

EEA Environment & Climate One Stop (ECO) Mass Rivers Rainwater Readiness Stormwater Webinar

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The Environment & Climate One Stop aims to make applying for grant funding easier and more efficient for our constituents.

- Streamlines the grant application process to one single point of entry (e.g., Common App)
- Aligns program requirements and application questions as much as possible
- Links projects to the best source of funding
- Implements a key strategic priority of the Resilient Mass Finance Strategy
- Will be able to grow to include more programs over time
- Is inspired by and learning from the EOED Community One Stop

The Environment & Climate One Stop pilot will include 7 programs

MVP Action

Offers financial resources to communities that are seeking to advance priority climate adaptation actions to address climate change impacts in alignment with the MVP Core Principles.

CZM Coastal Resilience

Provides financial and technical support for local and regional efforts to address coastal flooding, erosion, and sea level rise.

CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality

Provides financial resources for projects that assess and treat stormwater pollution and support comprehensive habitat restoration.

EEA Cooling Corridors

Offers financial resources for conducting tree planting and related activities to assist with mitigating extreme heat and to enhance the tree canopy within neighborhoods and public spaces.

EEA Planning Assistance

Supports sustainable land use practices, including zoning for diverse housing, climate change mitigation, and land conservation, in alignment with the state's Sustainable Development Principles.

EEA Dams and Seawalls

Offers financial resources to support projects for the repair and removal of dams, levees, seawalls, and other forms of flood control.

DER Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance and Training

Supports replacing or removing an undersized, perched, and/or degraded culverts or small bridges located in an area of high ecological value.

Different programs have different eligibility requirements

	MVP Action Grant *	CZM Coastal ** Resilience Grant	Cool Corridors Grant	Dam and Seawall Grant	Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance & Training Grants	Planning Assistance Grants	CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grants**
Municipality	Ø	⊘	Ø	Ø	⊘	⊘	⊘
District	Ø			Ø	⊘		
Public Board or Commission	⊘		Ø	⊘			
Tribal Government	Ø						
Regional Government or Planning Agency	Ø			Ø			
Certified 501(c)3 Nonprofit			Ø	Ø			
Public or Private School or University			Ø	Ø			

^{*}Non-municipality applicants to MVP Action, aside from Tribal Governments, must apply for projects that align with an MVP plan and include a letter of support from the municipality/ies related to the project.

^{**}Projects applying to CZM Coastal Resilience must be located in a Massachusetts Coastal Zone.

^{***}Projects applying to CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality must be located in a Massachusetts Coastal Watershed. Non-municipality applicants must be directly partnering with a municipality.



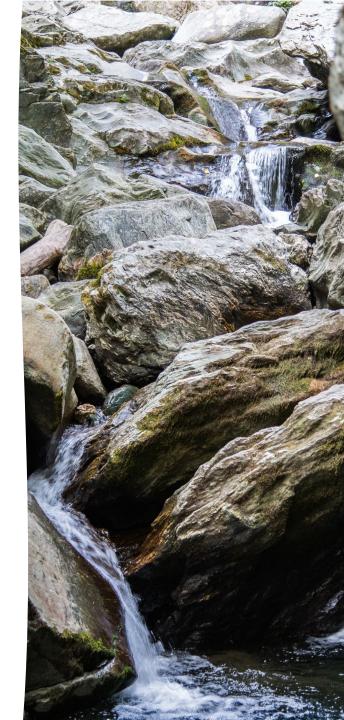
ECO One Stop programs are streamlining match requirements to the greatest extent possible

- 10% local match required (calculated based on the amount of grant funding requested)
 - Example: If a project is requesting \$100K in grant funds it will need a \$10K match
- In-kind (e.g., applicant staff time) and cash match accepted
- No match is required for rural and small towns (as designated by the Office of Rural Affairs) and Tribal Governments

