

# MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP

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March Meeting

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function. Questions will be answered  
during Q&A.

# AGENDA

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Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities

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MassDEP/Treasury Clean Water RLF

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USDA Rural Development Programs

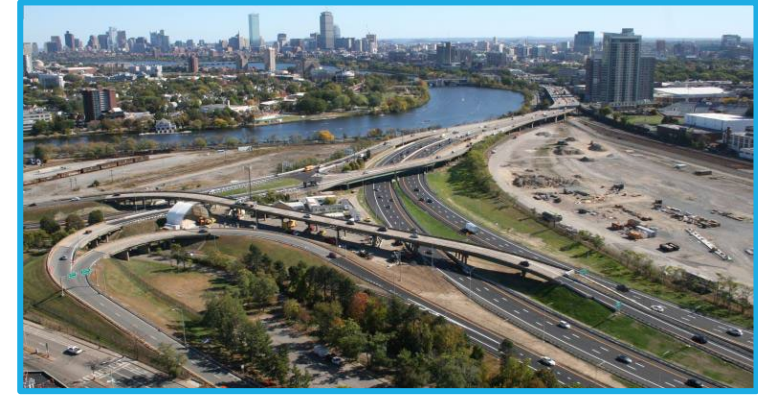
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Q & A

# RECENT UPDATES

## \$342 Million in Massachusetts Awards for Reconnecting Communities from USDOT

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced awards for the **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Grant Program**. This includes **\$335 million to replace the Allston Viaduct** and create new and improved access to expanded waterfront parks and open space in Boston, as well awards for **Haverhill, Lynn, Everett, Cambridge and Chelsea**.



## \$1.9 million for Curb Usage Data Inventory in Boston

The City of Boston was awarded funding from USDOT's **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program** to develop a curb data inventory using machine learning to digitize street signs and update inventory in real time.

# ABOUT THE FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE

Officially created by recently signed Executive Order No. 624, and tasked with implementing a whole-of-government to compete for federal funding by:



**Identifying key federal funding opportunities**



**Leading bi-weekly meetings of the interagency Advisory Council on Federal Funds and Infrastructure**

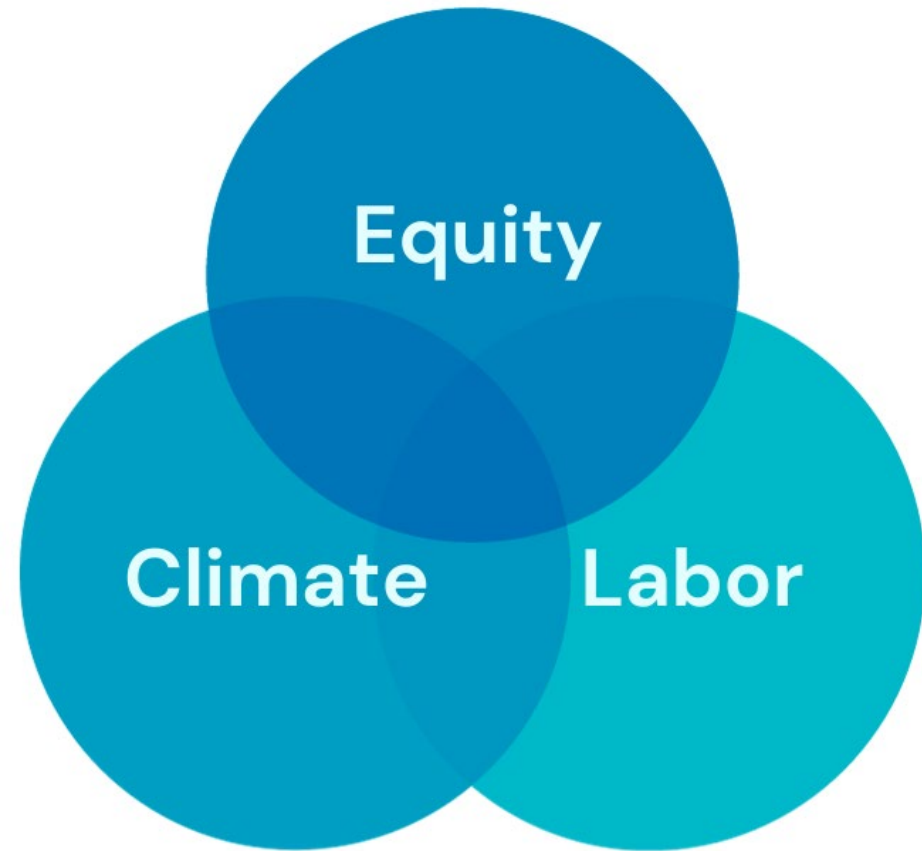


**Tracking available federal grant opportunities and Massachusetts applications through the State Clearinghouse**

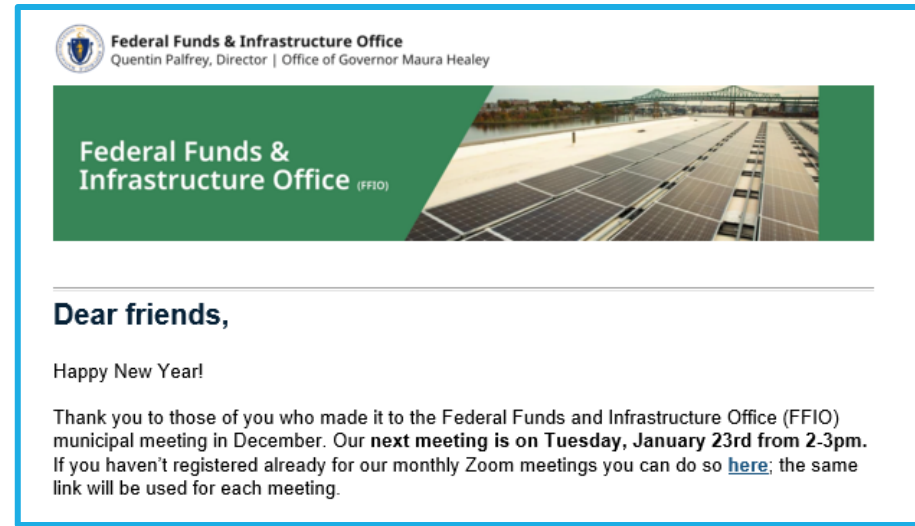


**Leading the Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership to support municipalities and tribes in their applications for federal funding**

