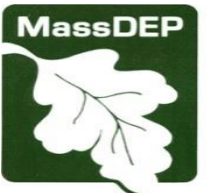


Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) Informational Meeting

**Nancy Fitzpatrick and Peggy Shaw
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
MassDEP**

April 29, 2021, 7:00 pm



Tips for Using Zoom

- We have muted everyone except speakers
- If you have a question during the presentation, please type into the chat box and we will answer at the end
- There will be time at the end of the presentation to ask questions
- This webinar is being recorded and will be posted along with this PowerPoint presentation on the TAG Program webpage

Presentation Overview

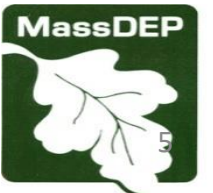
- Overview and purpose of TAG Program
- Available funding
- TAG eligibility requirements
- TAG application and award process
- Questions & Answers
- TAG Program webpage: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/technical-assistance-grants-waste-site-cleanup>

Overview of TAG Program

- Public Involvement is a key component of the Waste Site Cleanup Program and Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP)
- TAG purpose is to support effective public involvement during assessment and cleanup of disposal sites by:
 - Assisting community and citizens' groups in obtaining expert technical assistance to understand and evaluate disposal site cleanup response actions
 - Enhancing public education about and participation in disposal site assessment and cleanup activities

History of TAGs

- First TAGs were awarded in 1995
- Continued for most years through 2002
- Additional funding rounds 2007-2010



Available TAG Funding, SFY22

- Total funding anticipated to be \$150,000
- Typical grant award to any individual applicant of up to \$15,000

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Groups of individuals, such as community groups and neighborhood associations (also, existing "PIP groups")
- A district or other body politic that owns or operates a public water supply
- A city, town or agency

Who is ineligible?

Groups that:

- Own or operate the disposal site
- Are conducting or funding assessment or cleanup work at the disposal site

Which Disposal Sites are eligible?

Disposal sites in Massachusetts that are actively involved in the assessment and cleanup process:

- Classified as Tier I and Tier II
- Listed on EPA's Superfund National Priorities List
- Considered to be "Adequately Regulated"

Find Out About a Contaminated Property

Find locations and details about oil and hazardous material disposal sites in Massachusetts.

There are over 44,000 hazardous waste sites in Massachusetts. These include simple spills during a fuel oil delivery and complex Superfund sites. You can use this service to search for waste disposal sites that are close to you. This app links to information about the chemicals spilled and the cleanup completed. You can search for a site at a specific address or find all the sites in your town.

First time? Start here.

VIDEO: The Waste Site Cleanup Program »



What would you like to do?

Top tasks

Waste Site & Reportable Releases/Spills Look Up »

Search by eDEP Form/Submittals »

Create a Priority Resource Map for a location/site »

What you need to know

Video: Using the Waste Site/Reportable Release Lookup tool »

Video: Using the eDEP Form/Submittal Viewer »

Video: Using Google to Find Out About Sites »

Statistics About Site Cleanups »

More Information: EEA Data Portal »

Search U.S. EPA's Site Database ("SEMS") »

Contact Information

MassDEP Waste Site Cleanup Program Contact Information



<https://www.mass.gov/find-out-about-a-contaminated-property>

What would you like to do?

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Search for Waste Site & Reportable Releases

Search Type ?

Select ▼

City/Town ?

Select ▼

RTN ?

Address ?

Compliance Status ?

Select ▼

LSP ?

Select ▼

Site Name ?

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How May TAG Funds be Used?

Eligible activities include:

- Obtaining expert advice
 - Licensed Site Professional (LSP), environmental consultant, attorney
- Interpreting technical information and environmental data from the disposal site
- Conducting public education activities

Examples of TAG Projects

- Hiring an LSP/environmental consultant to assist affected community with review of complex data and detailed reports
- Retaining a risk assessor to evaluate a complicated risk assessment and its conclusions relative to health risks
- Creating websites and supporting community forums to educate the affected community and encourage public participation

Estimated Grant Timeline

Grant Procurement Activity	Date/Time
Pre-TAG Grant Release Informational meeting	Thursday, April 29, 2021 7 PM
Notice of Grant Opportunity (posted on COMMBUYS and MassDEP website)	Wednesday, May 19, 2021
TAG Grant Opportunity and Grant Application Release Date (Posting Date) on MassDEP website	Wednesday, May 19, 2021
Deadline for submitting written questions via email to MassDEP TAG Point of Contact	Friday, June 11, 2021 5 PM
Official answers for submitted questions published on MassDEP webpage	Friday, June 25 2021
GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE	Friday, July 16, 2021 5 PM
Announcement of Grant Awards (posted on COMMBUYS and MassDEP webpage)	Friday, August 20, 2021
Estimated contract start date	Friday, October 1, 2021



