



Maine CDC Drinking Water Program 2026 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	• Up to \$10,000 per grant • A few awards of \$20,000 are available depending on the scope of the project	Eli Pellegrino 207-441-7122 Eli.Pellegrino@maine.gov
Source Protection Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems	Awarded for projects that clearly demonstrate protection of a surface water or ground water source <i>Wellhead Protection & Surface Water Protection Projects</i>	• Up to \$10,000 per grant • A few grants up to \$20,000 may be awarded for exceptional projects that demonstrate an on-going commitment to source water protection	
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)	• Up to 75% of the project costs with a maximum reimbursement of \$30,000	
Very Small System Capacity Development Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems with a population of 100 or less		• Up to 90% of the project costs with a maximum reimbursement of \$9,000	
Very Small System Total Coliform Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community 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 SDWA's Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR)	• Up to \$10,000 per grant	
System Consolidation Grant	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems	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. This program requires the PWS to work with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB).	• Up to \$150,000 per grant • Up to 50% of the cost for for-profit community water systems • Up to 75% of the cost for non-profit water systems	Eduard Chenette 207-592-0456 Eduard.Chenette@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 (NTNC) 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). This program requires the PWS to work with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB).	• Up to \$50,000 per project • Plus, up to an additional \$10,000 to cover the cost of engineering expenses.	

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PFAS Grants	Eligibility	PFAS Level	Description	\$ Available	Contact
Small Public Water System Emerging Contaminant Grant	Community and NTNC (non-transient, non-community) public water systems	• 6 PFAS compounds* (alone or combined) ≥ 20 ppt or • PFOS > 4 ppt or • PFOA > 4 ppt	Grants will be awarded to water systems seeking assistance with PFAS contamination issues. This program requires the PWS to work with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB).	• Up to \$50,000 per project • Plus, up to an additional \$10,000 to cover the cost of engineering expenses.	Eduard Chenette 207-592-0456 Eduard.Chenette@maine.gov
		PFOS detected <4 ppt PFOA detected < 4ppt		• Up to 50% of project cost not to exceed \$25,000 • Plus, up to an additional \$10,000 to cover the cost of engineering expenses.	
Very Small System Emerging Contaminant Planning Grant	Community ≤ 100 population and NTNC (non-transient, non-community) public water systems	• 6 PFAS compounds* (alone or combined) ≥ 20 ppt or • PFOS > 4 ppt or • PFOA > 4 ppt	Grant to study and assess alternative sources and to aid in selecting the appropriate course of treatment	• Up to \$30,000 per grant	
Emerging Contaminant Grant (Larger Systems)	Community and NTNC (non-transient, non-community) public water systems	• 6 PFAS compounds* (alone or combined) ≥ 20 ppt or • PFOS > 4 ppt or • PFOA > 4 ppt	Grants will be awarded to water systems seeking assistance with PFAS contamination issues where the cost will exceed \$60,000 . This program requires the PWS to work with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB).	• If the project is less than \$249,000 it is 100% grant • If the project exceeds \$249,000 it will be covered at 90% up to a maximum grant of \$4,000,000	McKenzie Parker 557-2255 McKenzie.Parker@maine.gov
Small or Disadvantaged Community Emerging Contaminant Grant	Small community systems (less than 10,000 population) or that meet the definition of disadvantaged				
Emerging Contaminant Planning Grant	Community public water systems that are greater than 100 population	• 6 PFAS compounds* (alone or combined) ≥ 20 ppt or • PFOS > 4 ppt or • PFOA > 4 ppt	Grant to study and assess alternative sources and to aid in selecting the appropriate course of treatment	• Up to \$200,000 per grant	
Water Main Extension to Private Wells Containing PFAS	Community public water system	To address PFAS contamination in private wells by extending a nearby PWS distribution system		• Grant for \$100,000 for each service connection added to the PWS, up to a maximum of \$2,000,000 per system	
Emerging Contaminant Consolidation Grant	Community and NTNC public water system	To address PFAS contamination at a water system and allow consolidation with a public water system with PFAS below the MCL. This program requires the PWS to work with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB).		• The first \$249,000 of project cost is 100% grant and any additional needs are 50% grant up to a maximum of \$2,000,000	

*The six regulated PFOA/PFAS compounds in Maine are: PFHPA, PFHXS, PFNA, PFOS, PFOA, PFDA

*SRF financing may be used for additional needs

LOANS	Eligibility	Description	\$ Available	Contact
Project Capital Improvements Loan <i>(SRF financing)</i>	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. Projects are ranked on a point system and 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	• Low interest loan • Partial Principal Forgiveness is possible based on MHI and water rates for Economically Disadvantaged Communities • Applications available in September 2026	McKenzie Parker 557-2255 McKenzie.Parker@maine.gov
Emergency Construction Fund Loan	Community and non-profit, non-community public water systems	Loans for water systems where recent unexpected events pose a serious threat to health and welfare The Drinking Water Program has the discretion to determine what constitutes an emergency Projects must meet eligibility criteria for DWSRF projects but do not need to be on the Project Priority List	• No project limit, based on available funds at time of request • Not eligible for principal forgiveness.	
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	• 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	Eli Pellegrino 207-441-7122 Eli.Pellegrino@maine.gov

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