# INCORPORATING ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES AND PARTNERS



# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



- **Monthly Federal Funds Partnership meetings** with targeted information on recently announced grant programs where **local governments are the eligible applicant**
  - Monthly emails in advance of and following Partnership with meeting notes, video clips, and additional info on grant opportunities and resources

# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Information also available on the [Federal Funds Local Governments page](#):

## Upcoming Municipal-Eligible Grants

Grant Name	Policy Area	Deadline
<a href="#">Coastal Habitat Restoration</a>	Environment	12/19/2023
<a href="#">Smart Grid Grant</a>	Energy	Concept Paper: 1/12/2024
<a href="#">Farm to Schools Grant</a>	Health	1/12/2024
<a href="#">Intelligent Transportation Systems Program</a>	Transportation	1/17/2024
<a href="#">Clean School Bus Rebate Program</a>	Transportation	1/31/2024
<a href="#">Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN)</a>	Transportation	2/2/2024
<a href="#">Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility</a>	Transportation	2/13/2024
<a href="#">RAISE Discretionary Grant Program</a>	Transportation	2/28/2024
<a href="#">Climate Pollution Reduction Grant</a>	Environment	General: 4/1/2024 Tribes: 5/1/2024

## Federal Funds Grant Application Resources

See below for grant application resources sorted by policy area

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

- Climate, Sustainability, and Resiliency Technical Assistance Resources
- Economic Development/Broadband Technical Assistance Resources
- Transportation Technical Assistance Resources
- General Resources
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### Climate, Sustainability, and Resiliency Technical Assistance Resources

#### EPA's Community Change Grants Technical Assistance »

Under the Inflation Reduction Act, EPA offers technical assistance to prepare for their Community Change Grants

#### MEMA Hazard Mitigation Technical Assistance »

This page includes BRIC, FMA & HMGP Technical Assistance and Webinars/Briefings

#### FEMA Grants Management Technical Assistance »

This page includes technical assistance resources from FEMA to aid state, local, and tribal governments with grants management responsibilities

#### Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunities »

This page provides a list of funding opportunities from the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

#### CONTACT

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Administration and Finance  
- Federal Funds &  
Infrastructure Office (A&F -  
FFIO)

Online  
Federal Funds &  
Infrastructure Office Email  
[FedFundsInfra@mass.gov](mailto:FedFundsInfra@mass.gov)

#### Address

State House, 24 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02133  
[Directions »](#)

## November 2023 Meeting

November Federal Funds Partnership Introduction



Office of Climate Innovation & Resilience - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Presentation



## Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership

FFIO leads the monthly Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership meeting. This forum not only delivers critical updates but also offers a platform for addressing questions related to the many funding possibilities at the disposal of cities, towns and tribal organizations.

[Register Here for  
Upcoming  
Meetings »](#)

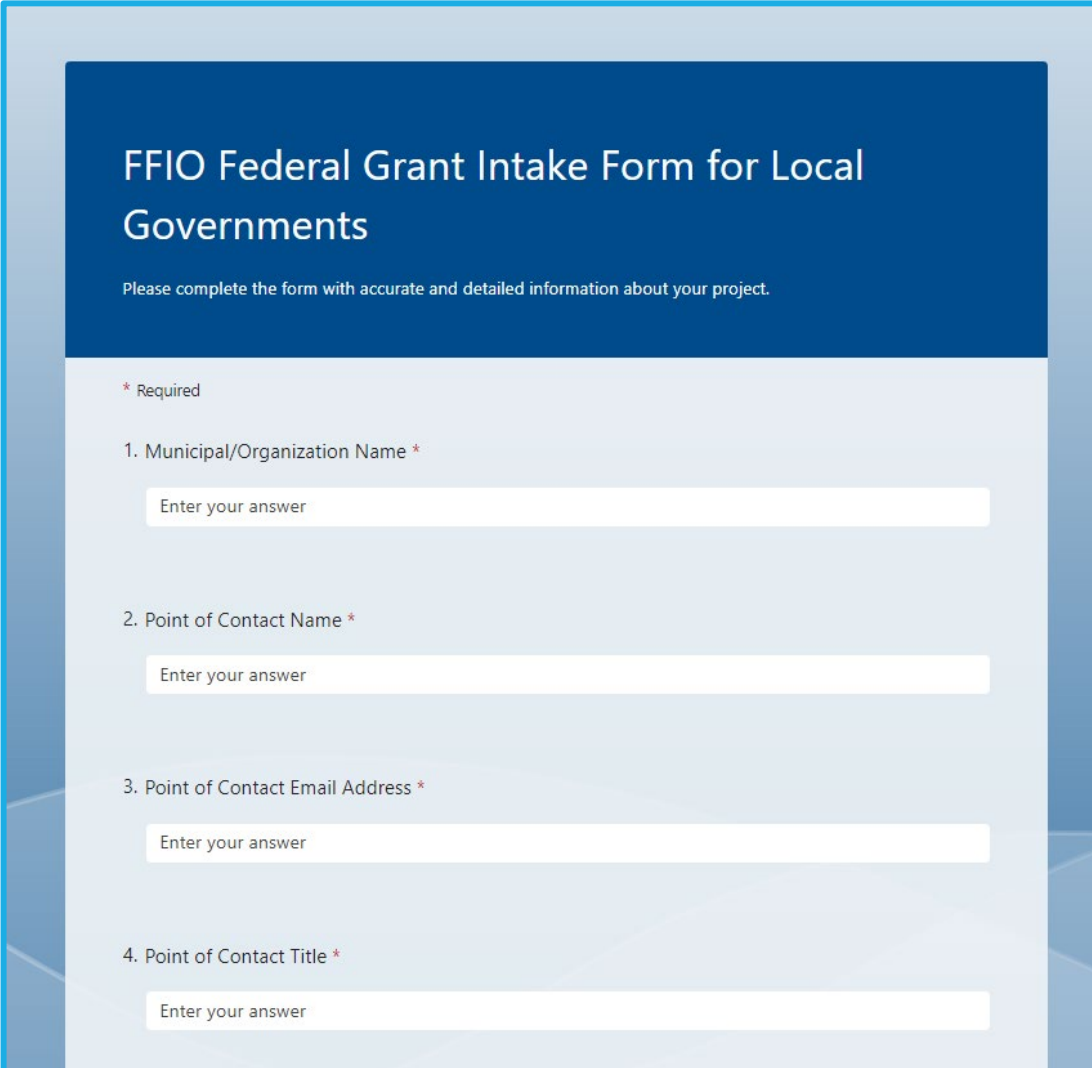
## Additional Resources

 [November 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides](#) (English, PDF 4.39 MB)

 [October 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides](#) (English, PDF 2.8 MB)

# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Use the [FFIO Project Intake Form](#) to notify FFIO of in-progress or submitted federal grant applications, or projects that could be eligible for federal funds:



The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "FFIO Federal Grant Intake Form for Local Governments". The form is set against a dark blue header with white text. Below the header, a light blue instruction box says "Please complete the form with accurate and detailed information about your project." The main form area is white and contains four numbered questions, each with a red asterisk indicating it is required. Each question has a corresponding text input field with the placeholder text "Enter your answer".

