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FLOOD RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY RESOURCES

To help Massachusetts recover from severe flooding during the summer of 2023, the Office of Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll has compiled a list of grant opportunities and other flood recovery resources available to residents, municipalities, private/business entities, and non-profits. For additional information on state flood recovery resources, visit **mass.gov/floodrecovery**.

Resources for Individuals

Mass Save Energy Efficiency Heat Loans

Zero interest financing up to \$50,000 for energy-efficient home upgrades including installation of air source and ground source heat pumps, insulation, and combustion heating systems. Funds may be used for energy efficiency upgrades from flood damage.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, visit masssave.com

Mass Save Energy Saving Audit and Rebates

No-cost in-person or virtual assessments by energy specialists detailing energy efficiency recommendations and individualized incentives opportunities. Assessments may provide cost effective upgrades to systems damaged by flooding.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <u>masssave.com/residential/rebates-and-incentives/heat-loan-program</u>

Clean Energy Lives Here Campaign

Provides educational resources for optimal clean energy homes including weatherization, heating and cooling, electricity, vehicles and appliances. Resources educate about the different technologies/solutions for homes in mitigating climate impacts.

For more information, visit goclean.masscec.com

Resources for Municipalities

MassDOT Small Bridge Program

Funding for repair and reconstruction of bridges, approaches, and related infrastructure. Funds may be used to repair and reconstruct bridges damaged by flooding.

Municipal bridge owners should contact their District Bridge Engineers to learn more about the program. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/municipal-small-bridge-program</u>

Sewage Notification Grants

For communities to set up systems to notify residents when there is a sewage overflow to a waterbody. Funding will aid communities to mitigate and inform residents of contamination in water systems as a result of flooding.

Application opens Fall 2023. For more information, visit mass.gov/info-details/grants-financial-assistancewatersheds-water-quality - sewage-notification-assistancegrant-program-Environmental

Urban & Community Forestry Challenge Grants

Provides sustained improvements in local capacity for urban and community forestry management to protect and manage trees and forest ecosystems. Funds will aid communities in developing and implementing systematic urban forestry management to mitigate effects of flooding.

Application opens August 2023, closes October 2023. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/guides/urban-and-community-forestry-challenge-grants</u>

MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program

Improves habitats for game species, manages habitats for species of greater conservation need and expands opportunities for the public to hunt, fish, and trap on conserved lands across the Commonwealth. Funding for direct costs for on the ground habitat improvements specifically designed to benefit wildlife impacted by flooding.

Application opens September 2023, closes October 2023. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/guides/masswildlife-habitat-management-grant-program</u>

Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) Grant

Efficiency planning grant to assist in the reduction of energy consumption and costs to facilitate the development of renewable energy and alternative energy resources. Funds will help communities plan for and mitigate impacts of climate change. Application opens September 2023, closes November 2023. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/orgs/green-</u> <u>communities-division</u>

Water Infrastructure Assessment and Planning Grant Program

For preparation of asset management plans that evaluate equipment and operational assets for drinking water, wastewater or storm water systems. Funds may be used to develop preventative plans and strategies to mitigate contaminations caused by flooding.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/asset-management-planning-grant-program</u>

Green Communities (Designation & Competitive Grants)

Municipalities are eligible for funding upon designation as a Green Community, and then again through competitive grants to support all or a portion of the cost of studying, designing, constructing and implementing energy efficiency measures and projects. Funds will help communities prepare for and mitigate impacts of climate change.

Application opens March 2023, closes October 2023. Learn more at <u>mass.gov/green-communities-designation-grant-program</u>

Available Soon

Municipal Amortization of Excess Expenditures

All municipalities significantly affected by the flooding, especially those with deficit spending authorization from DOR will be eligible to amortize relevant excess expenditures related to flood costs over three fiscal years. Allows municipalities to amortize excess expenditures related to flood costs over three fiscal years so that the full fiscal impact is not borne in FY24.

Application opens mid-December. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/orgs/division-of-local-services</u>

Dam and Seawall Grant Program

To implement projects for the repair and removal of dams, levees, seawalls, and other forms of flood control. Funds may be used for inland flood control structure projects.

Application opens November 2023, closes February 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/dam-and-seawall-repair-or-removal-program</u>

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Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant

Provides incentive funding for municipalities to complete replacements of existing undersized and degraded culverts. Funds may be used to reduce roadway and flood hazards to restore natural river processes, improve passage for aquatic organisms, and increase climate-readiness and public safety.

Application opens March 2024, closes April 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-</u> <u>municipal-assistance-grant-program</u>

Chapter 90 Funding

Provides municipalities with an annual funding source for improvements to and investments in local transportation networks. Municipalities evaluate their unique transportation needs and goals and allocate funding dollars accordingly. Funds may be used to restore local transportation networks disrupted and damaged by flooding.

