

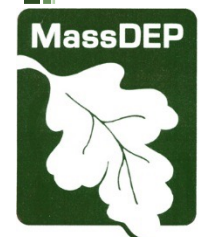
MS4 Grant Program: background and tips

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/grants-financial-assistance-watersheds-water-quality#stormwater-ms4-municipal-assistance-grant-program>

**Expand efforts to meet MS4 requirements
Reduce stormwater pollution through coordinated
partnerships that emphasize resource sharing**

- Annual program - \$300,000
- Over \$1.7 Million awarded since 2018
- Average award amount: \$60,000
- Funding for SFY24 is being confirmed
- Watch COMMBUYS for Request for Responses (RFR) this summer/fall

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Proposals score higher if they:

- benefit multiple municipalities
- result in improvements to SW management per the MS4 permit
- produce a sharable end product
- go above and beyond the MS4 requirements
- streamline required actions
- benefit EJ communities (and explain how)

Examples of past projects:

Education & Outreach

- Hosted virtual trainings on stormwater management to promote site planning and design that meets new stormwater standards and integrates with climate change considerations
- Spread awareness of stormwater pollution to the public through a video campaign

Model code language

- Developed an interactive toolkit with MS4 relevant model code language to streamline MS4 compliance

Mapping & tools

- Developed a toolkit to identify sites for green infrastructure based on technical and equity considerations
- Mapped land use and impermeable cover to better implement Phosphorous Control Plans