**Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund and Municipal Stream Crossing**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q: Are repairs from storm damage eligible to receiving funding under these programs?**

A: Yes, but the storm damaged infrastructure must be replaced with a more resiliency infrastructure and be designed to comply with MaineDOT’s resilient infrastructure guidance. In most cases, a one-for-one replacement of existing infrastructure may not be eligible for these funding sources.

**Q: Is there a limit on the number of applications?**

A: Applications are limited to three (3) per entity

**Q: What is the source of funding for this grant?**

A: State funding.

**Q: What is considered local match?**

A: Local match is funds raised and appropriated by the municipality. For Municipal Stream Crossing, there is a $5,000 minimum local match required, and for Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, there is a 5% minimum local match required.

**Q: If I have vulnerable infrastructure, what program should I apply for?**

A: If the vulnerable infrastructure is a stream crossing, you should apply for the Municipal Stream Crossing Program. If the vulnerable infrastructure is anything else, such as a storm water system or water system upgrades apply for the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund.

**Q: How much funding should applicants request?**

A: For the Municipal Stream Crossing Grant, funds can be used for design and construction (as long as they result in a completed construction project). Applicants can request up to $200,000 for their project based on estimated project costs. The entity will only be reimbursed for the money spent on the project. For the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, applicants can request up to $75,000 to support scoping and design **OR** up to $4,000,000 to support match for construction and for direct construction costs (*including preliminary engineer, construction engineering, and other costs)*. The entity will only get reimbursed for money spent on the project.

**Q: Does the Buy America Build America Act apply to these funding sources?**

A: No, these state funds do not require compliance with the Buy America Build America Act.

 **Q: Are projects that are still in development with a DEP Municipal Stream Crossing grant eligible to apply for MaineDOT funds to complete the project?**

A: No, only one Municipal Stream Crossing grant is eligible for each project.

**Q: When are these funds expected to be available?**

A: MaineDOT anticipates awarding these funds and executing agreements in the summer of 2024.

**Q: Are engineered plans required to be submitted with the application?**

A: Engineering plans are not required to apply for the funding. Engineering plans and final inspections completed by an engineer are required for all project completion.

**Q: Are tidal crossings eligible for the Municipal Stream Crossing Program?**

A: Yes, tidal crossings are eligible. For sizing tidal crossings, we recommend using the guidance from [CoastWise.](https://www.maine.gov/dmr/programs/maine-coastal-program/coastal-community-support/the-coastwise-approach)