**FFIO Federal Grant Intake Form for Local Governments**

Please complete the form with accurate and detailed information about your project.

\* Required

1. Municipal/Organization Name \*

Enter your answer

2. Point of Contact Name \*

Enter your answer

3. Point of Contact Email Address \*

Enter your answer

4. Point of Contact Title \*

Enter your answer



# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Access to additional resources for matching funds and technical assistance pending recently filed legislation
- Feel free to contact the FFIO email inbox ([FedFundsInfra@mass.gov](mailto:FedFundsInfra@mass.gov)) for questions about federal grant applications!

# STATE MATCHING FUNDS / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

- Legislation leverages interest on the state's Stabilization Fund to:
  - **unlock an estimated \$750 million** in resources to pursue federal funding opportunities in the next three years
  - **\$50 million matching grants and loans** to municipalities and tribes
  - **\$12 million** towards local government technical assistance
  - **Add to the over \$2 billion** in existing resources Massachusetts has made available for state match to give Massachusetts a competitive edge in the pursuit of historic federal grant opportunities
- Bill **S.2554** *An Act to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts* **passed unanimously by the Massachusetts Senate** on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
- Passed **unanimously in the Massachusetts House** as **H.4446** on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Final passage pending approval by a House and Senate conference committee

# OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING MUNICIPAL AND TRIBAL ELIGIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Program Name	Deadline	Policy Area	Eligibility
<a href="#"><u>Assistance to Firefighters: Fire Prevention and Safety Grants</u></a>	4/12/2024	Public Safety	Local Government, Nonprofit, Tribe
<a href="#"><u>Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)</u></a>	4/12/2024	Public Safety	Local Government, Nonprofit, Tribe
<a href="#"><u>Congestion Relief Program</u></a>	4/22/2024	Transportation	State, MPO, Local Government
<a href="#"><u>Safe Streets and Roads for All</u></a>	Planning 1: 4/4/2024 Planning 2 and Implementation: 5/16/2024 Planning 3: 8/29/2024	Transportation	Tribe, MPO, Local Government
<a href="#"><u>Clean Ports Program: (2 Grants)</u></a>	5/28/2024	Environment	State, Tribe, Local Government, Port Authority, Private
<a href="#"><u>Community Change Grants Program</u></a>	November 2024	Environmental Justice	CBO, Tribe, Local Government, Nonprofit, University

# ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS: FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS

## Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

- **Eligibility:** Local Government, Nonprofit, Tribe
  - **Maximum Award:** \$1,500,000
  - **About**
    - FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity")
  - **Deadline:** 4/12/2024
  - **Contact:** [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov)
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- **Eligibility:** Local Government, Nonprofit, Tribe
  - **Maximum Award:** No Limit
  - **About**
    - The SAFER program provides financial assistance to help fire departments both hire firefighters and recruit and retain volunteer firefighters.
  - **Deadline:** 4/12/2024
  - **Contact:** [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov)

# CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM

- **Eligibility:** State, MPO, Local Government
- **Maximum Award:** \$150,000,000
- **About**
  - “The goals of the Program are to reduce highway congestion, reduce economic and environmental costs associated with that congestion, including transportation emissions, and optimize existing highway capacity and usage of highway and transit systems”
- **Deadline:** 4/22/2024
- **Contact:** [congestion.relief@dot.gov](mailto:congestion.relief@dot.gov)

# SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL

- **Eligibility:** Tribe, MPO, Local Government
- **Maximum Award:** \$25,000,000
- **About**
  - “The purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.”
- **Deadline:**
  - Planning Deadline 1: **4/4/2024**
  - Planning Deadline 2/Implementation: **5/16/2024**
  - Planning Deadline 3: **8/29/2024**
- **Contact:** [ss4a@dot.gov](mailto:ss4a@dot.gov)

# CLEAN PORTS PROGRAM: CLIMATE AND AIR QUALITY PLANNING COMPETITION

# CLEAN PORTS PROGRAM: ZERO- EMISSION TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT COMPETITION

- **Eligibility:** State, Tribe, Local Government, Port Authority, Private
- **Maximum Award:** \$3,000,000
- **About:**
  - “The EPA’s Clean Ports Program will fund climate and air quality planning activities at United States ports – including emissions inventories, strategy analysis, community engagement, and resiliency measure identification – that will build the capacity of port stakeholders to continue to reduce pollution and transition to zero-emissions (ZE) operations over time”
- **Deadline:** 5/28/2024
- **Contact:** [cleanports@epa.gov](mailto:cleanports@epa.gov)

- **Eligibility:** State, Tribe, Local Government, Port Authority, Private
- **Maximum Award:** \$500,000,000
- **Tiers:**
  - Tier A – \$150,000,000 - \$500,000,000
  - Tier B – \$5,000,000 - \$149,999,999
  - Tier C (Tribe Only) - \$2,000,000 - \$50,000,000
- **Deadline:** 5/28/2024
- **Contact:** [cleanports@epa.gov](mailto:cleanports@epa.gov)

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM

- **About the program**
  - Provides \$2 billion in funds to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.
- **Funding information:**
  - The grant program has two tracks—one that will award \$10-20 million grants on climate action and pollution reduction, and one that will award \$1-3 million grants to support the engagement of environmental justice communities in governmental processes
  - **Note:** Technical assistance available
- **Eligibility:**
  - Requires either a partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs), or
  - A partnership between a CBO and a Federally-Recognized Tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education.
- **Deadline: Rolling until November 2024**
- [Community Change Grant Workshop recording](#)



# *Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds*

AND THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

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PRESENTATIONS BY MASSDEP AND MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST



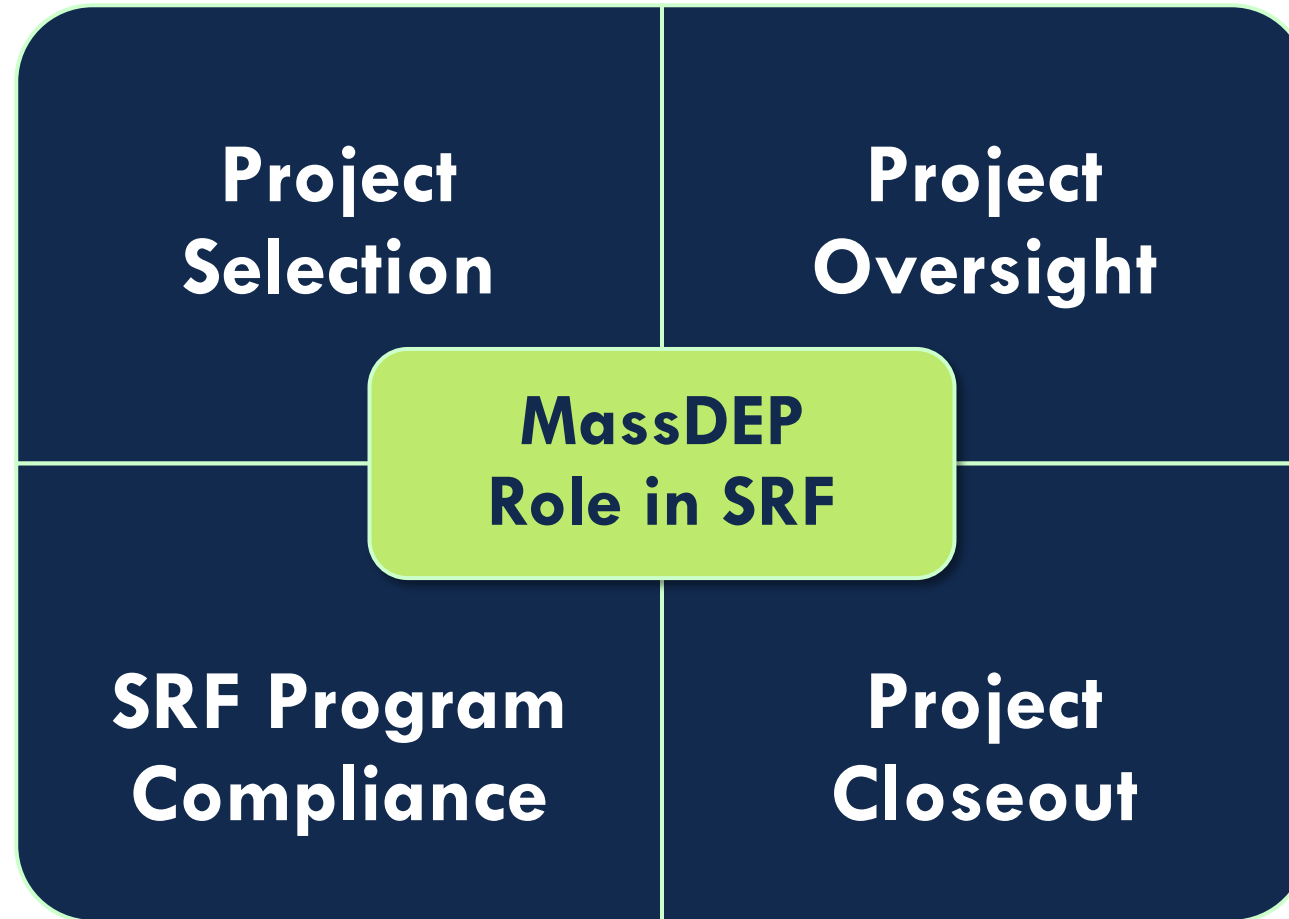
# *State Revolving Fund Application Process Overview*

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*Division of Municipal Services*  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

# MassDEP's Role in SRFs

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## Project Selection Criteria

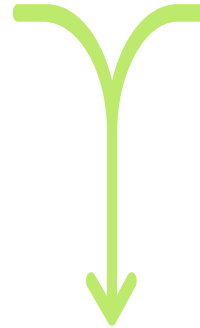
### PROBLEM DEFINITION IS PARAMOUNT

*Does this project mitigate...*

#### ***Public Health Impacts***

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- Exposures
- Frequency
- Seriousness



#### ***Environmental Impacts***

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- Resource(s) Affected
- Frequency
- Seriousness

#### ***Priority Project Categories***

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- Lead Service Line Replacement
- PFAS Remediation
- Combined Sewer Overflow Control

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## Project Selection Criteria for Construction Projects

### Planning for the Project

- Needs analyzed
- Options evaluated
- Recommended option selected
- Planning loan applications accepted on a rolling basis

### Project Effectiveness

- Protects public health
- Achieves compliance or reduction in violations
- Restoration of designated use
- Protects resources/prevents resource impacts
- Cost effective

### DEP Considerations

- Enforcement orders
- Regional solutions
- Energy efficiency/renewables/BMPs
- Innovative approaches
- Program priorities
- Environmental Justice Communities

### Loan Forgiveness

- Affordability criteria & 3-tier system
- Renewable energy



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# SRF is a marathon – not a sprint!

## APPLYING FOR SRF FINANCING

Proposal Submissions → Project Ranking → Draft IUP Published →  
Public Comment Period & Public Hearing → Final IUP Published

## READINESS TO PROCEED

Secure Funding at Town Meeting → Submit Loan Application & Plans/Specs

## BIDDING & CONSTRUCTION

Bid Solicitation → Begin Construction

## SRF ADMINISTRATION

MassDEP oversees project  
implementation & the Trust  
manages funds/loans

## REPAYMENT

The Trust sends debt service schedules  
(Two payments per year for term length of loan)

# ***MassDEP Division of Municipal Services reviews applications for...***

- ***Local Borrowing Authorization***
- ***Project Plans & Specifications***
- ***Required Permits (as necessary)***
- ***Federal Cross-Cutter Requirements***
- ***Compliance with Public Bidding Laws***



***MassDEP Division of  
Municipal Services visit  
project sites during  
construction to...***

## **Project Oversight - Construction**

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- Assess progress
- Provide compliance assistance
- Authorize payment appropriate for completed work
- Address change orders as necessary
- Inspect for compliance with American Iron and Steel Requirement/BABAA
- Ascertain posted wage rates as per Prevailing Wage Law
- At 90% completion initiate process project closeout, conduct final inspection, authorize final payment

