

EEA Environment & Climate One Stop (ECO One Stop) Informational Session

October 1, 2025



Environment & Climate One Stop



Agenda

- Welcome from Stephanie Cooper, Undersecretary for Environment
- Introductions
- Overview of ECO One Stop
- Overview of Expression of Interest (EOI) Opportunity
- Introduction to the new EEA Grants Management System (GMS)
- FAQs
- Q&A

Note: This webinar will be recorded.



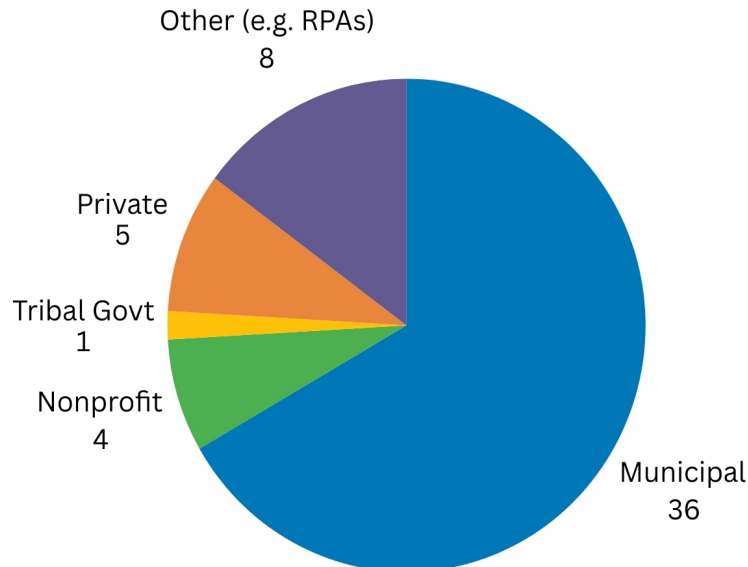
The Environment & Climate One Stop aims to make applying for grant funding easier and more efficient for our constituents.

- Streamlines the grant application process to one single point of entry (e.g., Common App)
- Aligns program requirements and application questions as much as possible
- Links projects to the best source of funding
- Implements a key strategic priority of the Resilient Mass Finance Strategy
- Will be able to grow to include more programs over time
- Is inspired by and learning from the EOED Community One Stop

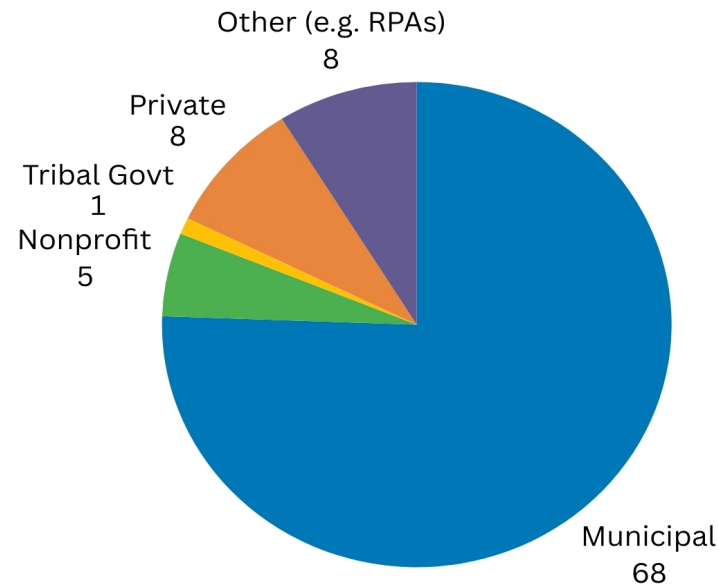
We gathered feedback from our partners on what they wanted to see

1. At a minimum, applicants want the grant management system to be modernized to make applying easier
2. Applicants struggle with complex and inconsistent grant applications, and often do not know the landscape of available grants to apply for
3. A majority of partners strongly prefer a single application

54 Participants Across 3 Focus Groups



90 Survey Responses



Key Questions Asked

- Challenges and experiences when searching for and applying for state climate-related grants
- Perspectives on aligning climate-related grant applications
- Desired features of an improved grant management platform

The Environment & Climate One Stop pilot will include 7 programs

MVP Action

Offers financial resources to communities that are seeking to advance priority climate adaptation actions to address climate change impacts in alignment with the MVP Core Principles.

