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SFY 2026 MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program

Request for Responses

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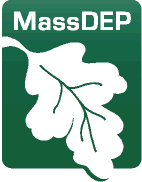
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# Grant Overview

**Total Funding Available:** Up to $250,000

**Estimated Grant Amounts:** $20,000 to $75,000 per applicant

**Pre-Application Meeting:** September 10, 2025

**Responses Due:** October 3, 2025

**Match Required:** No, but recommended

**Eligible Entities:** Municipalities in partnership, regional planning entities, stormwater coalitions, and non-profits acting on behalf of two or more municipal MS4 permit holders

**Sample Eligible Projects:** Tools or strategies that will help multiple municipalities meet one (1) or more requirement(s) of the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit

# GRANT OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY

## Proposals Sought

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP or the Department) seeks proposals from: groups of Massachusetts cities/towns; Regional Planning Agencies on behalf of groups of Massachusetts cities/towns; Massachusetts stormwater coalitions representing two (2) or more municipalities; and/or non-profit organizations on behalf of groups of Massachusetts cities/towns, for innovative projects that will help multiple communities meet the requirements of the 2016 Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit (2016 Small MS4 General Permit). The purpose of this funding is to help groups of Massachusetts municipalities expand their efforts to meet the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit requirements and reduce stormwater pollution through coordinated partnerships that emphasize resource sharing. Only projects that meet the specific requirements of the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit will be considered for funding. Interested entities should refer to the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit at [Small MS4 General Permit I EPA.gov](https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-small-ms4-general-permit).

Grant Funding is available only for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) (i.e., July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026). MassDEP reserves the right to accept modified Scopes of Work from successful applicants during the grant award contract process to ensure grant-funded work can be completed by June 30, 2026.

## Overview and Goals

Since 2012, officials of Massachusetts cities and towns have come together and formed regional stormwater coalitions to share resources, training, and best management practices related to stormwater management. Those regional coalitions also formed a statewide coalition to meet those same goals. In April 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and MassDEP issued a renewal of the Small MS4 General Permit for Massachusetts, which became effective on July 1, 2018. EPA proposed modifications to the 2016 MA MS4 General Permit on April 23, 2020, and finalized those modifications on December 7, 2020. MassDEP expects that the work of regional and statewide stormwater coalitions will continue to result in cost savings as Massachusetts municipalities implement the requirements of the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit.

MassDEP seeks to help facilitate the work of these stormwater coalitions, encourage the formation of new coalitions, and promotes multi-municipal collaboration on improved stormwater management and permit compliance through the MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program.

## Eligible Projects

Eligible projects will result in tools or strategies that will help multiple municipalities meet one (1) or more requirement(s) of the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit. Ineligible projects include funding for the operation and maintenance of sewer systems.

* 1. Eligible projects must provide shared benefits to two or more communities.
  2. Eligible projects must not:
     1. Duplicate work already done by any Massachusetts stormwater coalition or apply a previously funded project delivery to another region (previously funded projects may be viewed online at: [Resources for MS4 Compliance I Mass.gov.](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stormwater#municipal-resources-for-ms4-compliance-)); and/or
     2. Fund any activity necessary to address or remedy an enforcement action such as, but not limited to, noncompliance with a local, state, or federal permit.
  3. Examples of potentially eligible, MS4-focused projects include, but are not limited to:
     1. Assessment tool(s) for identifying retrofit sites;
     2. Data intake and field-certification tool(s) for Best Management Practices (BMP) and/or operation and maintenance programs;
     3. Formation of new regional MS4 coalitions and/or the establishment of stormwater enterprise funds or stormwater utilities in areas where none exist;
     4. MS4 capital investments, including investments in equipment and electronic resources;
     5. Outreach and education services, materials, and/or strategies for (a) public engagement and/or (b) establishment of stormwater enterprise funds or stormwater utilities;
     6. Survey research to identify the needs of smaller MS4 municipalities;
     7. Asset management tools for tracking and maintaining stormwater infrastructure such as catch basins, culverts, and BMPs; and/or
     8. MS4-related job training opportunities.
  4. Both existing and proposed projects are eligible for this grant program, and funding will support work activities for any phase(s) of a project, from initial project planning through project implementation, so long as the work funded by this program is conducted during FY26 (i.e., started on or after July 1, 2025, and completed on or before June 30, 2026). Please be advised that to receive reimbursement for project expenses incurred during FY26, but prior to the grant award, applicants must submit documentation (i.e., invoices, purchase orders and proof of payment, and/or vendor contracts) during the contracting process. All Applications must include a feasible timeline for completion (i.e., illustrating that the project can be completed on or before the June 30, 2026, deadline).
  5. Preference will be given to projects that directly assist the greatest number of municipalities that are identified as “Disadvantaged Communities”. Information on which communities are classified as Disadvantaged Communities can be found in Attachment B of this RFR and online at: [FY25 Disadvantaged Communities Calculations I Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/doc/affordability-calculation-october-2024/download).
  6. All assets, equipment, data, and/or other property purchased as a result of awards made through this program shall be owned by the grant applicant and/or municipalities partnering on an application, not by MassDEP.

