



## Needs Assessment Survey

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### Summary

On February 13, 2023, EPA announced the availability of the EC-SDC grant program. This program provides states with grants for Public Water Suppliers (PWS) in small or disadvantaged communities to address emerging contaminants, including PFAS and manganese. EPA allotted about \$77 million to Massachusetts for the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) of 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025. MassDEP expects additional funding to be allocated to Massachusetts for FFY2026. MassDEP can use the EC-SDC funds to award grants to PWS for work that includes but is not limited to: research and testing, planning and design, treatment, source water activities, and PWS consolidation or creation. MassDEP is accepting Needs Assessment Surveys on a rolling basis until all funds are allocated.

Upon review of your submittal, MassDEP Drinking Water Program staff may contact you for further information. If you have any questions on this information, you may also contact the MassDEP Drinking Water Program at [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov), Subject: EC-SDC Needs Survey, PWS, PWS ID#

**You must adequately describe all aspects of your project, and include a detailed cost estimate in the sections below.**

Note: This survey is for MassDEP Drinking Water Program general information gathering and is not an application for funding and as such does not guarantee grant program funding.

Return the completed form by email to MassDEP Drinking Water Program at [program.director-DWP@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-DWP@mass.gov), Subject: EC-SDC Needs Survey, PWS, PWS ID#

[Learn more about the US EPA EC-SDC grant program](#)

[Learn more about the MassDEP Drinking Water Program EC-SDC grant program](#)



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\* Indicates  
required field

### A. Public Water Supply (PWS) Information

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PWS Name \*

PWS ID # \*

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City/Town \*

PWS Class (COM, NTNC, or TNC) \*

If PWS is an NTNC or TNC, is the PWS non-profit tax-exempt : ☐ YES ☐ NO

### B. Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration of this grant, a PWS must be a **Community PWS (COM)** or a **non-profit** Non-Transient Non-Community (NTNC) PWS or **non-profit** Transient Non-Community (TNC) PWS. In addition, the PWS must meet one or both of the criteria listed below.

- **Located in a disadvantaged community** as defined by the Clean Water Trust's [Disadvantaged Community Loan Forgiveness Program](#)
- **Small PWS (serving less than 10,000 individuals)**  
Please Note: Small PWS that are NOT located in a disadvantaged community, as defined by the Clean Water Trust, may be considered if they can demonstrate that the PWS lacks capacity to incur debt sufficient to finance the project or activity.

**For-profit** (Not tax exempt) NTNCs and TNCs may be eligible for a grant if the project is to connect or consolidate with a Community water system (COM).

[Learn more about the Special Eligibility cases on the MassDEP EC-SDC website.](#)

#### 1. Check all that apply:

- ☐ Small (serves less than 10,000 people) **and** located in a disadvantaged community  
Clean Water Trust SRF disadvantaged community Tiers 1-3  
[Learn how community affordability tiers are calculated](#)
- ☐ Located in a disadvantaged community but not small  
Clean Water Trust SRF disadvantaged community Tiers 1-3  
[Learn how community affordability tiers are calculated](#)
- ☐ Small (serves less than 10,000 people) and not located in a disadvantaged community but can demonstrate that the PWS lacks the capacity to incur debt sufficient to finance the project.
- ☐ Special Eligibility for **For-profit** NTNCs and TNCs and medium/large COMs



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### C. Emerging Contaminant(s)

To qualify for a grant, the project must address an emerging contaminant (EC) in drinking water such as PFAS or manganese.

Emerging contaminants are any contaminant listed on [EPA's Contaminant Candidate List \(CCL\)](#).

1. List contaminant(s) to be addressed by the project
2. List recent results of each contaminant(s) in the box below:

### D. Project Type

1. Select ALL applicable project types:

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Testing                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Source Water Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission & Distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Design                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> PWS Interconnection**   |                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PWS Creation                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment               | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement for Pre-Award Costs                                       |                                                  |                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water System Restructuring or Consolidation **                          |                                                  |                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household water quality testing, including for unregulated contaminants |                                                  |                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance to increase technical, managerial, and financial capacity    |                                                  |                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing households with access to drinking water services             |                                                  |                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                   |                                                  |                                                      |

If "Other" selected above, specify:

2. \*\* If *PWS Interconnection* or *Water Restructuring or Consolidation* was selected for the project type above, are multiple PWS "participating" in this project?

☐ YES ☐ NO

PWS are "participating" if they are involved in construction related to the project or are receiving or providing water through the interconnection or consolidation.



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**\*\* If PWS Interconnection or Water Restructuring or Consolidation**  
was selected for the project type above, is there a principal PWS  
for contracting and invoicing purposes?

☐ YES ☐ NO

3. If "YES", please list principal PWS:

Principal PWS (PWS ID # and PWS Name)

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### **E. Project Details**

1. Describe the project in 3 to 4 sentences:

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### **F. Project Schedule**

1. Research and Testing

Commencement (mm/dd/yyyy)

Completion (mm/dd/yyyy)

2. Planning, Design, and  
Permitting

Commencement (mm/dd/yyyy)

Completion (mm/dd/yyyy)

3. Construction

Commencement (mm/dd/yyyy)

Completion (mm/dd/yyyy)

4. Have you applied and/or submitted a Project Evaluation Form to the  
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the project(s)  
described above in Section E?

☐ YES ☐ NO



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### G. Project Cost

When estimating costs, please include the following elements as applicable. Please attach a breakdown, as follows, when you return this form to the MassDEP Drinking Water Program at [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov).

Breakdown:

1. Planning (for example: non-routine sampling, and/or pilot testing)
2. Design
3. Permitting
4. Bidding or obtaining quotes\*
5. Construction Contract\*\*
6. Construction Oversight
7. Other construction costs (traffic police)
8. 10% Construction Contingency

\* Public entities must follow the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) guidance for awarding authorities. [Learn more about DCAMM Guidance](#) Private entities should obtain 3 construction quotes.

\*\* All materials used in construction must meet the [EPA Build America, Buy American \(BABA\) requirement](#)

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Approximate Cost (if known)

If cost estimate is not available, indicate range (if known)

For Example:

- \$25,000 - \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,000 - \$1 million
- \$1 million - \$4 million
- > \$4 million

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### H. Testing

Emerging Contaminant testing services are available on a first come first serve basis. MassDEP, in conjunction with UMass Amherst, provides PWS water testing for emerging contaminants at no cost. Learn more about the [Water Treatment Testing Services for EC-SDC \(DW-ASSIST\)](#)

If your project is deemed eligible, would your PWS benefit from this service?

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Yes

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No

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Potentially



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### **I. Certification**

*By signing this form, I certify, that all information for this survey is true to the best of my knowledge.*

Full Name

Signature

Date

Position/Title

Email Address

Phone #