CZM Coastal Resilience

Provides financial and technical support for local and regional efforts to address coastal flooding, erosion, and sea level rise.

CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality

Provide financial resources for projects that assess and treat stormwater pollution and support comprehensive habitat restoration.

EEA Cooling Corridors

Offers financial resources for conducting tree planting and related activities to assist with mitigating extreme heat and to enhance the tree canopy within neighborhoods and public spaces.

EEA Planning Assistance

Supports sustainable land use practices, including zoning for diverse housing, climate change mitigation, and land conservation, in alignment with the state's Sustainable Development Principles.

EEA Dams and Seawalls

Offers financial resources to support projects for the repair and removal of dams, levees, seawalls, and other forms of flood control.

DER Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance and Training

Supports replacing or removing an undersized, perched, and/or degraded culverts or small bridges located in an area of high ecological value.

Different programs have different eligibility requirements

	MVP Action Grant [*]	CZM Coastal Resilience Grant ^{**}	Cool Corridors Grant	Dam and Seawall Grant	Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance & Training Grants	Planning Assistance Grants	CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grants ^{***}
Municipality	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
District	✓			✓	✓		
Public Board or Commission	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Tribal Government	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Regional Government or Planning Agency	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Certified 501(c)3 Nonprofit		✓	✓	✓			✓
Public or Private School or University			✓	✓			

^{*}Non-municipality applicants to MVP Action, aside from Tribal Governments, must apply for projects that align with an MVP plan and include a letter of support from the municipality/ies related to the project.

^{**}Projects applying to CZM Coastal Resilience must be located in a Massachusetts Coastal Zone.

^{***}Projects applying to CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality must be located in a Massachusetts Coastal Watershed. Non-municipality applicants must be directly partnering with a municipality.