## Eligible Entities

Eligible Entities are groups of two (2) or more Massachusetts municipalities that are subject to the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit; Regional Planning Agencies acting on behalf of two (2) or more municipalities that are subject to the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit; Massachusetts stormwater coalitions representing two (2) or more municipalities that are subject to the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit; and/or non-profit organizations acting on behalf of two (2) or more municipalities that are subject to the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit.

Please note that projects located in a municipality (or municipalities) that are not in some form of compliance with MBTA Communities Act law (M.G.L. CH.40A §3A) at the time of application will not be eligible for funding. Regional planning entities, stormwater coalitions, and non-profits acting on behalf of two or more municipal MS4 permit holders shall be exempt from this requirement.

## Disadvantaged Communities

MassDEP is committed to advancing Disadvantaged Communities through its public investments. To that end, preference will be given to projects that provide direct benefit to Disadvantaged Communities. Information on how communities are classified as Disadvantaged Communities and which communities they are can be found at [The Disadvantaged Community Loan Forgiveness Program | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/the-disadvantaged-community-loan-forgiveness-program#disadvantaged-community-designation)

This Grant Opportunity will prioritize proposals that are located in, or directly benefit communities designated as a Disadvantaged Community, and that fall within one of three Affordability Tiers following a system first utilized by the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust and the State Revolving Fund. A “Disadvantaged Community” is a community that falls into one of the three tiers using an affordability calculation based on the State’s “**Adjusted Per Capita Income”** (*Per Capita Income \* Employment Rate \* Population Change (2020/2010)* = **APCI**). The State’s Adjusted Per Capita Income for the purposes of this RFR is **$53,549.85**, from FY25, the most recent year data is currently available.

**Tier 1:** Communities with APCI more than 80% but less than 100% of the State’s APCI.

**Tier 2:** Communities with APCI more than 60% but less than 80% of the State’s APCI.

**Tier 3:** Communities with APCI less than 60% of the State’s APCI.

The calculations may be viewed online here:

[FY25 Disadvantaged Communities Affordability Calculations I Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/doc/affordability-calculation-october-2024/download)

Eligible applicants, including partnerships and coalitions, shall identify the municipalities served by their entity or entities, as well as which municipalities within their service area(s) are designated as Tier 1, 2, or 3 Disadvantaged Communities. MassDEP will assign a composite ranking based on the ranking of all the communities located within the service areas of the applicant(s). If the composite ranking falls within the scope of the assistance tiers, the Applicant will be assigned a Tier 1, 2, or 3 ranking for scoring purposes of the RFR. A list of communities by Tier is available in **Appendix B** of this RFR.

## Application Deadline

Applications are due electronically by **5:00 pm E.S.T. on October 10, 2025.**

## Page Limit

Grant applications, including the budget sheet, but excluding the cover sheet, must not exceed fifteen (15) single-sided pages in length.The cover sheet (Attachment A) is available at: [MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program I Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/grants-financial-assistance-watersheds-water-quality#stormwater-ms4-municipal-assistance-grant-program-)

## Funding Availability

The total estimated funding available for projects under this Grant Announcement and at the time of posting is $250,000. Grant awards may range from $25,000 to $75,000 per applicant, although the MassDEP review committee reserves the right, in its discretion, to grant smaller or larger awards to proposals of exceptional merit. If additional or unspent funds become available during the period between the announcement of this grant opportunity and the announcement of the grant awards, MassDEP may allocate additional funds to this grant solicitation. All funding of awards issued through this program are subject to the availability of funding.

