape transformation plans
- Irrigation system audits and upgrades

## Drought Management Planning

- Local drought plan development
- Water use restriction programs



# Award Information

**Target Award: up to \$50,000 with potential for larger awards depending on the number of applications**

**Project Deadline: June 30, 2025**

**(funded portions of projects must be completed by this deadline to be eligible for reimbursement)**





# Estimated Program Timeline

Anticipated full RFR posting- December 2024

Final Virtual Q and A Session- December 2024/January 2025

Proposals due- January 2025

Award announcements- February 2025

Project completion deadline- June 30, 2025

# Collaboration Encouraged



## **Regional Scope Projects:**

- Encourage collaboration among municipalities, water suppliers, and other organizations

## **Innovative Solutions:**

- Regional projects and new technology approaches are welcome



# Contact Information and Next Steps

- Stay tuned
  - More details and application instructions will be shared once the funding opportunity is officially posted
  - Details will be posted on Commbuys and the grant program promotional webpage: <https://www.mass.gov/eea-funding-opportunity-for-a-new-grant-program>
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