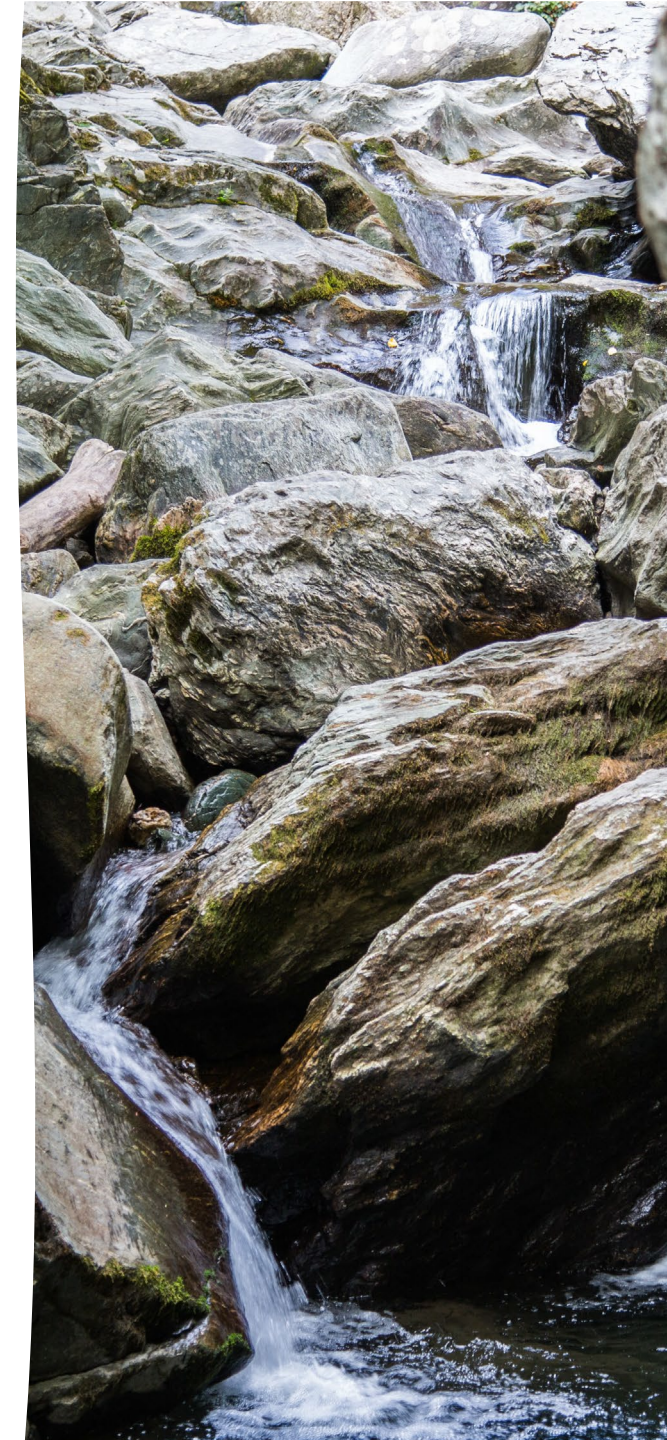


ECO One Stop programs are streamlining match requirements to the greatest extent possible

- 10% local match required (calculated based on the amount of grant funding requested)
 - *Example: If a project is requesting \$100K in grant funds it will need a \$10K match*
- In-kind (e.g., applicant staff time) and cash match accepted
- No match is required for rural and small towns (as designated by the Office of Rural Affairs) and Tribal Governments

2025 - 2026 Timeline

- **September 2025**
 - Launch of the voluntary Expression of Interest (EOI) for potential applicants to submit project ideas for feedback from grant managers prior to the formal application round
 - Host two informational webinars
- **October 28, 2025 @ 11:59PM**
 - Close EOI form
- **Late October 2025 – Early January 2026**
 - Schedule and conduct EOI feedback calls with potential applicants
- **Early January 2026**
 - Host two more informational webinars before the formal application is released
- **January 2026**
 - Post RFR and accept applications
- **Late February 2026**
 - Close applications and start review
- **June 2026**
 - Announce awards; funding allocated and projects underway in July 2026



The Expression of Interest (EOI) Form is open now through October 28.

- **Open until October 28, 2025 at 11:59pm**
 - Will be submitted via a Microsoft Form on mass.gov/environment-climate-one-stop
 - Each potential applicant may submit up to **4 EOI forms (equivalent of 4 project ideas)**
 - The EOI is **optional, but strongly encouraged**. We may not be able to give feedback on project ideas that are brought to our attention after the EOI deadline.
 - We cannot give any feedback on project ideas once the formal application opens in January.
 - Potential applicants who submit an EOI will get feedback that will help guide them during the formal application process in early 2026.
- EOI form includes:
 - Short description of project and goals
 - Identification of potential project partners
 - Project phase
 - Major tasks
 - Duration of project
 - Keywords
 - Relevant grant programs (if known)
 - Additional supports needed
- The applicant's answers to the "applicant type," "keywords," and "relevant grant programs" questions will help us route the EOI to be reviewed by the right program/s
 - Relevant grant program staff will review the EOIs as they come in and reach out to the potential applicant point of contact listed on the EOI form to set up a feedback call
 - **Feedback calls will be conducted from October 2025 - January 2026**

Booking an EOI Feedback Call

- In the weeks after you submit your EOI, you will receive an email from EEA inviting you to book a time slot for your feedback call.
- The slots available will be on Monday or Wednesday of a particular week.
- These emails will be sent out on a rolling basis, so it may take several weeks for you to hear from us. Don't worry if you don't receive this email right away!