Chapter 90 funding is based on a formula allocated to the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns. MassDOT and the Executive Office of Administration & Finance are determining when FY24 funds will become available.

MassDOT District offices will notify municipalities of Chapter 90 apportionment. For more information visit <u>https://www.mass.gov/how-to/start-a-chapter-90-project</u>

Department of Local Services Competitive Grants

Funding for storm mitigation costs including reimbursements for damage to municipally owned property caused by flooding. Funds may be used for flooding costs including debris removal, emergency protective measures, repairs to roads and bridges, water control facilities, buildings and contents, utilities, and parks.

Application opens mid-December 2023. For more information, visit mass.gov/orgs/division-of-local-services

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Permits the acquisition of conservation or recreation land; development of a new park; renovation of an existing park. Funds may be used to repair public outdoor recreation areas and facilities damaged by flooding.

Application opens October 2023, closes TBD. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-land-and-water-conservation-fund-grant-program</u>

Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for

Communities (PARC) Grant

2-year grant program for construction of new parks, renovation of existing parks, or acquisition of new parkland. Funds may be used to restore parks damaged by flooding and acquisition of green space to build climate resilience.

Application opens March 2024, closes July 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/apply-to-the-parkland-acquisitions-and-renovations-for-communities-parc-grant-program</u>

Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Mitigation Grants (319 Program)

Support projects that address nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, and restore beneficial uses and/or meet state water quality standards. Funds may be used to repair drinking water and wastewater infrastructure damaged by flooding.

Application opens November 2023, closes January 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/water-grants-loans</u>

Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant

Grants to municipal, public water systems, and fire districts for the acquisition of land in fee or conservation restriction, or preservation restriction for water supply protection and land conservation purposes. Funds may be used to increase resilience of water sources from extreme weather events and protect water quality.

Application opens December 2023, closes March 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/drinking-water-</u> <u>supply-protection-grant-program</u>

Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini Grant Program

Stormwater remediation; open space preservation; migratory fish passage and habitat restoration. Funding to projects that will improve water quality in the Buzzards Bay watershed by upgrading wastewater treatment plants and reducing stormwater runoff pollution, as a result of flooding.

Application opens June 2024, closes August 2024. For more information, visit <u>buzzardsbay.org/our-</u> <u>program/funding/</u>

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan program

Provides loans to support wastewater infrastructure projects through low-cost financing method to assist communities to comply with water-quality standards emphasizing watershed management priorities, stormwater management, and green infrastructure. Funding for communities to undertake projects with meaningful water quality and public health benefits that address the needs of the communities and the watersheds.

Application opens June 2024, closes July 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/srf-clean-water-program</u>

Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grants (formerly Coastal Pollutant Remediation)

For stormwater assessment and management efforts through financial resources for projects within the coastal watershed that will improve or protect water quality and habitat in areas subject to flooding, storm damage, and salt and wind exposure. Funds remediates or prevents nonpoint sources of pollution, specifically stormwater, and through activities to support comprehensive habitat restoration planning and implementation.

Application opens May 2024, closes July 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/coastal-habitat-and-water-guality-grants</u>

Food Security Infrastructure Grants

Grants to provide access to fresh, healthy food and to ensure that farmers, fishermen and other local food producers are better connected to a strong, resilient food system. Funds may be used to mitigate future food supply and distribution disruptions due to events like flooding.

Application opens January 2024, closes March 2024. For more information, visit <u>http://mass.gov/info-details/food-</u> security-infrastructure-grant-program

Water Utility Resilience Program (WURP)

Funding for infrastructure mapping and adaptation planning assistance. Designed to assist public drinking water and wastewater systems with developing and updating their system infrastructure maps in order to better manage assets, respond to emergencies, like flooding, and meet regulatory requirements. Provides MassDEP with secure access to critical infrastructure map information for enhanced emergency preparedness and resilience planning. Funding can help to minimize damage to infrastructure in future storms.

For more information, visit<u>mass.gov/guides/water-utility-</u> resilience-program

Coastal Resilience Grant Program

To provide financial and technical support for local efforts to increase awareness and understanding of climate impacts, identify and map vulnerabilities, conduct adaptation planning, redesign vulnerable public facilities and infrastructure, and implementation. Funds supports local and regional efforts to increase community understanding of coastal storm and climate impacts – including flooding, evaluate vulnerabilities, conduct adaptation planning, redesign and retrofit vulnerable public facilities and infrastructure, and restore shorelines to enhance natural resources and provide storm damage protection.