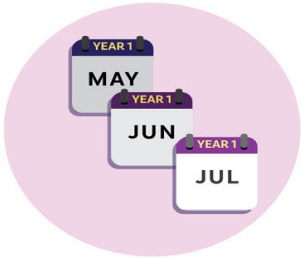


# State Revolving Fund Loan Process

## YEARS 1-2

### STEP 1

Project Proposals  
Accepted Between  
May - July, YEAR 1



### STEP 2

Final Intended Use  
Plan Publication  
May, YEAR 2



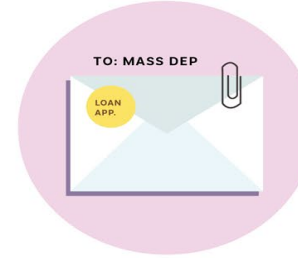
### STEP 3

Town Meeting/  
City Council Vote  
June 30, YEAR 2



### STEP 4

Loan Application  
Deadline  
October, YEAR 2



### STEP 5

Loan Commitment  
Deadline  
December 30, YEAR 2



## YEAR 3-ON

### STEP 6

Project Bidding  
Timeframe between  
January 1 -  
June 30, YEAR 3



### STEP 7

Contract Award  
Deadline for Loan  
Forgiveness  
June, YEAR 3



### STEP 8

Loan Agreements  
Approved and  
Executed



### STEP 9

Project Funding  
Begins



### STEP 10

Loan Repayment  
Could Begin Once 50%  
Project Funds Drawn





# *The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust*

UPDATES ON FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES

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# Advantages of Borrowing through the Trust

## Fixed Low-Interest Rates

- These rates are established by law and offer a stable planning tool for communities.
- Loans with a 20-year term will have an interest rate of 2%
- Loans with a term over 20 years will generally have an interest rate of 2.4%
- Certain projects qualify for reduced or 0% interest

## Interim Loans (Construction Loans)

- The Trust offers interim loans with no fees or interest. These loans allow for one-stop financing through the Trust.

## Flexible Repayment Terms

- Loans can be financed up to 30 years.

## Disadvantaged Communities Additional Subsidy (Loan Forgiveness)

- The Trust uses a percentage of its annual grant and state funding as **additional subsidy** each year. This subsidy comes in the form of loan forgiveness to disadvantaged communities.
- Eligibility is determined by **an annual affordability calculation** – which ranks communities into affordability tiers. The amount of loan forgiveness is **based** on a community's affordability tier.
- The below table is what the Trust has offered over the past number of years but may not be what is offered in future years.

Disadvantaged Community Tiers	Tiers by Adjusted Per Capita Income (APCI) Range	CW Loan Forgiveness %	DW Loan Forgiveness %
Tier 1	APCI <b>more than 80%</b> but <b>less than 100%</b> of the State APCI	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
Tier 2	APCI <b>more than 60%</b> but <b>less than 80%</b> of the State APCI	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
Tier 3	APCI <b>less than 60%</b> of the State APCI.	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>

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## Additional Loan Forgiveness through BIL

### CLEAN WATER GRANTS



**Supplemental Grant** - these funds are available for all eligible projects

- **49%** of the grant must be given away as loan forgiveness to disadvantaged communities

**Emerging Contaminants Grant**- these funds focus specifically on emerging contaminants such as PFAS

- **100%** of the grant must be given away as loan forgiveness to eligible projects

### DRINKING WATER GRANTS



**Supplemental Grant** - these funds are available for all eligible projects

- **49%** of the grant must be given away as loan forgiveness to disadvantaged communities

**Emerging Contaminants Grant**- these funds focus specifically on emerging contaminants such as PFAS

- **100%** of the grant must be given away as loan forgiveness and at least 25% of the grant to be directed to disadvantaged communities

**Lead Service Line Replacement Grant** - These funds will go towards identifying, planning, and removing lead service lines

- **49%** of the grant must be given away as loan forgiveness to disadvantaged communities

## BIL Investment in Massachusetts

Year	CW Supplemental	CW PFAS	DW Supplemental	DW PFAS	DW Lead	Total
2022	\$60,428,000	\$3,175,000	\$41,750,000	\$17,531,000	\$65,783,000	\$188,667,000
2023	70,769,000	7,220,000	45,206,000	16,404,000	33,700,000	173,299,000
2024	77,228,841	7,220,000	49,332,433	16,404,000	33,700,000*	183,885,274
2025*	83,656,543	7,220,000	53,438,337	16,404,000	33,700,000	194,418,880
2026*	83,656,543	7,220,000	53,438,337	16,404,000	33,700,000	194,418,880
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$375,738,926</b>	<b>\$32,055,000</b>	<b>\$243,165,107</b>	<b>\$83,147,000</b>	<b>\$200,583,000</b>	<b>\$934,689,033</b>

\*Numbers based on preliminary figures from EPA.

# BIL Grants Impact on Loan Forgiveness

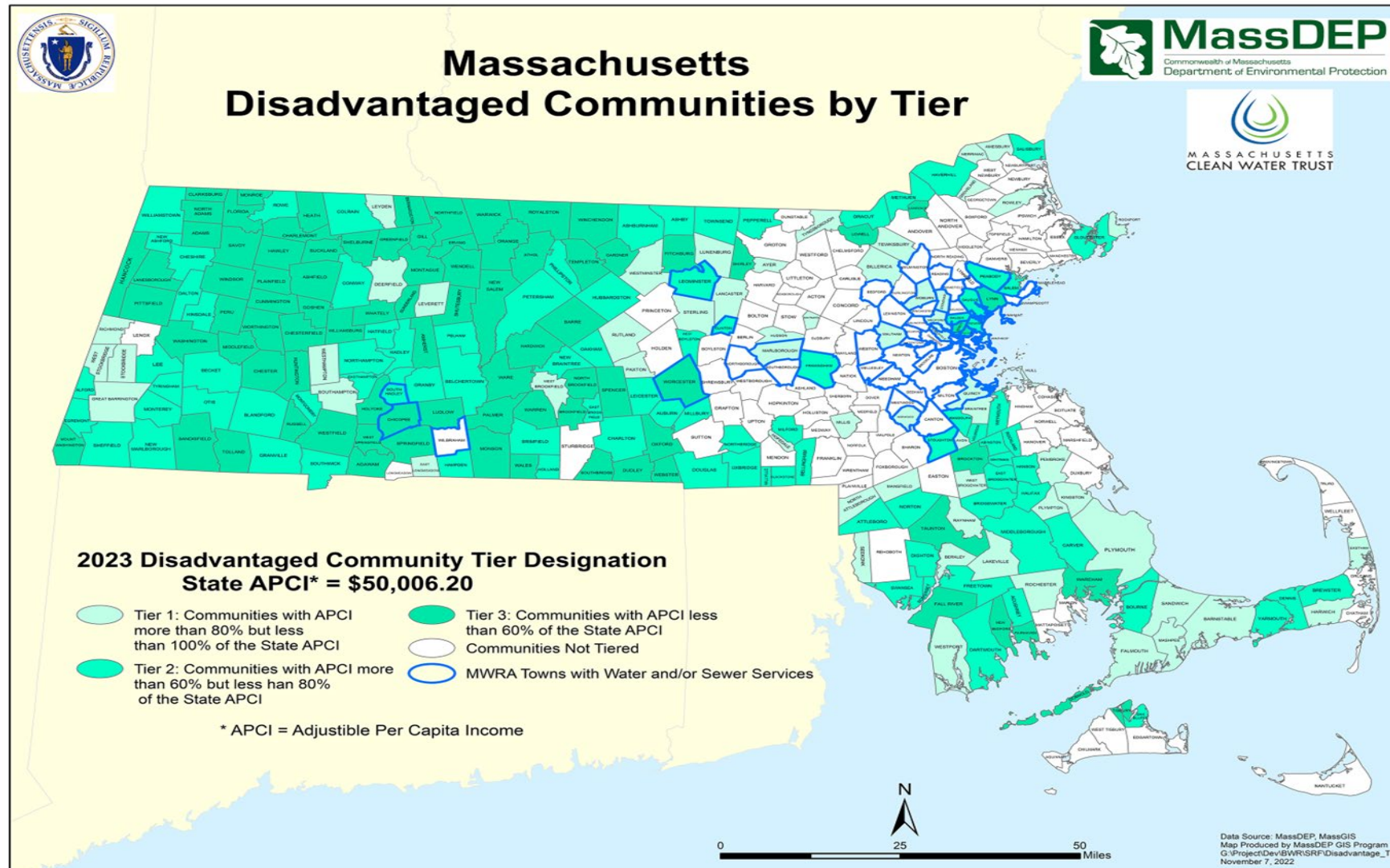
## How will the Trust apply Loan Forgiveness to Future Projects?