ECO One Stop EOI Feedback Calls (Week of 8/20/2025)

30-min EOI Feedback Call
30 minutes



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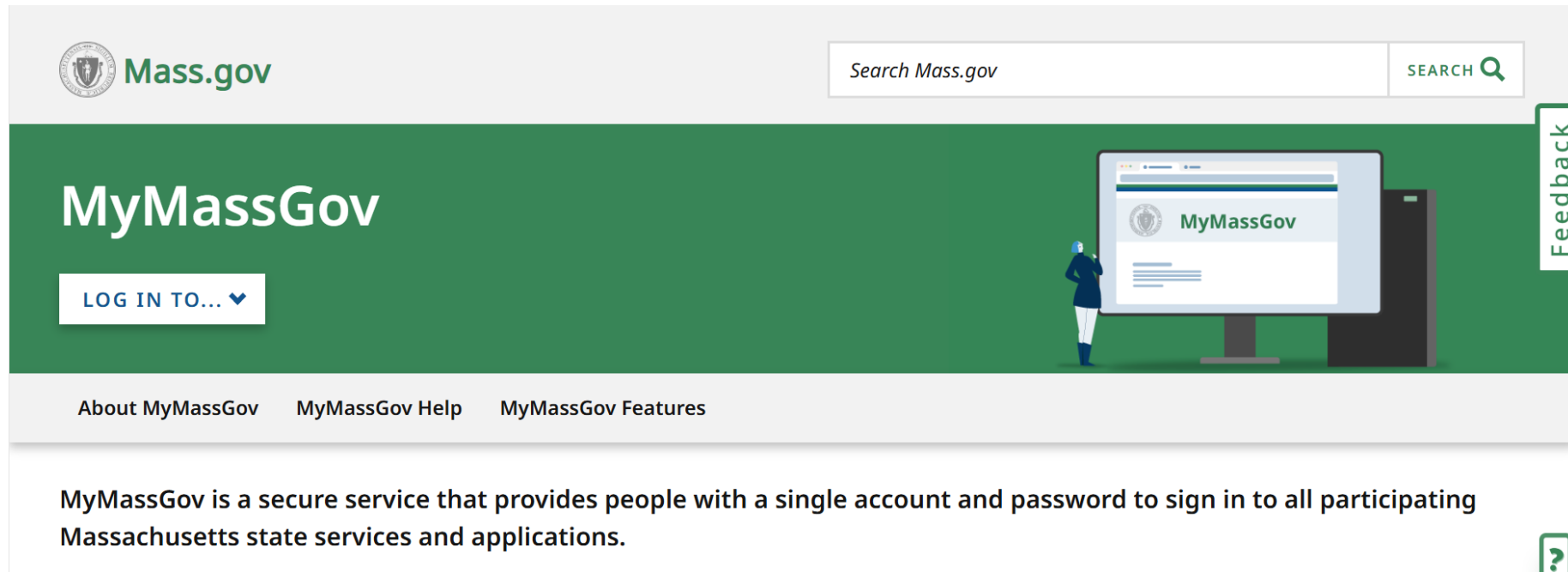
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Grant Management System (GMS)

- While the EOI will be conducted via Microsoft Form, the formal application (expected Jan 2026) will be submitted via EEA's new Grants Management System
- It is easy and fast to sign up with [MyMassGov](#)!