## Match and Other Funding Obligations

Applicants are not required to provide matching funds. However, Applicants are encouraged to identify other known sources of funding for a proposed project on the Application Form, from both secured and anticipated sources. Applicants may receive additional points in the evaluation process for demonstrating secured or anticipated matching funds. In addition, Applicants are advised that grant awards involving capital funds, which is the case here, are required to be disbursed on a cost reimbursement basis, meaning that grantees will be reimbursed for funds already expended.

Please be advised in order to receive reimbursement for project expenses incurred during FY26, but prior to the grant award, applicants must submit documentation (i.e., invoices, purchase orders and proof of payment, and/or vendor contracts) during the contracting process.

Applicants may seek funding for Eligible Projects that will exceed the length of the grant award period (i.e., past June 30, 2026); however, only work that is proposed to be performed during FY26 (June 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) is eligible for funding under this Grant Opportunity.

## Pre-Application Meeting

A Pre-Application Meeting will be held using Zoom on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. E.S.T. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information on the application process and the grant program. Please note that MassDEP cannot address the substance of any particular application. To obtain the Zoom link please contact Courtney Starling via email at [courtney.starling@mass.gov](mailto:mcourtney.starling@mass.gov) with “FY 2026 MS4 Application Training Details” in the email subject line.

Questions received and responded to during this meeting will be summarized and included in the written Q&A. A recording of the meeting will be also be available online at the following link: [MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program I Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/grants-financial-assistance-watersheds-water-quality#stormwater-ms4-municipal-assistance-grant-program-)

## Written Questions via the Grant Q&A Process

As noted in the Estimated Grant Procurement Calendar (see Section 3 of this Grant Opportunity), Applicants may submit written questions, via e-mail, to Courtney Starling, at [courtney.starling@mass.gov](mailto:mcourtney.starling@mass.gov) on or before **September 17, 2025, by 5:00 pm E.S.T.** Please note that MassDEP cannot address the substance of any particular application. MassDEP will post official responses to questions regarding this grant RFR on or before **September 26, 2025, at 5:00 pm E.S.T.**  It is the Applicant’s responsibility to verify receipt of questions with MassDEP.

MassDEP reserves the right to condense, summarize, or combine related questions and/or answers. Applicants are responsible for entering content suitable for public viewing since all the questions are accessible to the public. Applicants must not include any information that could be considered personal, security sensitive, inflammatory, incorrect, collusory, or otherwise objectionable. The Q&A document for this Grant RFR will be available on COMMBUYS, as well as online at the following link: [MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program I Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/grants-financial-assistance-watersheds-water-quality#stormwater-ms4-municipal-assistance-grant-program-)

All answers are final when posted. Any subsequent revisions to previously provided answers will be dated.

## Amendment Deadline

MassDEP reserves the right to make amendments to the Grant RFR after initial publication prior to the Application Deadline in the Estimated Procurement Calendar. It is each Applicant’s responsibility to check for any amendments, addenda, or modifications to this Grant RFR, as well as any Q&A related to this RFR and any amendments thereto.

## Total Anticipated Duration of Grant(s)

The contract duration will be through June 30, 2026. MassDEP reserves the right to accept modified Scopes of Work from successful applicants during the grant award contract process to ensure grant-funded work can be completed by June 30, 2026

## Final Report

Upon completion of the project and with submission of the final request for reimbursement, all Grant Awardees shall submit a one (1)-page summary of their project tasks and links or copies to the produced resources. MassDEP reserves the right to request additional materials, information, and/or other documentary evidence demonstrating completion of work and/or compliance with program requirements. MassDEP also reserves the right to withhold funding until compliance is achieved.

## Applicable Procurement Law

Grants—MGL c. 7A, § 7; St. 1986 c. 206, § 17; 815 CMR 2.00.2.

