

Grants for Culvert Upgrades Available

Culvert RFP

The Department of Environmental Protection is inviting proposals for projects to implement public infrastructure improvements at stream crossings, including culvert upgrades. RFP applications are being accepted in the second round of culvert grants.

Eligible recipients may apply for grant monies for improvements to public infrastructure. Project proposals must address improvements, modifications, repairs or upgrades to existing culverts or stream crossings.

\$800,000 Awarded In October 2015

The DEP received 69 complete applications to review which totaled over 5 million dollars in fund requests in the first round. The Department awarded \$800,000 in grant money for the following 15 projects across the State:

St. Albans – Springer Landing Road \$95,000
Litchfield – Jimmy Stream \$95,000
Brunswick – River Road \$93,800
Woodstock – Concord Pond Road \$86,000
Bremen – Heath Road Bridge \$95,000
Orland – Happytown Road Crossing \$47,496
Ellsworth – Shore Road \$83,554
Lower Murray Fitts Mountain Road Association – Fitts Mountain Road \$26,300
Monson – Elliottsville Road \$10,025
Fort Kent – Black Lake Road \$15,000
Fayette – King Brook \$65,000
Newcastle – West Old County Road (2) \$5,850 and \$25,000
Western Foothills Land Trust – Crooked River \$25,600
Piscataquis County – Blackstone Brook \$31,575

Criteria

Applicants must describe how the proposed project meets the following criteria:

- Benefits water quality
- Improves habitat for wildlife, fish and other aquatic life (such as through the replacement of blocked or poorly sized culverts or stream crossings)
- Improves public safety by reducing risk of infrastructure failure (such as culvert washouts)
- Includes provisions for climate resiliency (such as flood protection, prevention and control at the project site and downstream)

How to Apply

Applications will be available on Feb. 12, 2016. Please visit the DEP website homepage and click the box labeled Culvert Grants to obtain more information. [DEP's website](#)

Useful information on our website includes:

- Examples of successful applications from the first round of grants
- The master score sheet for the first round
- Questions and answers for the first round
- A link to helpful websites
- Fillable application copies in word and pdf formats.
- A link to download the official RFP once it is available.

Important Dates

Next Round:

- Applications available — February 12, 2016
- Submission due date — April 5, 2016
- Grants Announced — June 1, 2016