Application opens May 2024, closes July 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/coastal-resilience-grant-program</u>

MassWildlife Climate Change Resilience Grants

To help manage conserved lands through reimbursement for work conducted to enhance climate-vulnerable wildlife habitats, and fund habitat improvement projects in ecological communities disproportionally susceptible to climate change, including riparian communities and floodplains along cold-water streams and other climatevulnerable wetland/aquatic systems (e.g., coastal marshes). Funds assist in protecting climate vulnerable wildlife habitats making them more resilient to climate change, including addressing and mitigating climate-change related flooding.

For more information, visit<u>mass.gov/guides/masswildlife-</u> climate-change-resilience-grant-opportunity

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning

Grant

Funding to complete the MVP Planning 2.0 process which centers on equity in climate resilience planning and focuses on building a community team, undergoing training in climate resilience and equity, resetting priority actions, and implementing a seed project. Funds assists communities in planning to build local resilience to heat, storm, and flooding impacts.

Application opens mid-March 2024, closes early to Mid-April 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/municipal-</u><u>vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program</u>

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant

Funding to implement priority climate change adaptation actions identified through the MVP planning process, or a similar climate change vulnerability assessment and action planning. Funds ensure communities can move from planning to action and start building local resilience to heat, storm, and flooding impacts.

Application opens mid-late March 2024, closes April-early May 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/municipal-</u><u>vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program</u>

Priority Project Designation

Funding to select wetland, river and flow restoration projects through a state-wide, competitive process. Selected projects are eligible for: technical services such as data collection, engineering, design work, and permitting; project management and fundraising. Funds provide technical services to address the effects of past flooding and mitigated future flooding.

For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/become-a-der-priority-project</u>

Priority Project Assistance Grants

To implement high priority wetland and river restoration projects for ecological restoration such as cranberry bog wetland restoration, dam removal and river restoration, and coastal wetland restoration projects. Funding supports communities in planning for and mitigating costs associated with ecological restoration to address climate impacts such as flooding.

Applications for existing projects are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/become-a-der-priority-project</u>

Restoration Partnerships Grants

To support Regional Restoration Partnerships that work to restore degraded aquatic ecosystems and increase climate change resiliency. Funding builds the capacity of local and regional organizations that work collaboratively to advance ecological restoration necessary after flooding and to mitigate future floods.

For more information, visit<u>mass.gov/how-to/ders-</u> partnerships-program

Landscape Partnership Grant

Grants to permanently protect large landscapes of at least 500 acres, in one or more contiguous parcels, through the formation of public-private partnerships through designating qualifying municipalities as Green Communities, for clean energy projects, and implementing five-year energy reduction plans. Funds may be used to create long-term plans for flood reduction.

Application opens December 2023, closes April 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/landscape-</u> <u>partnership-grant-program</u>

604b Water Quality Management Planning Grant

Water quality assessment and management planning, including green infrastructure projects to manage wet weather events. Funds assists in the development of green infrastructure projects that manage wet weather events, including flooding, to maintain or restore natural hydrology.

For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/grants-</u> <u>financial-assistance-watersheds-water-quality</u>

Greening the Gateway Cities - Municipal Partnership Grants

Grants support to municipalities to identify and prepare urban areas for tree planting in coordination with DCR. Funds may be used to plant new trees to replace those lost to flooding and reduce new and further flooding.

Application opens November 2023, closes February 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/greening-</u> <u>the-gateway-cities-program</u>

Land Use Planning Assistance Grants

Technical Assistance to Municipalities to improve land use practices through planning, regulating (zoning), and acting to conserve and develop land consistent with the Massachusetts' Sustainable Development Principles. Funds may be used to supports efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change and build a more resilient Commonwealth.

Application opens March 2024, closes May 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/planning-assistance-grants</u>

Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant

To acquire land for natural resource protection and passive outdoor recreation purposes. Funds may be used to protect and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities, conserve natural resources and open space, and address climate change by prioritizing and supporting projects committed to resilience.

Application opens March 2024, closes July 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-local-acquisitions-for-natural-diversity-land-grant</u>

Resources for Nonprofit Entities

Urban & Community Forestry Challenge Grants

Sustained improvements in local capacity for excellent urban and community forestry management to protect and manage community trees and forest ecosystems. Funds will aid communities in developing and implementing systematic urban forestry management to mitigate effects of flooding.

Application opens August 2023, closes on October 2023. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/guides/urban-and-</u> <u>community-forestry-challenge-grants</u>

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For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/guides/masswildlife-</u> <u>climate-change-resilience-grant-opportunity</u>

Water Quality Restoration Program

To restore aquatic ecosystems through water quality improvement A Water Quality Restoration Roadmap, (Roadmap), an approach providing a pragmatic process for an organization or community to follow to achieve measurable water quality restoration and protection goals in their local waterways, has been developed. This grant is an opportunity for an organization or community (the grantee) to be a partner in the pilot implementation of the Roadmap. Funding will be used to support staff participation in the pilot.

