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GRANT OPPORTUNITY
STATEWIDE WATER MANAGEMENT ACT GRANT
RFR#: BWR 2019-01-WMA
COMMBUYS#: BD-19-1045-BWR00-BWR01-31459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), Bureau of Resource Protection, has issued a Request for Responses (RFR) for Water Management Act (WMA) grants to provide funding for planning assistance, conservation/demand management, and withdrawal impact mitigation projects in local communities.

The focus of these grants is for: 1) planning projects for specific watersheds or subwatersheds to identify implementation projects to improve ecological conditions; 2) conservation projects aimed to reduce the demand for water within a municipality or a watershed, such as rate studies or drought resiliency planning; and 3) withdrawal mitigation projects that address the following: improve or increase instream flow, wastewater projects that keep water local, stormwater management projects that improve recharge, reduce impervious cover and/or improve water quality, water supply operational improvements, habitat improvement, demand management, reduction of wastewater inflow and infiltration, and other projects that can be demonstrated to mitigate the impacts of water withdrawals.

The RFR was issued September 19th, 2018. Grant funding is contingent upon appropriation by the Massachusetts legislature.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Responses to the RFR may be submitted by any Massachusetts public water supplier or municipality with a valid Water Management Act permit. Cooperative proposals are encouraged.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The RFR contains a schedule for each step of the application process. Applications are reviewed and recommended by a screening committee comprised of MassDEP, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation criteria will be specified in the RFR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No further questions may be asked about proposal content, other than via email. Answers to all questions posed will be responded to in a Q&A document that is made public. The RFR and additional information can be found at:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/water-management-act-grant-programs-for-public-water-suppliers>.

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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