

Maine CDC Drinking Water Program 2017 Available Grants and Loans

GRANTS	Eligibility	Description	\$ Available	Contact
Wellhead Protection Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems with groundwater source(s).	Awarded for projects that clearly reduce the likelihood of contamination occurring in the Wellhead Protection area by existing or future activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Up to \$5,000 per grant. •A few grants up to \$10,000 may be awarded for exceptional projects that demonstrate an on-going commitment to source water protection. •Grant applications are due by March 31st.* 	Sophia Scott, 287-5681 or sophia.scott@maine.gov
Source Water Protection Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems with surface water source(s).	Awarded for projects that clearly reduce the likelihood of contamination occurring in the Source Water Protection area by existing or future activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Up to \$5,000 per grant. •A few grants up to \$10,000 may be awarded for exceptional projects that demonstrate an on-going commitment to source water protection. •Grant applications are due by March 31st.* 	Sophia Scott, 287-5681 or sophia.scott@maine.gov
Capacity Development Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems.	Grants are for Capacity Development assistance. Systems can receive grants for the preparation of documents that will assist them in the maintenance or enhancement of water quality by identifying possible improvements in systems' technical, financial and managerial operations (capacity development).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Up to 50% of the project costs with a maximum reimbursement of \$15,000. •Grant applications are due by March 31st.* 	Sara Flanagan, 287-5678 or sara.m.flanagan@maine.gov
System Consolidation Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems with a technical, managerial, or financial capacity issue that will be addressed by the consolidation with the more viable public water system.	Water systems with a technical, managerial or financial capacity issue can receive partial funding to consolidate with a more viable public water system to enhance system capacity and de-regulate an existing public water system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No more than 50% of the cost of the water system consolidation for For-Profit water systems. •No more than 75% of the cost of the water system consolidation for Non-Profit water systems. •Grants may not exceed \$100,000. 	Nathan Saunders, 287-5685 or nathan.saunders@maine.gov
Very Small System Compliance "Loan"	Community systems (except those regulated by the Public Utilities Commission) with a population of 100 or less, and all not-for-profit, non-transient, non-community public water systems.	This loan program provides <u>100 percent principal forgiveness</u> (or grant amount) for water treatment improvements required to achieve compliance with a current or future standard of the Safe Drinking Water Act, excluding Total Coliform Rule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Up to \$50,000 per project. 	Nathan Saunders, 287-5685 or nathan.saunders@maine.gov
Sanitary Well Seal Cap Program	All public water systems without a sanitary well seal on their well(s).	Public Water Systems without sanitary well seal caps are eligible for reimbursement for up to 75% of the cost of the installation (up to \$250 per PWS) of a locking sanitary well seal under this program. Payment shall be made on a reimbursement basis, after the DWP has verified that the PWS has properly installed a sanitary well seal. Qualifying costs are limited to the purchase and installation of a locking sanitary well seal of an approved design by the DWP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Up to 75% of the cost of the installation (up to \$250 per PWS). •Only a limited number of reimbursements will be available and will be given on a first come first served basis. 	Sara Flanagan, 287-5678 or sara.m.flanagan@maine.gov

LOANS	Eligibility	Description	\$ Available	Contact
Project Capital Improvements Loan	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems.	Provides financing to public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed for compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and to protect public health. The primary objective for distributing funds is to focus on projects that will provide assistance to systems to maintain the health objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act. However, additional points will be given for legal requirements necessitating a project, compatibility with previously identified needs, and availability of co-funding with other funding agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Principal Forgiveness is possible based on MHI and water rates for Economically Disadvantaged Communities. •Maximum loan limit for any public water system is \$3 million. 	Michael Abbott, 287-6196 or michael.abbott@maine.gov
Land Acquisition Loan	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems.	Low interest loans for the purchase of land and/or conservation easements needed for source water protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No project limit, based on available funds at time of loan application. 	Sophia Scott, 287-5681 or sophia.scott@maine.gov
Emergency Construction Fund Loan	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems that have had a recent unexpected event that poses a serious threat to health and welfare.	Loans for water systems that have had a recent unexpected event that poses a serious threat to health and welfare. Projects must meet eligibility criteria for DWSRF projects but do not need to be on the Project Priority List. Emergency Construction Fund projects are not eligible for grant (principal forgiveness). The DWP has the discretion to determine what constitutes an emergency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No project limit, based on available funds at time of request. 	Michael Abbott, 287-6196 or michael.abbott@maine.gov

* In the event that not all funds are awarded during the normal grant cycle, the DWP may accept applications from qualified public water systems for eligible grant projects after March 31, 2017. Please contact the grant administrator if you wish to explore this possibility.