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program
Application SFY2022
COMMBUYS #



I. Applicant Information	
Name of Entity/Group: <input type="text"/>	
Contact Name: <input type="text"/>	Title: <input type="text"/>
Address: <input type="text"/>	
City/Town: <input type="text"/>	Zip Code: <input type="text"/>
Telephone (primary): <input type="text"/>	Telephone (other): <input type="text"/>
Email: <input type="text"/>	
Copy of By-Laws attached? (if available) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
II. Disposal Site Information	
Disposal Site Name (if available): <input type="text"/>	
Disposal Site Street Address: <input type="text"/>	
City/Town: <input type="text"/>	Zip Code: <input type="text"/>
Release Tracking Number(s) (RTN): <input type="text"/>	
To your knowledge, has a Technical Assistance Grant been previously awarded for this disposal site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, briefly describe the relationship between the past project and current proposal. <input type="text"/>	
Is the Applicant currently a Grantee for other grant funding program(s), or have other sources of funding, for the disposal site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="text"/>	
III. Eligibility	
A. Applicant Description (please check one):	

TAG Application

- Fillable Word document
- Submitted by email



TAG Application Review Process

- Eligibility Criteria
- Evaluation Criteria
- Grant Review Team – includes MassDEP staff
- Projects awarded funding will be those that best address the TAG Program goals

Application Evaluation Criteria

- a) **Severity and Complexity of the Disposal Site** relative to potential impacts on health, safety, public welfare, and the environment.
- b) **Connection to Waste Site Cleanup Program Goals** - Relationship of proposed project to the impacts of the disposal site on health, safety, public welfare, and the environment.
- c) **Promote Public Awareness** - Potential of proposed project to foster increased public awareness and understanding of response actions.

Application Evaluation Criteria (cont'd)

- d) **Outreach Capability** - Applicant's demonstrated capacity to communicate with and involve individuals affected by the disposal site.
- e) **Implementation Potential** - Applicant's demonstrated capacity to implement the proposed project.
- f) **Project Budget and Timeline** - Feasibility of meeting identified goals, completing project within work schedule and budget, and proposed types of experts to be hired.

Application Evaluation Criteria (cont'd)

- g) **Benefits an Economic Target Area** - Relevance of the disposal site for local economic development efforts.
- h) **Benefits to Environmental Justice Communities** - MassDEP is particularly interested in projects which benefit Environmental Justice Communities. http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/ej.php

Elements of a Successful TAG Project

- Aligns with Evaluation Criteria
- Presents focused and clearly defined mission and goals
- Applicant group has the ability to manage funding and successfully move the project forward

TAG Application Process

- All application materials will be available for download on May 19, 2021 at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/technical-assistance-grants-waste-site-cleanup>
- Applications and all supporting documents must be sent electronically by 5pm on Friday, July 16, 2021 to Nancy.Fitzpatrick@mass.gov

Grant Award Details

- One award per applicant group
- One award per disposal site
- An award may be used by a group for more than one disposal site
- Duration: contract ends on June 30, 2022; contract extension is at MassDEP discretion

Grant Contracts

- Scope of Services Agreement
- Commonwealth Standard Contract
- Commonwealth Terms and Conditions
- Payment:
 - Electronic Funds Transfer form
 - MA W-9

Award Payment Details

- Reimbursement for expenses incurred AFTER funding is awarded
- Group receiving the award must have legal authority to receive and disperse funds at the time the grant is awarded
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/cor/corpweb/cornp/npfrm.htm>
- Taxpayer ID Number required to receive funds

Question and Answer Period

- Official Q&A period: May 19 – June 11
 - Begins when TAG Opportunity and Application are posted
 - Official answers to written questions will be posted online by June 25th
- Prior to the TAG Opportunity and Application Announcement
 - Applicants may contact us directly with questions about the grant opportunity or to discuss potential projects

For further information....

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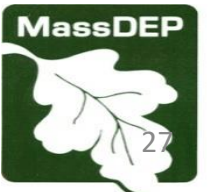
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Questions???