








Current Financial Assistance Grant Programs – Office of Water Resources

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	Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund *	Who can apply?	When will funds be available?
	NEW Flood Prevention Grants: \$3 million in state bond funds available statewide for projects that mitigate flooding through ecological restoration. Requires 25-50% match. Projects must reduce flooding problems while also providing ecological co-benefits. Examples:	State and local governmental entities; watershed organizations, other NGOs.*	Statewide RFP to be issued Spring 2017
	Stormwater Management Grants: \$ 3 million in state bond funds available for projects that reduce stormwater pollution by <i>construction</i> of green infrastructure and other stormwater BMP, elimination of illicit discharges, capital expenses for equipment (govt only) and sustainable financing projects (govt only). Requires 25-50% match.	State and local governmental entities; watershed organizations, other NGOs, businesses.*	Statewide RFP to be issued Spring 2017
	Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement Grants: Up to \$500,000 in federal EPA funds administered by RIDEM may be available for projects that <i>implement</i> actions to abate nonpoint sources of water quality degradation. Projects must align with watershed -based management plans. Focus for 2017 is on restoration of riparian buffers. Other eligible projects may include agricultural BMPs, certain on-site wastewater projects. Stormwater projects only in non-MS4 designated areas. Requires 40% match. <i>Picture courtesy of WRWC.</i>	Local governments, watershed organizations, conservation NGOs. <i>2017 Eligible watersheds:</i> Barrington-Palmer-Warren Rivers, Bristol-Kickemuit, Nonquit Pond, Aquidneck Island, Wood-Pawcatuck	Targeted RFP to be issued in Spring 2017 jointly with BWRP funds
	Aquatic Invasive Species Management Grants: BWRP state grants to assist implementation of actions to control the growth of aquatic invasive species in freshwater lakes. 50% match required. Projects need to be consistent with lake management plan or AIS management plan/documented strategy.	Lake associations, local governments, watershed organizations, NGOs, businesses.*	Subject to the availability of funding. No RFP is scheduled at this time.
	Marine Pump-Out Facilities & Pump-Out Boats: DEM distributes USFW Service funding in accordance with Clean Vessel Act to establish, maintain and repair marine pump-out facilities and boats. Requires 25% match.	Municipalities, qualified public and private marinas, yacht clubs	RFP planned for May 2017

(*) See the Rules and Regulations for the Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund for further detail.

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/water/nbwsrbf3>

All RIDEM grants are governed by written agreements and provide for reimbursement of properly documented expenses.

Matching expenses can include in-kind contributions of labor, materials and other services. Project periods are typically 1-3 years depending on the complexity of the project. Projects involving solely the planning and design of a project are generally ineligible. Grants are generally not awarded to individuals.