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## MassDEP Official Responses to Questions regarding the November 13, 2020, Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grant Opportunity: Grants for Reimbursement or New Costs for Planning and Design of PFAS Treatment Systems in PFAS-Impacted Communities

On May 20, 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) offered an initial grant and cost reimbursement opportunity to support the planning and design of systems for treatment of drinking water in PFAS-impacted communities (known as the "Round 1 PFAS Treatment Grant"). On November 13, 2020, MassDEP posted a **second grant and cost reimbursement opportunity** for PFAS-impacted communities, known as the "Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grant."

MassDEP accepted Questions by email regarding the Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grant through November 25, 2020. The following questions were received by that deadline. MassDEP's official responses are provided below each question.

- 1. Is an Airport that is not a public water supplier an eligible entity to apply for this funding opportunity, or is funding strictly limited to existing Public Water Systems?**

MassDEP Response: No; an airport that is not a public water supplier (PWS) is not eligible for the Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grant. Eligibility for the Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grants is limited to PWS entities that are currently on the MassDEP list of registered PWSes (see <https://www.mass.gov/doc/public-water-suppliers-contact-spreadsheet-rev-dec-2020/download>), specifically: "**Community and Non-Transient Non Community (NTNC) MassDEP approved Public Water Systems** as defined in 310 CMR 22.02, under public or private ownership." See Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grant, "Eligible Entities" section, at page 3.

- 2. The Airport is designing a Water Main extension and Water service connections that would become municipal water infrastructure upon completion. Is this design project eligible for funding as a "Planning and design project to replace PFAS-6 contaminated drinking water sources" or other eligibility vehicle?**

MassDEP Response: The proposed work activities are not eligible for Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grant funding. The potential to become part of the infrastructure of a registered PWS in the future does not meet the eligibility criteria stated above and in the Grant Opportunity document.

- 3. Under the funding section there is a line labelled, Amount of Match Provided (optional); and my question is, can the match represent In-Kind Hours or does the match have to be actual funding?**

MassDEP Response: The estimated actual dollar value of in-kind match is acceptable for Round 2 PFAS Treatment Grants. This could include volunteer services, professional assistance, or the donated use of equipment for testing, surveys, mapping, or other project-related work.

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