



Maine CDC Drinking Water Program 2021 Available Grants and Loans



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GRANTS	Eligibility	Description	\$ Available	Contact
Water System Asset Security Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems.	Systems can receive a grant to plan and/or implement security measures to protect water system assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$5,000 A few awards of \$10,000 are available depending on the scope of the project 	Ashley Hodge, 822-2341 or ashley.hodge@maine.gov
Wellhead Protection Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems with groundwater source(s).	Awarded for projects that clearly demonstrate protection of a groundwater source.	<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. 	
Source Water Protection Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems with surface water source(s).	Awarded for projects that clearly demonstrate protection of a surface water source.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant applications due by March 31* 	
Capacity Development Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems.	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 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 \$20,000. Grant applications due by March 31* 	Sara Flanagan, 287-5678 or sara.m.flanagan@maine.gov
Very Small System Capacity Development Grant	Community public water systems with a population of 100 or less, and non-profit, non-community public water systems with a population of 100 or less.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 90% of the project costs with a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000. Applications are accepted at any time. 	
Sanitary Well Seal Cap Program	All public water systems without a sanitary well seal on their well(s).	Water systems without sanitary well seal caps are eligible for reimbursement for up to 75% of the cost of the installation of a locking sanitary well seal under this program (reimbursement for no more than \$250 per system).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 75% of the cost of the installation, up to \$250 per public water system. Applications are accepted at any time. 	
System Consolidation Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems with technical, managerial, or financial capacity issue that will be addressed by consolidation with a more viable public water system.	Water systems with a technical, managerial or financial capacity issue can receive partial funding for consolidation 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. Applications are accepted at any time. 	Nathan Saunders, 287-5685 or nathan.saunders@maine.gov

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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 100% principal forgiveness (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 \$60,000 per project including up to \$10,000 for professional services. • Applications are accepted at any time. 	Nathan Saunders, 287-5685 or nathan.saunders@maine.gov
Very Small System Disinfection Grant	All public water systems with a population of 100 or less served by a groundwater source.	Water systems can receive a grant to install a continuous chlorination disinfection system that is needed to achieve compliance with the EPA Total Coliform Rule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$4,000 per grant. 	

* In the event that not all funds are awarded during the normal grant cycle, the Drinking Water Program may accept applications from qualified public water systems for eligible grant projects after March 31, 2021. Please contact the grant administrator if you wish to explore this possibility.

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Project Capital Improvements Loan	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems.	<p>Provides financing to public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed for compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and to protect public health.</p> <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Principal Forgiveness is possible based on MHI and water rates for Economically Disadvantaged Communities. • Maximum loan amount for any public water system is \$5 million per funding cycle. • Applications due by September 24, 2021. 	Bill Dawson, 287-6196 or william.dawson@maine.gov
Emergency Construction Fund Loan	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems where recent unexpected events poses a serious threat to health and welfare.	<p>Loans for water systems where recent unexpected events pose 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.</p> <p>Emergency Construction Fund projects are not eligible for principal forgiveness. The Drinking Water Program has the discretion to determine what constitutes an emergency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No project limit, based on available funds at time of request. 	
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. • \$20,000 Principal Forgiveness for the first \$40,000 for all Land Acquisition Loans. 	Ashley Hodge, 822-2341 or ashley.hodge@maine.gov

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