Southeastern Massachusetts Grant Funding Workshop

March 14th 10:00-12:00pm

Target Audience: Municipalities, non-profits and consulting firms who work directly with municipalities to administer grants. Those with interest in applying for grants to support stormwater management and climate resilience projects in Massachusetts. .

Description: One of the challenges that communities face when addressing water quality, flooding and/or other climate change impacts is identifying funding mechanisms to support their projects. There are several funding programs available in Massachusetts for this work, but it is often difficult to identify which projects are the best fit for each, navigate the grant requirements, and craft a competitive proposal.

This workshop will highlight key state, regional, and federal funding opportunities for water quality and climate resilience projects. Each federal, regional and state funding sources will provide a brief presentation and will be available for questions following the presentation in zoom breakout rooms.

WORKSHOP AGENDA:

10:00 Introduction and Housekeeping

10:05 Opening Remarks - Mel *Coté*

Presenter Bio:
Mel Coté is chief of the Surface Water Protection Branch of the Water Division in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's New England Regional Office in Boston, Massachusetts. The branch comprises three sections: Ocean and Coastal Protection; Watershed and Nonpoint Source Management; and Water Quality and Wetlands Protection. Mel also serves on the Northeast Regional Ocean Council's Ocean Planning Committee, the New England Regional Dredging Team, and other regional committees and workgroups.

Prior to his current position, Mel served as manager of the Ocean and Coastal Protection Section from 2004-2015, and the Water Quality Unit from 2002-2004. He began his EPA career in August 1990 in the former Water Management Division's Marine and Estuarine Protection Section. From February 1993 to February 2002, he served as the Senior Regional Program Manager for the Long Island Sound Study National Estuary Program and the Connecticut Nonpoint Source Program. Mel holds a BA in Journalism and Communications from Washington and Lee University and an MA in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University.

10:15 Overview of Funding Programs

- *Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program | Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs*
- *Mass DEP's Watershed Planning Program*
- *Mass DEP's Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants*
- *Mass DEP's Section 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Grant*
- *Mass DEP's MS4 Municipal Assistance Program*
- *DER's Restoration Partnerships Program*
- *DER's Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program*
- *CZM's Coastal Resilience Grants*
- *CZM's Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grants*
- *Narragansett Bay Estuary Program*
- *SNEP Watershed Implementation Grants (SWIG)*
- *SRF/ BIL Funding Tech Assistance (New England Environmental Finance Center)*
- *NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund*

- *SNEP Program Grants*

11:20 Group Q&A

Following the presentations, participants will have the opportunity to ask broad questions about the funding opportunities. Any questions regarding specific project ideas should be asked directly to the funder during the breakout sessions.

11:30 Q&A Breakout sessions

Each funding representative will have their own separate zoom link (to be provided during the workshop). Attendees can move from room to room to speak individually with funders. Attendees are encouraged to bring specific project ideas for discussion with and feedback from grant program representatives.

12:00 Adjourn