2025 - 2026 Timeline

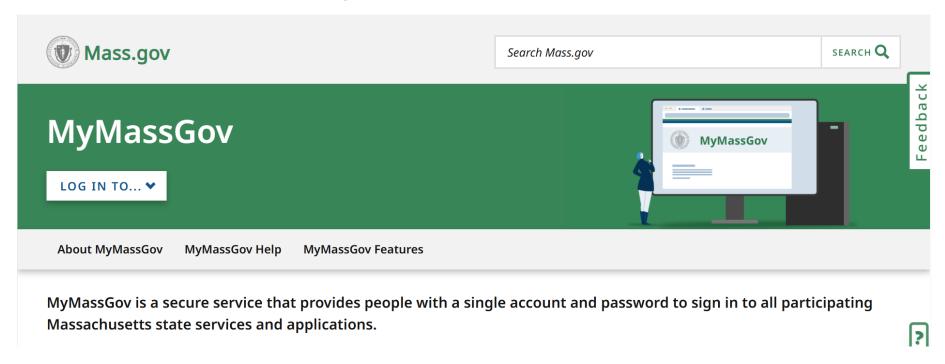
September 2025

- Launch of the voluntary Expression of Interest (EOI) for potential applicants to submit project ideas for feedback from grant managers prior to the formal application round
- Host two informational webinars
- October 28, 2025 @ 11:59PM
 - Close EOI form
- Late October 2025 Early January 2026
 - Schedule and conduct EOI feedback calls with potential applicants
- Early January 2026
 - Host two more informational webinars before the formal application is released
- January 2026
 - Post RFR and accept applications
- Late February 2026
 - Close applications and start review
- June 2026
 - Announce awards; funding allocated and projects underway in July 2026



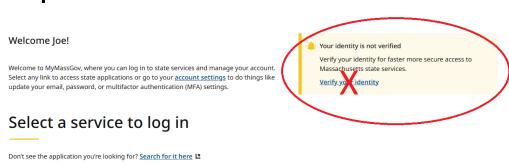
Grant Management System (GMS)

- While the EOI will be conducted via Microsoft Form, the formal application (expected Jan 2026) will be submitted via EEA's new Grants Management System
- It is easy and fast to sign up with <u>MyMassGov</u>!



Grant Management System (GMS)

- Here's how to sign up for GMS: Visit <u>Grants Management System (GMS)</u> <u>Mass.gov</u> for instructions
- Watch our instructional playlist on YouTube: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzQVK6KiTOqyPW5PUOcFE42iRJgd m8LA_&si=Wm2l78OgFDZ-1nA
- See our user guide at the GMS Portal: <u>Help Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Grants Management System</u>
- Tips and Tricks









Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Grants Management System

The grants administration team is reviewing your user profile information. You'll be able to access the grantee portal once it's verified. You can still edit your user profile.

Update your user profile

www.mass.gov/environment-climate-one-stop





Environment & Climate One Stop

What is the ECO One Stop? →

The ECO One Stop provides eligible applicants with a simplified, single point of entry for various climate and environmental resilience grants. Learn more about the ECO One Stop, including important dates and who is eligible to apply.

What programs participate in the ECO One Stop? →



View the ECO One Stop Grants
Catalogue to learn more about each of
the grants included in the shared ECO
One Stop application. Reference this
information when completing your
Expression of Interest (EOI) and/or your
ECO One Stop application to understand
which grants might be the best fit for
your project.

Have a question? →



Browse our "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs).



Frequently Asked Questions



How do I know which grant program(s) my project is best suited for?

If you are unsure which program(s) your project is best suited for, you can fill out an Expression of Interest to receive direct feedback from EEA staff on your project and which program(s) might be the best fit. Outside of the EOI process, you can review our ECO One Stop Grants Catalogue to learn more information about each of the featured grants to assess which one(s) align best with your project.

Can I find out about all seven programs in one place?

Please see the ECO Grants Catalogue at Environment & Climate One Stop (ECO One Stop) Grants Catalogue | Mass.gov for project types funded, applicant eligibility, maximum award and timeline, and indicators of a strong application.



How will ECO One Stop applications be reviewed?

Each application will be reviewed and scored separately by review teams for each participating grant program for which it is deemed eligible. Each program's review team will have access to an applicant's full application including all general and program-specific questions and attachments. Review teams for different grant programs may use different scoring criteria when evaluating the same applications.

Can I still apply to ECO One Stop grants outside of the One Stop system?

The ECO One Stop is the only application for the participating grants. The benefit of the ECO One Stop is that you can be considered for multiple grant programs at once if your entity and project type are eligible for more than one program.



Can an engineer or consulting firm submit a grant application for me?

An eligible applicant will be able to get support for an EOI or grant application(s) but the submittal MUST originate from the entity that would hold the grant contract with the state such as a municipality or nonprofit organization.

If my application is for a project with multiple partners, who should apply?

The application to the OneStop program(s) should come from the entity that would hold the contract with the state. We are not able to split projects into multiple contracts.



Can applicants be awarded funding from multiple ECO One Stop grant programs?

Yes, applicants who apply through ECO One Stop will be considered for funding by all of the participating grants for which they are found eligible, and in rare cases may receive awards from multiple grant programs.

If I am awarded more than one grant, will I have one contract?

Since ECO is only a shared application process, each grant award will be managed separately according to its own program requirements. The grant recipient will have a separate grant contract for each award.

Contact Us

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We expect to host another round of informational sessions right before the formal application is posted to COMMBUYS (January 2026)