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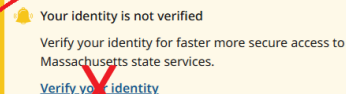
- Here's how to sign up for GMS: Visit [Grants Management System \(GMS\) | Mass.gov](#) for instructions
- Watch our instructional playlist on YouTube: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzQVK6KiTOqyPW5PUOcFE42iRJgdm8LA_&si=Wm2l78OgFDZ-1nA_
- See our user guide at the GMS Portal: [Help - Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Grants Management System](#)
- Tips and Tricks

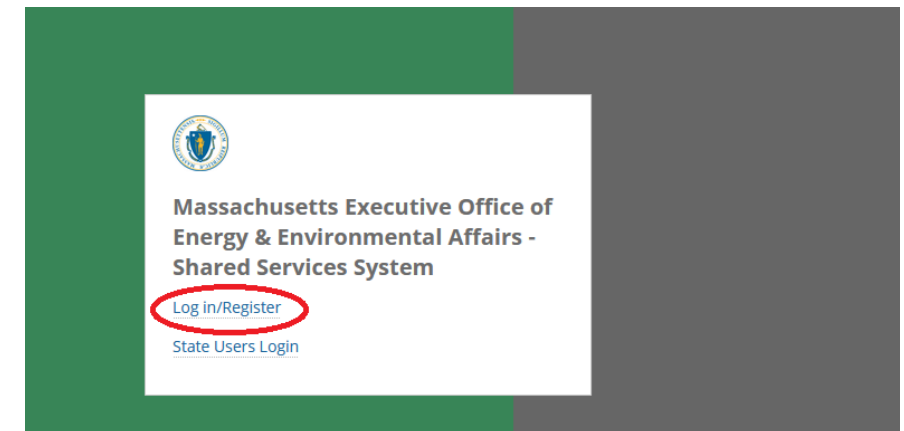
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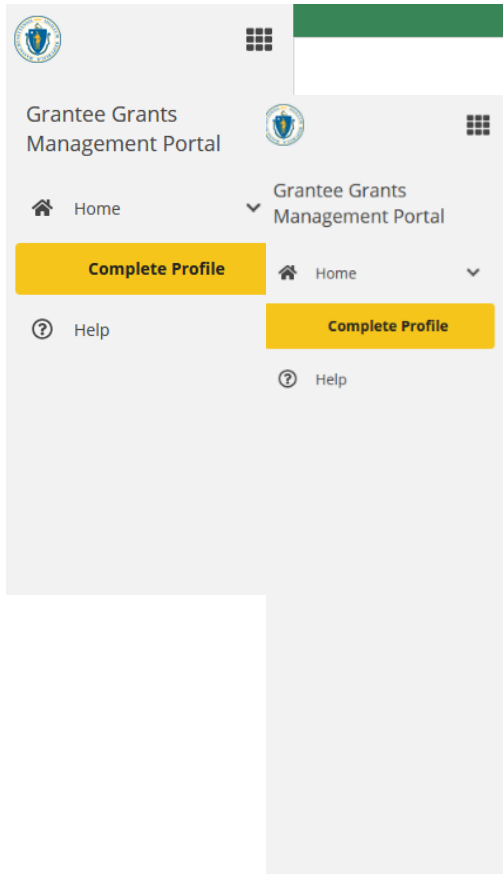
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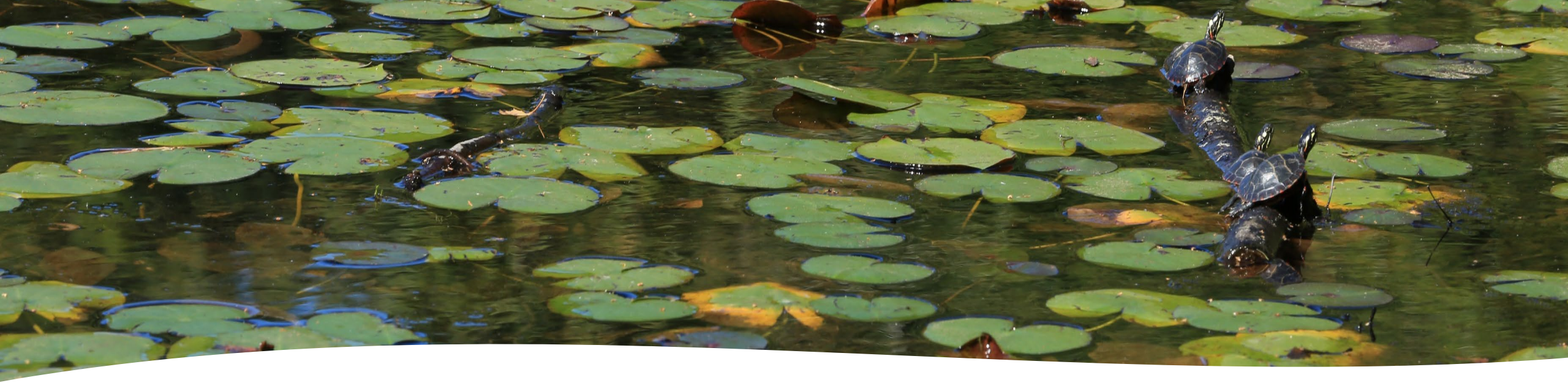
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Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Grants Management System