- In the past few years, the Trust has set a fixed percentage for loan forgiveness when the IUP is published.
  - We understand that cities and towns need clarity on the overall cost of projects as they move through the borrowing authorization process, and we have tried to provide that information.
- **The BIL grants have increased the amount of funds available to be provided as loan forgiveness, but it has also:**
  - **Created strict rules regarding who qualifies:**
    - *Only disadvantaged communities, other than the Emerging Contaminants grants.*
  - **Increased demand for loans:**
    - The 2021 IUPs committed to **\$817 million in projects with \$1.8 billion in applications**
    - The 2022 IUPs committed to **\$1.326 billion in projects with \$2.2 billion in applications**
    - The 2023 IUPs committed to **\$1.33 billion in projects with \$2.8 billion in applications** *(Not all applications will receive financing).*
    - The 2024 draft IUPs are expected to commit to **\$1.48 billion in projects with \$2.78 billion in applications** *(Not all applications will receive financing).*
- The increase in demand, the increase in construction bid costs, and the federal requirements to apply loan forgiveness only to disadvantaged communities makes it more difficult to commit to a fixed percentage for loan forgiveness.
- The Trust will continue to monitor loan demand and available funds and hopes to be able to provide timely and accurate updates on how much loan forgiveness borrowers can expect.

**What is known is that BIL grants will increase the amount of loan forgiveness to Disadvantaged Communities beyond the standard offerings.**



# 2023 Disadvantaged Communities Map



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## Other Subsidy Programs Offered by the Trust



- **LSL Planning Grant Program.** The Trust is providing grants to assist public water suppliers with completing planning projects for LSL inventories and developing LSL replacement plans for compliance with Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.
- **Asset Management Planning Grants.** The program provides a **60%** grant or \$150,000, whichever is less, to assist communities with completing or updating asset management plans for wastewater, drinking water, stormwater utilities, or any combination of the three to ensure the operational integrity of the water utility.
- **0% Lead Service Line Replacement Loans.** This loan program is meant to incentivize communities moving forward with lead service line replacement projects and to lower the cost of implementing LSL Replacement Programs developed with LSL Planning Grants.
- **0% Nutrient Enrichment Reduction Loans.** This loan program is for CWSRF loans that are primarily intended to **remediate** or prevent nutrient enrichment of a surface water body or water supply which can cause environmental degradation of the surrounding water bodies.
- **0% Interest PFAS Mitigation Loans.** Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a family of chemicals that are classified as emerging contaminants and are known to cause health issues when found in drinking water. Projects that have the purpose of reducing PFAS in water below the established Maximum Contamination Level of 20 parts per trillion, are eligible for **0%** interest loans.
- **Income-Based Community Septic Management Program (CSMP) Loans.** The Trust is now offering 0% interest CSMP loans to communities that provide reduced interest rate loans to homeowners based on their annual income as compared to the Area Median Income (AMI).
- **Housing Choice Loan Program.** Communities that have achieved the “Housing Choice” designation under the Housing Choice Initiative will be eligible for an interest rate reduction up to **.50%** from the standard below market rate of 2% offered by the Trust.



## **Other Assistance Available From Massachusetts**

- **Free Technical Assistance for Small, Rural, and Tribal Publicly Owned Treatment Works**

- Through a new provision in the BIL CWSRF grants, the Trust, in coordination with MassDEP, has entered into an agreement with RCAP Solutions to provide free technical assistance to systems with less than 10,000 or fewer people and an average daily flow of less than 1 million gallons.
- RCAP Solutions will provide the following services:
  - Wastewater and/or Stormwater Infrastructure Needs Assessments
  - CWSRF Project Evaluation Form (“PEF”) Assistance
  - Preapplication assistance with CWSRF Loan Application
- To apply for assistance please contact:

Robin McNamara, Deputy Director  
MassDEP Division of Municipal Services  
[Robin.McNamara@mass.gov](mailto:Robin.McNamara@mass.gov)  
857-301-0974

- **Public Water Suppliers (PWSs) Cyber Security Improvement Grants**

- Grants will go to PWSs to improve their cybersecurity if they have operational technology at risk and have a cybersecurity assessment completed with the last two years.
- Eligible grantees are small PWSs serving under 10,000 and Disadvantaged Communities.
- Grant amounts are based on the size of population served with a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.
- For information, please contact the MassDEP Drinking Water Program at [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov)

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## Technical Assistance Provided by EPA

- EPA has a number of technical assistance programs with the goal of ensuring equitable access to water infrastructure funding.
- These are being funded by the BIL grants for a limited period and more long-term initiatives.
- For more detailed information please visit:
  - [Water Technical Assistance Programs | US EPA](#)
  - [Water Technical Assistance \(WaterTA\) | US EPA](#)
  - [FACT SHEET \(epa.gov\)](#)
- To connect with EPA about these initiatives please contact [WaterTA@epa.gov](mailto:WaterTA@epa.gov).

