Notice of Grant Opportunity
Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program

The Division of Ecological Restoration (DER), Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, is seeking proposals from Massachusetts municipalities interested in replacing an undersized, perched, and/or degraded culvert located in an area of high ecological value. The purpose of this funding is to encourage municipalities to replace culverts with better designed crossings that meet improved structural and environmental design standards and climate resiliency criteria. **Total funding available for all projects selected in FY22 is anticipated to be $750,000-$1,500,000.**

**Only projects that intend to meet the goals of the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards will be considered for funding.** Use of these Standards to design culverts improves river function and access for fish and wildlife, and reduces hazards to public safety, such as flooding, culvert failure, and road washout.

Massachusetts municipalities are eligible to apply for funding to support advancing one culvert replacement project toward completion. Interested communities should view the full announcement, including funding, eligibility and evaluation criteria: [https://www.mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-municipal-assistance-grant-program](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-municipal-assistance-grant-program).

The **PRE-Request For Responses (RFR) period is January 12, 2020 to February 18, 2021, 3:00 PM** and provides a preview of the RFR. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Bernadette DeBlander to set-up times to discuss possible projects and answer questions related to the upcoming grant opportunity.

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**Grant Briefing and Resources**
We also encourage applicants to check the Division of Ecological Restoration’s website ([https://www.mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-municipal-assistance-grant-program](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-municipal-assistance-grant-program)) for the recorded grant briefing and other resources which will explain this funding opportunity.

*The RFR is anticipated to be released at 5PM on February 18, 2021. The application deadline for this grant opportunity is 5PM, March 18, 2021.*