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## NOTICE OF GRANT OPPORTUNITY STATEWIDE WATER MANAGEMENT ACT GRANT RFR # BWR 2022-01-WMA

**Summary of Grant Opportunity:** 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.

**Grant Opportunity Application and Requirements:** MassDEP's Request for Responses (RFR) for WMA grants was posted on MassDEP's website on August 30, 2021, and MassDEP's deadline for Responses to the RFR is October 11, 2021. All Grant documents can be located at the following link:

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

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

**Eligible Projects:** The focus of the WMA grants is for: 1) planning projects for specific watersheds or sub-watersheds to identify implementation projects to improve ecological conditions, including planning projects to identify the capacity of the water system to meet its demands from sources unaffected by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances sources (non-PFAS sources) and provide alternative source options; 2) conservation projects aimed to reduce the demand for water within a municipality or a watershed, such as rate studies, drought resiliency planning, or demand management projects to improve the efficiency of non PFAS contaminated water use within a municipality or a watershed; 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.

**Funding Availability:** It is currently anticipated that the total funding available for this program is approximately 1 million dollars. Any additional grant funding is contingent upon appropriation by the Massachusetts legislature.

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

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**Grant Application Process:** The RFR contains all terms and requirements for the WMA grant, including a schedule for each step of the application process and the timeline for submission of Responses to the RFR. 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.

**Grant Evaluation Criteria:** The grant evaluation criteria is as specified in the RFR.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The RFR and additional information can be found at:  
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