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**MassDEP's Official Answers to Questions
Regarding the
Ipswich Basin Grant
Agency Document #: BWR 2024-01-WMA-Ipswich Basin**

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On December 1, 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) posted a grant Request for Responses (RFR) for the Ipswich Basin Grant. In accordance with the deadlines set forth in the RFR's grant procurement calendar, MassDEP accepted written questions via email through the December 19, 2023 deadline.

MassDEP's Official Answers to Questions that were received by the deadline are presented below.

Q1. Is there a list of the communities or PWS which are eligible for these funds?

A1. Yes. The list is:

**Beverly
Danvers
Hamilton
Ipswich
Lynn
Lynnfield Center Water District
Middleton
North Reading
Peabody
Reading
Salem
Topsfield
Wenham
Wilmington**

Q2. Are recipients of this award ineligible for other grant or SRF programs?

A2. While the program cannot speak to all grant programs, recipients of the award would be eligible for SRF grant funds as long as the funds are not “double funding” the same costs.

Q3. I’m noticing more language in grant documents urging collaboration with watershed organizations. Please confirm that collaboration is not a required element for eligibility.

A3. Please review the language in the RFR on pages 7 and 11 regarding collaboration. Collaboration is encouraged, not required.

Q4. Can one entity submit multiple proposals?

A4. Yes, a single entity can submit multiple proposals.

Q5. Can we start the project before the February 28, 2024 start-date and get reimbursed for expenses incurred before February 28th?

A5. A new project cannot start prior to the required contracts being completed. In the case of work that has been completed between June 30, 2023 and the contract start date, reimbursement will not happen until the required contracts are signed.