The grants administration team is reviewing your user profile information. You'll be able to access the grantee portal once it's verified. You can still edit your user profile.

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Frequently Asked Questions



How do I know which grant program(s) my project is best suited for?

If you are unsure which program(s) your project is best suited for, you can fill out an Expression of Interest to receive direct feedback from EEA staff on your project and which program(s) might be the best fit. Outside of the EOI process, you can review our ECO One Stop Grants Catalogue to learn more information about each of the featured grants to assess which one(s) align best with your project.

Can applicants be awarded funding from multiple ECO One Stop grant programs?

Yes, applicants who apply through ECO One Stop will be considered for funding by all of the participating grants for which they are found eligible, and in rare cases may receive awards from multiple grant programs.



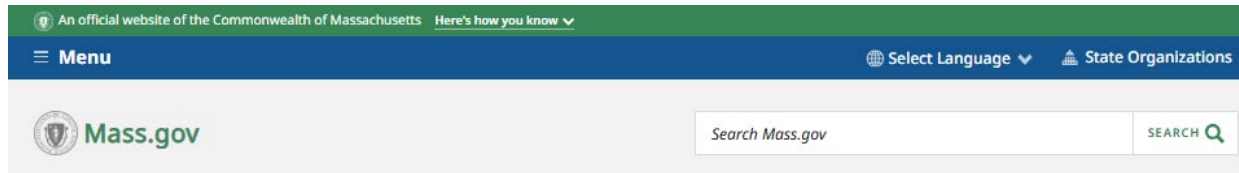
How will ECO One Stop applications be reviewed?

Each application will be reviewed and scored separately by review teams for each participating grant program for which it is deemed eligible. Each program's review team will have access to an applicant's full application including all general and program-specific questions and attachments. Review teams for different grant programs may use different scoring criteria when evaluating the same applications.

Can I still apply to ECO One Stop grants outside of the One Stop system?

The ECO One Stop is the only application for the participating grants. The benefit of the ECO One Stop is that you can be considered for multiple grant programs at once if your entity and project type are eligible for more than one program.

www.mass.gov/environment-climate-one-stop



[SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST \(EOI\)](#)




The logo consists of the letters "ECO" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. To the right of "ECO" is a circular emblem. The emblem is divided into three main sections: a top section with a yellow sun-like shape, a middle section with a blue wave-like shape, and a bottom section with a green landscape featuring a city skyline and a wind turbine.

What is the ECO One Stop? →


The ECO One Stop provides eligible applicants with a simplified, single point of entry for various climate and environmental resilience grants. Learn more about the ECO One Stop, including important dates and who is eligible to apply.

What programs participate in the ECO One Stop? →



View the ECO One Stop Grants Catalogue to learn more about each of the grants included in the shared ECO One Stop application. Reference this information when completing your Expression of Interest (EOI) and/or your ECO One Stop application to understand which grants might be the best fit for your project.

Have a question? →



Browse our "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs).

Contact Us

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We expect to host another round of informational sessions right before the formal application is posted to COMMBUYS (January 2026)

