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The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) is seeking applications for the Municipal Stream Crossing Program (grant program) to provide competitive grants that help fund the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings with the goal of improving fish and wildlife habitat and community safety.

This grant program was formerly implemented by Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under the same name in each of the last 8 years or so..

Eligible project sponsors include local and tribal governments, counties, municipal conservation commissions, soil and water conservation districts, and private nonprofit organizations. Applicants may request up to **\$200,000** for projects that include scoping, design, and construction and must include a minimum of \$5,000 of local match. Applications must be received by **January 19, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.** local time to be considered.

Training and technical assistance opportunities are available in support of project proposals with The Nature Conservancy and Maine Audubon. For more information, please visit https://maineaudubon.org/projects/stream-smart/ and/or reach out to Christian Fox, christian.fox@TNC.ORG, or Sarah Haggerty, shaggerty@maineaudubon.org

Please refer to the "Municipal Stream Crossing Grant Program" Request for Applications (RFA) posted on <u>MaineDOT's grants page</u>.

Any and all questions should go to Taylor LaBrecque at MunicipalStreamCrossing.MDOT@maine.gov

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