

Notice of Grant Opportunity:
Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant - Now Accepting Applications!

The Division of Ecological Restoration (DER), Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, seeks proposals from Massachusetts local government units interested in replacing undersized, perched, and/or degraded culverts and bridges located in areas of high ecological value. The purpose of this funding is to encourage eligible applicants to replace structures with better designed crossings that meet improved structural and environmental design standards and climate resiliency criteria. In general, **individual awards have ranged from \$25,000 to \$400,000 for single stream crossing replacements**, depending on the project phases and work proposed. Awards over \$200,000 are anticipated for construction projects only.

Only projects that intend to meet the goals of the [Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards](#) will be considered for funding. Projects should be designed to facilitate fish & wildlife passage, maintain the natural movement of water and sediment through the stream crossing, and reconnect upstream and downstream habitat. Use of these Standards to design replacement structures or structure removals improves river function and access for fish and wildlife, and reduces hazards to public safety, such as flooding, culvert failure, and road washout.

Massachusetts local government units are eligible to apply for funding to support advancing single or multiple culvert replacement project(s) on the same local connected stream network toward completion.

Interested communities should view the full announcement, including funding, eligibility and evaluation criteria that can be found on COMMBUYS:

<https://www.commbuys.com/bsa/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-23-1046-DER-FWE01-85277>

and DER's website:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-municipal-assistance-grant-program>

The application deadline for this grant opportunity is 3PM March 31, 2023.