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

## Evaluation Criteria - General

In order to be considered for a grant award, Applicants must: (1) submit a completed application that includes all required supporting materials; (2) meet the eligibility requirements; (3) agree to the program conditions; and (4) commit to completing the project by June 30, 2026. A MassDEP review committee will evaluate proposed projects based upon the criteria listed below. The review committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

## Evaluation Criteria – Components

The review committee will evaluate and score the grant applications from Eligible Entities (as defined in Section 1.D. of this Grant Opportunity) based upon the following criteria:

### Project Benefit (20 points)

* MassDEP will evaluate the Proposed Project’s environmental benefits and economic benefits. Specifically, the Department will look at how the Proposed Project:
  + Furthers the goal of improved MS4 compliance and stormwater management for multiple municipalities;
  + Reduces community costs, both individually and on a multiple municipality and/or regional basis; and
  + Promotes collaboration and inclusive information sharing among multiple communities.
* MassDEP will also evaluate the extent to which the grant product(s) will benefit the Massachusetts communities subject to the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit.

### Project Description (15 points)

* Does the Application adequately describe the Proposed Project and the work to be covered by this funding?
* Does the Application clearly state which municipalities will be helped by the Proposed Project and how they will be assisted?
* Does the project description clearly identify proposed project tasks, personnel, and desired outcome(s) for the project?
* Does the project provide support to activities from a prior MS4 grant application? If so, please identify which phase(s) of the project was/were funded by a prior MS4 grant.

### Meet MS4 Permit Requirements (15 points)

* How well does the Application demonstrate that the Proposed Project will assist a greater number of municipalities meet one (1) or more specific requirement(s) of the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit?

### Promote Regional Collaboration (10 points)

* How well does the Application demonstrate that the Proposed Project will encourage multi-town/regional cooperation and collaboration to achieve improved stormwater management and MS4 compliance efforts regionally or statewide?

**Project Budget and Financial Need (10 Points)**

* Does the Application include a sufficiently detailed project budget that includes cost and time estimates by project task and milestone? Does the budget indicate responsible parties by task?
* Does the Application sufficiently identify and describe any match or other funding sources that will support the project?
* If the project includes a request for reimbursement for eligible costs incurred after July 1, 2025, but before submission of this Application, does the Application include all documentation supporting the request for reimbursement for those project costs?
* How well does the Application demonstrate the Eligible Entity’s need for financial assistance to implement the project?

### Project Timeline (10 points)

* Does the Application demonstrate a realistic timeline to achieve the proposed work?

### Qualifications of Organization and Project Manager (10 points)

* Does the Application demonstrate the Applicant and/or their contractor(s), the project manager and any other assigned staff, possess sufficient qualifications and project experience to perform the Proposed Project?

### Disadvantaged Community Status (10 Points)

* MassDEP will prioritize projects that are located in, or directly benefit, Disadvantaged Communities. Points will be awarded proportionately by tier (i.e. the highest number of points will be given to Applicants with projects in communities that have been designated Tier 3 Disadvantaged Communities). Please see Attachment B for a list of Disadvantaged Communities by Tier as determined by the Clean Water Trust for FY25.

## Application Completion and Submission Instructions

All grant applicants must include the attached application form in their application and submit the packet electronically as a Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF file by **5:00 pm E.S.T. on October 10, 2025,** to: Doug Coppi, Stormwater Coordinator at [douglas.coppi@mass.gov](mailto:douglas.coppi@mass.gov). Please note the Applicant’s name AND “MS4 Municipal Grant Assistance Program” in the email subject line (e.g., Subject line: “Applicant Name MS4 Municipal Grant Assistance Program”).

Attachment A, Section 1 and 2 are available for download at [MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program I Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/grants-financial-assistance-watersheds-water-quality#stormwater-ms4-municipal-assistance-grant-program-)

Applications received after the deadline will be rejected automatically. MassDEP reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or request additional information, if needed.

## Additional Required Documentation:

Additional Forms: If selected for a grant award, the Applicant will be required to submit the following forms to complete the contracting process. Forms with an asterisk (\*) need not be submitted, if they have been completed previously and are already on file with the Commonwealth:

* + Commonwealth Standard Contract Form filled out and signed by the Applicant. Standard Contract Form is listed under Contracts on this website:

[www.macomptroller.org/forms/](https://www.macomptroller.org/forms/).

* + Commonwealth Terms and Conditions. [www.macomptroller.org/forms/](http://www.macomptroller.org/forms/)

These Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference into the Standard Contract Form, and do not need to be executed separately.