For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/river-restoration-water-</u> <u>quality</u>

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Conservation Partnership Grants

Helps not-for-profit groups acquire interests in land for conservation or recreation purposes. Funding available for land or a conservation restriction (CR) purchases or due diligence costs for donations of land or CRs to an eligible applicant. Funds may be used to bolster ecosystems to address climate effects such as flooding.

Application opens February 2024, closes July 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-conservation-partnership-grant</u>

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Greening the Gateway Cities - Non-Profit Partnership Grants

To support non-profits in their work to communicate Greening the Gateway City Program objectives, raise awareness of the benefits of urban trees, and encourage residents to participate in tree planting. Funding may be used to plant new trees to replace those lost to flooding and reduce new and further flooding.

Application opens November 2023, closes February 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/greening-</u> <u>the-gateway-cities-program</u>

Greening the Gateway Cities Implementation Grants

Grants support tree planting and related activities that have a measurable impact on the urban canopy in Gateway Cities. Funding may be used to plant new trees to replace those lost to flooding and reduce new and further flooding.

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Natural Disaster Recovery (NDR) Program for Agriculture

To provide financial assistance to aid agricultural operations with demonstrated crop losses from the 2023 Natural Disasters. Funds will mitigate costs to rebuild and recover, with the aim of supporting job security, building resilience, and enabling future production.

Application opens on September 6, 2023, closes September 29, 2023. For more information, visit mass.gov/guides/agricultural-grants-and-financialassistance-programs#-natural-disaster-recovery-(ndr)program-for-agriculture

Agricultural Food Safety Improvement Program (AFSIP)

For the implementation of practices that prevent or reduce food safety risks for produce or aquaculture operations, meet regulatory requirements, and improve market access. Funds will mitigate future food safety, supply and distribution disruptions due to events like flooding.

Application opens August 2023, closes on October 6, 2023. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/agricultural-food-safety-improvement-program-afsip</u>

Farm Energy Discount Program

Persons or corporations determined to be principally and substantially engaged in the business of production agriculture or farming for an ultimate commercial purpose will, upon written application, be eligible for a ten percent (10%) discount on electricity and natural gas bills. Funding will aid farmers defray cost to sustain a robust agricultural ecosystem.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/doc/farm-energy-discount-application-form/download</u>

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For more information, visit goclean.masscec.com

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Small and Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Grants

To provide grants to public water systems serving small and disadvantaged communities to address health-based water quality violations in drinking water. The systems must serve less than 10,000 residents and be unable to afford the remedy for the violation. Funding to assist in restoring and improving the quality of drinking water jeopardized by flooding.

Application opens November 2023, closes December 2023. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/doc/flyer-for-small-underserved-and-disadvantaged-community-grant-program-for-public-water-systems</u>

Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant

Grants to municipal, public water systems, and fire districts for the acquisition of land in fee or conservation restriction, or preservation restriction for water supply protection and land conservation purposes. Funds may be used to increases resilience of water sources from extreme weather events and protect water quality

Application opens December 2023, closes March 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/drinking-water-</u> <u>supply-protection-grant-program</u>

GAP - Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy at Water Facilities Grant

To expedite the installation of energy efficiency and renewable energy project at public drinking water and wastewater facilities. Funding for energy efficiency and clean energy projects to aid in climate resiliency.

Funding dependent. Available in late 2024. For more information visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-gap-energy-grant-program</u>

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For more information, visit<u>mass.gov/guides/water-utility-</u>resilience-program

Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program

For the purchase of materials and labor to implement conservation practices that help the mitigation and/or prevention of negative impacts to the Commonwealth's natural resources that may result from agricultural practices. Funding provides financial incentives to Massachusetts growers for practices that work towards improving soil health, ensuring the efficient use of water, preventing impacts on water quality, reducing greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and sequestering carbon.

Application opens in March 2024, closes April 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/how-to-apply-to-</u> <u>the-climate-smart-agriculture-program</u>

Agricultural Climate Resiliency & Efficiencies Grant

For the implementation of projects that address the agricultural sector's vulnerability to climate change, improve economic resiliency, and advance the general goals identified in the Massachusetts Local Action Food Plan Funding provides financial incentives to Massachusetts growers for practices that work towards improving soil health, ensuring the efficient use of water, preventing impacts on water quality, reducing greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and sequestering carbon. Application opens in March 2024, closes April 2024. For more information, visit <u>mass.gov/how-to/how-to-apply-tothe-climate-smart-agriculture-program</u>