# Loan Terms and Fees

	Permanent Financing	Interim Financing
<b>Standard Loan Rate</b>	2% (20 Years) Calculated (30 Years) <sup>1</sup>	0%
<b>Housing Choice Loan Rate</b>	1.5% (20 Years) <sup>2</sup>	0%
<b>Nutrient Enrichment Reduction Rate</b>	0%	0%
<b>PFAS Remediation Rate</b>	0%	0%
<b>Lead Service Line Replacement Rate</b>	0%	0%
<b>Maximum Term</b>	30 Years <sup>3</sup>	3 Years
<b>Administrative Fee</b>	0.15%	NA
<b>Origination Fee</b>	Approx \$5.00/\$1,000	NA

<sup>1</sup> Rate calculated at time of bond sale, estimated between 2.4-2.9%

<sup>2</sup> Communities designated as housing choice communities on the 2019-2023 IUPs are eligible for an interest rate discount up to 0.5% for permanent financing. There is no negative interest in any scenario.

<sup>3</sup> Requires useful life certificate certifying useful life will match or exceed the life of the loan

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## Lead in Schools

### Sampling Program

[www.mass.gov/guides/sampling-for-lead-and-copper-at-schools-and-childcare-facilities](http://www.mass.gov/guides/sampling-for-lead-and-copper-at-schools-and-childcare-facilities)

Contact *Michael Celona*

Michael Celona

(617) 634-9358

[Michael.Celona@mass.gov](mailto:Michael.Celona@mass.gov)



#### (2016-2018)

First in the nation school drinking water testing program utilizing \$2.75 million from the Trust to sample public schools across the Commonwealth for lead and copper. Nearly 1,000 schools were sampled during this period.

#### (2019-Present)

Expanded funding from EPA allows MassDEP to expand sampling program to public and private schools, childcare and early education facilities – limited to lead testing.

### School Water Improvement Grants (SWIG)

[mass.gov/school-water-improvement-grants](http://mass.gov/school-water-improvement-grants)

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#### 2020 to Present:

Provided **\$1,695,000** in grants to replace **565** water fountains in **230** schools in **63** school districts serving over **101,000** students.

#### Private Schools and Childcares

The Trust is encouraging private schools K-12, early education facilities and non-residential daycare facilities to apply.

The Trust has expanded replacement fixture eligibility to under sink and classroom fountains in facilities serving Pre-K aged children.

# Get in Touch

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## Twitter

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## Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/mass\\_dep/](https://www.instagram.com/mass_dep/)

## Twitter

<https://twitter.com/MassDEP>

## SRF & BIL Resources

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### CWSRF Program

<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf>

### State CWSRF Contacts

<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-cwsrf-program-contacts>

### DWSRF Program

<https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf>

### State DWSRF Contacts

<https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf/state-dwsrf-website-and-contacts>

### BIL

<https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure>

# SRF and BIL Information

## DWSRF Resources

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### **Lead Service Lead Inventories & Replacement Plan Guidance**

[LSL Inventory Grant Guidelines](#)

### **Asset Management Plan Guidance**

[AMP Guidance Document](#)

### **DW Planning Project Guidance**

[Drinking Water Planning Guidelines](#)

### **DW Construction Project Guidance**

[Drinking Water Construction Guidelines](#)

## **DWSRF Program**

[SRF Drinking Water Program](#)

## **MassDEP SRF Loan Applications & Forms**

[State Revolving Fund Applications &  
Forms | Mass.gov](#)

## CWSRF Resources

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**Asset Management Plan Guidance**  
[\*AMP Guidance Document\*](#)

**CW Planning Project Guidance**  
[\*Drinking Water Planning Guidelines\*](#)

**CW Construction Project Guidance**  
[\*Clean Water Construction Guidelines\*](#)

## DWSRF Program

[\*SRF Drinking Water Program\*](#)

## MassDEP SRF Loan Applications & Forms

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## MassDEP Resources

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### **SRF Program**

[State Revolving Fund Program](#)

### **CWSRF Program**

[SRF Clean Water Program](#)

### **DWSRF Program**

[SRF Drinking Water Program](#)

### **How to Get an SRF Loan**

[Getting an SRF Loan](#)

[Emergency Financing](#)

### **MASSDEP Water Grants & Loans**

[MassDEP Water Grants & Loans](#)

### **EEA Grants**

[Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Grants](#)

# MassDEP Information



# FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND FLEXIBILITIES OF THE WIFIA PROGRAM:

MARCH 2024





# FINANCING AVAILABLE

- WIFIA can finance up to 49% of the eligible project costs (or up to 80% of costs for small communities – defined as population served under 25,000)
- Borrowers must provide an investment grade rating from a national credit rating agency prior to closing the loan



# PROGRAM FEATURES



Minimum project size for large communities



Maximum time that repayment may be deferred after substantial completion of the project



Minimum project size for small communities (population of 25,000 or less)



Interest rate will be equal to or greater than the U.S. Treasury rate of a similar maturity



Maximum portion of eligible project costs that WIFIA can fund



Broad eligibility allows for wide variety of borrowers and projects, plus special program for SRF borrowers (SWIFIA)



Maximum final maturity date from substantial completion



NEPA, Davis-Bacon, American Iron and Steel, Build America, Buy America, and all federal cross-cutter provisions apply

# ELIGIBILITY



- Broad eligibility and can provide financing to a variety of credit-worthy borrowers, including **local and tribal governments, state infrastructure financing authorities, corporations, and partnerships**, among others



- Can fund water infrastructure projects that **support clean and safe water access** and help communities address a variety of challenges, including regulatory compliance, water quality issues, drought or flooding, and aging infrastructure needs



- Eligible activities include **project planning, design, development, and construction, land or equipment acquisition, a variety of carrying costs during construction, and financing-related costs**

# LOAN PROCESS – PROJECT SELECTION



- Project Selection: 6-8 weeks
- Project Approval: 7-9 months generally
- Project Monitoring: post-close

# SMALL LOAN EXAMPLE

## SHARYLAND WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, TX

- WIFIA Loan: \$17,992,000
- Project: 1) replace and relocate water pumps; and 2) upgrade plant infrastructure
- Population served: 87,000
- Other financing: Cash on hand, grants, state revolving fund loan

