

Grants for Culvert Upgrades Available

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The Department of Environmental Protection is inviting proposals for projects to implement public infrastructure improvements at stream crossings, including culvert upgrades.

Eligible recipients may apply for grant monies for improvements to public infrastructure. Project proposals must address improvements, modifications, repairs or upgrades to existing culverts or stream crossings.

Important Dates

FY1—First Round:

- Applications available — May 29, 2015
- Submission due date — July 15, 2015
- Grants Awarded — Sept. 1, 2015

Second Round:

- Applications available — Oct. 5, 2015
- Submission due date — Nov. 16, 2015
- Grants Awarded — Jan 5, 2016

Third Round:

- Applications available — Jan 4, 2016
- Submission due date — Feb. 15 2016
- Grants Awarded — April 4, 2016

FY2—First Round:

- Applications available — March 28, 2016
- Submission due date — May 9, 2016
- Grants Awarded — June 22, 2016

Criteria

Applicants must describe how the proposed project meets the following criteria:

- Benefits water quality
- Improves habitat for wildlife, fish and other aquatic life (such as through the replacement of blocked or poorly sized culverts or stream crossings)
- Improves public safety by reducing risk of infrastructure failure (such as culvert washouts)
- Includes provisions for climate resiliency (such as flood protection, prevention and control at the project site and downstream)

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients for Stream Crossing Public Infrastructure Improvement funds are individuals, businesses, municipalities, unorganized and deorganized townships, counties, soil and water conservation districts, regional planning commissions, watershed districts, and incorporated nonprofit organizations with federal tax exempt status [501(c)(3)]. State and Federal agencies are not eligible recipients. Grant awards cannot be given on culvert replacements that have already occurred.

A portion of the grant money may be used to cover design and engineering services related to the infrastructure improvements, up to a maximum of 8% of the grant award.

How to Apply

Applications will be available on May 29, 2015. Please visit our web site at: http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/water_bond_rfp.html to download a copy. For questions or additional information, please contact Leslie Anderson at leslie.anderson@maine.gov.