* + Commonwealth W‐9 tax information form filled out and signed by the applicant with DUNS number and Federal Tax ID (\*) [www.macomptroller.org/forms](http://www.macomptroller.org/forms)
  + Completed Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing Form

<https://www.macomptroller.org/forms>

* + Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form (\*)

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/tips-for-completing-the-electronic-funds-transfer-eft-form>

Applicants are encouraged to review these forms prior to submission of an application.

# ESTIMATED PROCUREMENT CALENDAR FOR GRANT APPLICATION/AWARD:

| **Procurement Activity** | **Date** | **Time** |
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| Notice of Grant Opportunity (posted on COMMBUYS and MassDEP website) | Tuesday, September 2, 2025 |  |
| Bid Release Date (Posting Date) on MassDEP website | Tuesday, September 2, 2025 |  |
| Pre-Application Meeting:  Via Zoom. To obtain dial-in information or the Zoom link please contact Courtney Starling, via email at: [courtney.starling@mass.gov](mailto:courtney.starling@mass.gov) with ‘FY 2026 MS4 Application Training Details’ in the email subject line. | Wednesday, September 10, 2025 | 1 P.M. |
| Deadline for Submission of Questions to MassDEP, via email to: [douglas.coppi@mass.gov](mailto:douglas.coppi@mass.gov) | ~~Friday, September 12, 2025~~  Wednesday September 17, 2025 | ~~5 P.M.~~ |
| Official Answers for Q&A published on MassDEP website | Friday, September 26, 2025 | 5 P.M. |
| RFR Amendment Deadline | Friday, September 26, 2025 | 5 P.M. |
| **GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE; ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION TO:** via email to: [douglas.coppi@mass.gov](mailto:douglas.coppi@mass.gov) | ~~Friday, October 3, 2025~~  Friday, October 10, 2025 | 5 P.M. |
| Notification of Grant Award(s) (Estimated) (POSTED ON COMMBUYS AND MASSDEP WEBSITE) | December 2025 – January 2026 |  |

# ATTACHMENT A

**MS4 Municipal Assistance FY26 Grant Program Application**

**Overview:** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP or the Department) seeks proposals for innovative projects that will help multiple communities meet the requirements of the 2016 Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit (2016 Small MS4 General Permit). The purpose of this funding is to help groups of Massachusetts municipalities expand their efforts to meet the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit requirements and reduce stormwater pollution through coordinated partnerships that emphasize resource sharing. Only projects that meet the specific requirements of the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit will be considered for funding.

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participating Communities:

Number of Participating Communities: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Short description of the work (<5 sentences)

Requested Funds: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Matching Funds (optional): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: *Electronic or digital signatures are acceptable on this form*

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**By checking this box  the applicant confirms that they are authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the specified organization and participating municipalities.**

**Section 2: Ability to Perform Proposed Project**

1. Ability to Use Funds: If awarded a MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant, the Awardee must be able to enter into a contract with MassDEP within 15-30 days of award.

**By checking this box**  you agree that your entity is able to enter into the contract and perform the project and meet all requirements of this state grant.

**Section 3: Application Structure**

Please include the following sections in your application:

**Project Description:** Describethe Proposed Project and the proposed work to be covered by this funding. This project description should include proposed project tasks, personnel, desired outcome(s), and how multiple municipalities will be helped by the project.

**Project Benefit:** Provide information about both the environmental and economic benefits of the Proposed Project; specifically, how the projectfurthers the goal of improved MS4 compliance and stormwater management across multiple municipalities; how it reduces community costs, both individually and on a multiple municipality and/or regional basis; how it promotes collaboration and information sharing among multiple communities; and to what extent the grant product(s) will be transferrable to benefit all communities statewide that are subject to the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit.

**Meet MS4 Permit Requirements:** Describe how the Proposed Project helps multiple municipalities meet one or more specific requirement(s) of the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit.

**Promote Regional Collaboration:** Describe how the Proposed Project will encourage multi-town/regional cooperation and collaboration to achieve improved stormwater management and 2016 Small MS4 General Permit compliance efforts regionally or statewide.

**Project Budget and Financial Need:** Please fill out the budget table below for the proposed project (use as many rows as needed). If all or some of the proposed project includes a request for reimbursement for eligible costs incurred after July 1, 2025, and before submission of the Application, please attach documentation supporting these project costs. Please explain the needfor financial assistance to implement the Proposed Project, including other anticipated or secured funding sources that will support portions of the project.

