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## Very Small System Emerging Contaminant Planning Grant Application

A qualifying water system may receive a grant up to \$30,000 to cover costs of having a study conducted that assesses alternative sources or to aid in selecting appropriate treatment that would aid the system in resolving PFAS contamination issues.

**Eligible water systems:** Community public water systems less than 100 in population (such as mobile home parks and apartment buildings) and all non-transient, non-community (NTNC) water systems that are schools or child care facilities. Contamination level must either exceed:

20 ppt	combined or alone for: PFOA, PFOS, PFHpA, PFNA, PFDA, and PFHxS
4 ppt	PFOA
4 ppt	PFOS

**Eligible project costs:** Grant funds may be applied to engineering services, contractor labor, materials, equipment, and legal fees associated with implementation of the study or project. Grant funds may be used for any study conducted to assess alternative sources or to aid in selecting appropriate treatment to resolve the PFAS contamination issues.

**Non-eligible project costs:** A water system may not be reimbursed for use of its own equipment or employee labor costs, even if the work is in support of an eligible project. Funds can only pay for work done after the date of the project approval provided by the Maine Drinking Water Program.

**Award amount:** Individual grants will be awarded up to \$30,000 total for project costs.

**Deadline for applications:** Water systems may apply at any time. Grant funds are available on a first-come first-served basis.

**How to apply:** Submit an application to the Maine Drinking Water Program to obtain approval for the overall plan or study. Include a copy of initial and confirmation sample results from a certified laboratory showing PFAS levels (at the entry point) exceeding one of the levels listed above.

Once the application is reviewed and approved by the Maine Drinking Water Program, work may proceed.

**How to get reimbursed:** A Reimbursement Request Form must be prepared and submitted to the Maine Drinking Water Program.

1. A Reimbursement Request Form
2. A summary of expenses and copies of paid invoices for reimbursable costs up to the award amount.
3. A copy of the study, report or other proof of work completed.
4. A copy of the ACH Authorization agreement with a voided check for electronic repayment

All incomplete projects will be closed one year after grant award unless a request for an extension has been submitted in writing to the Drinking Water Program and approved.

**How can I get more information?** Contact Eduard Chenette at (207) 592-0456 or e-mail [eduard.chenette@maine.gov](mailto:eduard.chenette@maine.gov).

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PWS Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PWSID: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What level of PFAS do have at your public water system?**

Select one:	Contaminant	Sample Dates	Results
	combined or alone for: PFOA, PFOS, PFHpA, PFNA, PFDA, and PFHxS	Initial: Confirmation:	Initial: Confirmation:
	PFOA	Initial: Confirmation:	Initial: Confirmation:
	PFOS	Initial: Confirmation:	Initial: Confirmation:

**Sample results from a certified laboratory indicating both initial and confirmation PFAS levels must be included with this application. Attach copies of lab results to this application.**

2. **Describe the Project:** Include brief description of proposed study, report, or pilot project. Attach additional pages if needed.

3. **Project Cost:** *Approximately how much money is needed to complete your project?*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL OR EMAIL  
APPLICATION TO:**

DRINKING WATER PROGRAM  
11 STATE HOUSE STATION  
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