



# Municipal Stream Crossing Grants Program

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*Protecting Maine's Air, Land and Water*

# Grants Available for Municipal Stream Crossing Upgrades!



- Competitive Grant Process
- \$125,000 Maximum award
- Scoring based on how well the proposal meets program goals...



# Goals of the Grant Program



Competitive grant proposal scoring is tied to how well it meets 3 goals:

1. Improves public safety and reduces flooding
2. Advances the goals of restoring habitat for fish, including sea-run fish and native brook trout, and wildlife
3. The extent to which the proposed project represents an efficient and cost-effective investment



# Grant Proposal Scoring: Public Infrastructure Information *(Safety, flooding)*

25%

- The extent to which the proposed project allows communities to more effectively prepare for storm and flood events.
- The degree of urgency of the proposed project, including whether a culvert is at high risk of failure due to age, location within a watershed or reach with high flood risk or severe flood history
- The contribution to stormwater and flooding management, the reduction in frequency or severity of flooding for upstream and downstream communities and
- Whether the project meets or exceeds the Department of Transportation's 100-year flood standard (100% capacity at  $Q_{100}$  24-hour storm event)



# Grant Proposal Scoring :

## Fish & Wildlife Restoration

50%



The extent to which the proposed project:

- Advances the goals of restoring habitat for fish, including sea-run fish and native brook trout, and the priority status of the culvert to be upgraded or replaced for native brook trout and sea-run fish restoration, based on:
  - available stream survey data,
  - statewide prioritization for aquatic connectivity and
  - presence in priority watersheds of salmon, alewives and other diadromous fishes;
- Advances the goals of restoring habitat for wildlife (*e.g. riparian connection, stream banks for terrestrial passage, secondary habitat improvements, etc.*)
- Meets the design standard of at least 1.2 times the stream's bankfull width, with a natural stream bottom or embedded structure, and further utilizes Stream Smart design practices



# Grant Proposal Scoring :

## Cost/Budget Information

25%



Consider the extent to which the proposed project represents an efficient and cost-effective investment, including:

- The proportion of total project funding that will be provided from other sources, and
- The potential avoided costs associated with the proposed project.
- Other efficiencies showing the project a good investment of public \$

*Funds may not be used to cover all of the costs associated with a proposed project.*



# Who Can Apply for a Grant

To qualify, the project MUST be a culvert located on a municipal road, not a state or private road

Eligible project sponsors include:



Local governments



Municipal conservation commissions



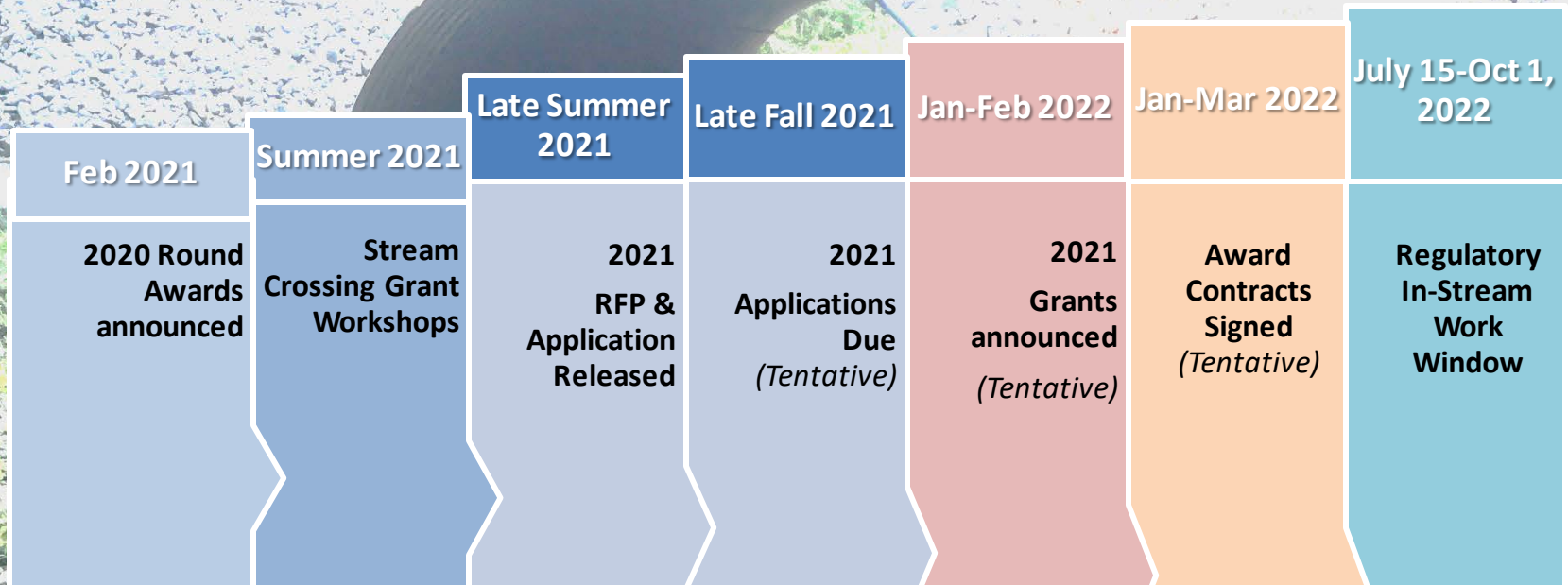
Soil and water conservation districts



Private nonprofit organizations



# Timeline and Planning for Grants



[www.maine.gov/dep/land/grants/stream-crossing-upgrade.html](http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/grants/stream-crossing-upgrade.html)







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