***MS4 Grant - Budget Table***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Key Project Tasks/Milestone**  **(Responsible Party)** | **Estimated Cost** | **Estimated Match\* (if applicable)** | **Known or Estimated Task Completion Date** |
| *Use as many lines as needed* |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Project Total:** |  |  |  |
| **Total Funding Requested:** |  |  |  |

**Source of Match\*:** For any in-kind or monetary match, explain how extensive it is and how it will be made available to the project here. Matches are not required for the MS4 Grant.

**Project Timeline:** Describe the timeline for the work proposed, including a commitment to achieving final completion by the deadline of June 30, 2026, or earlier. Explain how the work can be feasibly completed by June 30, 2026, or earlier. Describe a plan for written and/or oral communication of the project’s status and progress between the awardee and MassDEP throughout the project period.

**Qualifications of Organization and Project Manager:** Describe qualifications the organization and the project manager, and address how they will assist in the successful execution of the proposed project.

**Disadvantaged Community Status:** Please identify all municipalities served by the Project; indicate which of those municipalities are designated as Tier 1, 2, or 3 Disadvantaged Communities.

**MBTA Communities Compliance (Y/N):** If the project is located in a municipality (or municipalities) subject to the MBTA Communities Law (M.G.L. CH.40A §3A), please include compliance information.

# ATTACHMENT B

**Disadvantaged Communities by Tier**

**Tier 1:**

Amesbury, Ayer, Barnstable, Berkley, Billerica, Bourne, Braintree, Brewster, Cummington, Deerfield, Dighton, Douglas, East Longmeadow, Eastham, Falmouth, Gloucester, Great Barrington, Groveland, Hampden, Harwich, Hopedale, Hudson, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Leyden, Lunenburg, Mashpee, Maynard, Medford, Merrimac, Millis, North Attleborough, Northampton, Northbridge, Norwood, Pembroke, Pepperell, Plainville, Plymouth, Plympton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Richmond, Rochester, Rutland, Seekonk, Southampton, Sterling, Stockbridge, Sturbridge, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, Uxbridge, Waltham, West Bridgewater, West Tisbury, Westhampton, Westminster, Westport, Wilbraham, Winthrop, and Woburn

**Tier 2:**

Abington, Acushnet, Agawam, Alford, Ashburnham, Ashby, Attleboro, Auburn, Avon, Becket, Belchertown, Bellingham, Blackstone, Blandford, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Carver, Charlton, Clinton, Conway, Dalton, Dartmouth, Dennis, Dracut, East Bridgewater, East Brookfield, Easthampton, Egremont, Fairhaven, Framingham, Freetown, Granby, Granville, Hadley, Halifax, Hanson, Hatfield, Haverhill, Hinsdale, Holbrook, Holland, Hubbardston, Huntington, Lancaster, Lee, Leicester, Leominster, Malden, Marlborough, Methuen, Middleborough, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Monson, Monterey, Montgomery, Mount Washington, New Ashford, New Braintree, New Marlborough, Northfield, Norton, Oakham, Otis, Oxford, Paxton, Peabody, Pelham, Petersham, Phillipston, Quincy, Randolph, Revere, Rockland, Rowe, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Sheffield, Shirley, Somerset, South Hadley, Southwick, Stoughton, Swansea, Townsend, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Weymouth, Whitman, Williamstown, Worthington, and Yarmouth

**Tier 3:**

Adams, Amherst, Ashfield, Athol, Barre, Bernardston, Brockton, Brookfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chester, Chesterfield, Chicopee, Clarksburg, Colrain, Dudley, Erving, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Florida, Gardner, Gill, Goshen, Gosnold, Greenfield, Hancock, Hardwick, Hawley, Heath, Holyoke, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lowell, Ludlow, Lynn, Middlefield, Monroe, Montague, New Bedford, New Salem, North Adams, North Brookfield, Oak Bluffs, Orange, Palmer, Peru, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Royalston, Russell, Sandisfield, Savoy, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Springfield, Sunderland, Taunton, Templeton, Tisbury, Tolland, Tyringham, Wales, Ware, Wareham, Warren, Warwick, Webster, Wendell, West Springfield, Westfield, Whately, Williamsburg, Winchendon, Windsor, and Worcester

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