### Interesting facts:

- Co-funding from the state revolving fund and cash on hand
- Loan closed prior to all loan funding being closed
- Inter-creditor agreement executed with USDA
- Debt service reserve funded over a five-year period

# WIFIA AND EPA RESOURCES

EPA is happy to meet with all prospective borrowers interested in discussing the program prior to submission of a letter of interest

- Send requests for a meeting to [wifia@epa.gov](mailto:wifia@epa.gov)
- Join the monthly WIFIA Office Hours: Office Hours  
<https://www.epa.gov/wifia/wifia-webinars>
- EPA Municipal Ombudsman <https://www.epa.gov/ocir/municipal-ombudsman>

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Overview: USDA Rural Development  
Southern New England Jurisdiction  
(CT, MA & RI)

Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO)

March 26, 2024

# USDA RD Southern New England Jurisdiction



## Amherst, MA State Office

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Administers activity in three state jurisdictions

## Amherst, MA Area Office

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Servicing: Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden counties

## Holden, MA Area Office

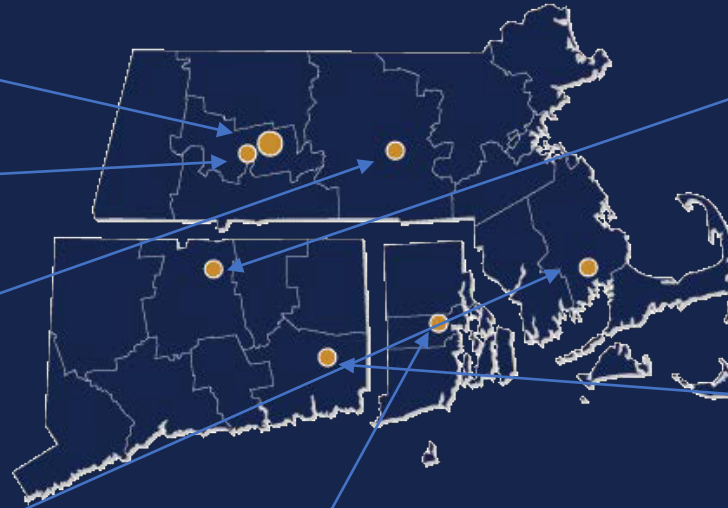
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Holden, MA 01520  
Phone: 508-829-4477  
Servicing: Worcester, Middlesex, Essex and Suffolk counties

## Wareham, MA Area Office

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Servicing: Bristol, Norfolk, Plymouth, Dukes, Nantucket and Barnstable counties

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Servicing: Bristol, Norfolk, Plymouth, Dukes, Nantucket and Barnstable counties



## Windsor, CT Area Office

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Servicing: Tolland, Middlesex, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven, and Fairfield counties

## Norwich, CT Area Office

238 West Town Street Norwich,  
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Fax: 855-947-9638  
Servicing: Windham, and New London counties



# Water & Environmental Programs

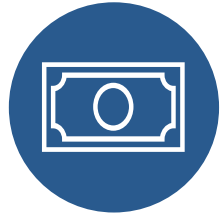


Oyster Farm, Provincetown, MA

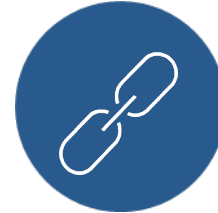


No. Brookfield, MA Wastewater Treatment Facility

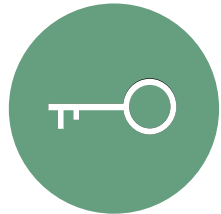
# Water & Environmental



Water & Waste Disposal Loans,  
Grants, and Loan Guarantees



Emergency Community Water  
Assistance Grants



Water & Waste Disposal Technical  
Assistance & Training Grants



Water & Waste Disposal  
Predevelopment Planning Grants



Solid Waste Management Grants



Revolving Funds for Financing  
Water and Wastewater Projects

# Water & Wastewater Loans and Grants



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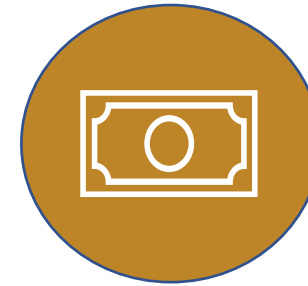
Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary waste water and solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses. Funds can be used to buy, build, repair, and improve public water and waste treatment and collection systems.



## Eligibility

Government organizations, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes

Rural areas with populations fewer than 10,000, Colonias and Tribal lands.



## Funding Limits

**Program Type: Loans, grant (if available) Terms and Conditions: The loan term will not exceed 40 years.**

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# Water & Wastewater Predevelopment Planning Grants (PPG)



## Purpose

Helps low-income communities with the initial planning and development of applications for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan and Grant or Loan Guarantee programs.

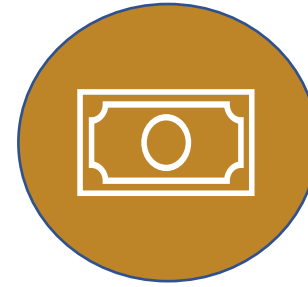


## Eligibility

**Government organizations, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes.**

**NOTE:** The area must have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income.

**Rural areas with populations fewer than 10,000, Colonias and Tribal lands.**



## Funding Limits

**Program Type: Grant Terms and Conditions: Maximum grant amount is \$30,000, or 75 percent of predevelopment planning costs.**

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# Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grants (SEARCH)



## Purpose

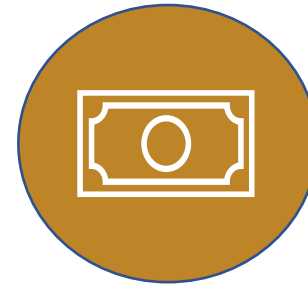
Helps small, financially distressed rural communities pay for predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects. Funds can be used to support proposed projects to build or improve rural water, wastewater, solid waste disposal, or storm water disposal facilities, or to make public or private improvements.



## Eligibility

**Government organizations, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes.**

**NOTE:** Eligible service areas must be rural, considered financially distressed, and: • Be located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with populations of **2,500 or fewer**, according to the most recent U.S. Census data • Have median household incomes either below the poverty line - or less than 80 percent of the statewide, nonmetropolitan median household income.



## Funding Limits

**Program Type: Grant**

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# Thank You!

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*Please take a minute to respond to a few questions about the next Partnership meeting in the pop-up window.*

# FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month*

- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-3pm
- Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm
- Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm

# Q&A

*Put questions in the chat you would like  
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