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New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Funding Programs	Who's Eligible	What Can Be Funded	Terms	Application Timeframes	Contacts
<a href="#">Asset Management Grants</a>	Community water systems $\geq 150$ population	Development or expansion of asset management activities (inventory, financial, implementation)	Grant up to \$30,000 – 50% match required	Fall	Katie Curtis Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau <a href="tel:6032712472">(603) 271-2472</a> <a href="mailto:Kaitlin.E.Curtis@des.nh.gov">Kaitlin.E.Curtis@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Cyanotoxin Monitoring Grants</a>	PWS that utilize a surface water source	Initial costs of approved equipment, supplies & training to perform cyanotoxin testing and/or monitoring	100% reimbursement of eligible costs, up to \$10,000. No match required	Anytime	Liz Pelonzi Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau <a href="tel:6032713906">(603) 271-3906</a> <a href="mailto:Ann.Pelonzi@des.nh.gov">Ann.Pelonzi@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Cybersecurity Implementation Grants</a>	Municipal Water Systems	Implementation of recommendations from a cybersecurity assessment to mitigate the risk of a cybersecurity attack	Contract Service Provided	Anytime: Notify Program Contact to Be Added to the List	Brenda Leonard Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau <a href="tel:6032710867">(603) 271-0867</a> <a href="mailto:Brenda.J.Leonard@des.nh.gov">Brenda.J.Leonard@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loans</a>	Community (publicly & privately owned) and non-profit, non-transient water systems	Capital improvements for drinking water infrastructure (design and construction)	Below-market interest rates No closing costs Up to 30 years for disadvantaged applicants	Spring	Kim Kelliher Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau <a href="tel:6032714170">(603) 271-4170</a> <a href="mailto:Kim.C.Kelliher@des.nh.gov">Kim.C.Kelliher@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Energy Audit Grants</a>	Municipally Owned Water Systems with $\geq 500$ population served* *smaller systems are encouraged to contact <a href="#">NH Saves</a> for an energy audit	Comprehensive Process Energy audit of drinking water facilities and technical assistance for implementation, by professional retained by NHDES	Grant covers cost of audit, no match required	Anytime	Sharon Nall NHDES Water Infrastructure Energy Program <a href="mailto:Sharon.L.Nall@des.nh.gov">Sharon.L.Nall@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Leak Detection Survey Grants</a>	Community water systems	Acoustic leak detection surveys by a professional retained by NHDES	In-kind volunteer services required. No maximum, no match	Early Summer	Kelsey Vaughn Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau <a href="tel:6032710659">(603) 271-0659</a> <a href="mailto:waterconservation@des.nh.gov">waterconservation@des.nh.gov</a>








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<a href="#">Local Source Water Protection Grants</a>	PWS, municipalities, conservation districts, non-profits & regional planning commissions	Source security & other source water protection projects	Grant up to \$25,000 (\$30,000 if climate-related) – no match required, (100% grant)	Fall/Winter	Melissa Macheras Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau <a href="tel:6032712950">(603) 271-2950</a> <a href="mailto:Melissa.E.Macheras@des.nh.gov">Melissa.E.Macheras@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">MtBE Remediation Fund</a>	Public & private water systems impacted by MtBE contamination	Design & installation of drinking water infrastructure in areas with MtBE contamination	100% reimbursement for eligible costs	Anytime	Josh Whipple MtBE Remediation Bureau <a href="tel:6032717377">(603) 271-7377</a> <a href="mailto:Joshua.C.Whipple@des.nh.gov">Joshua.C.Whipple@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Petroleum Reimbursement Fund</a>	Public & private water systems impacted by petroleum contamination	Design & installation of drinking water infrastructure in areas w/ petroleum contamination from unknown source	100% reimbursement of eligible costs	Anytime	Jennifer Marts Petroleum Reimbursement Fund Program <a href="tel:6032712570">(603) 271-2570</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Marts@des.nh.gov">Jennifer.Marts@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">PFAS Remediation Grant and Loan Fund</a>	CWS, non-profit NTNC water systems (i.e., public schools) or municipality with raw water PFAS contamination	Drinking water infrastructure projects to address per-and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) maximum contaminant level (MCL) exceedances	Low interest loan rates; Up to 30-year term for disadvantaged applicants; Up to 50% contingent reimbursement Grants at \$1.5M or 30% of the total cost of the project, whichever is greater	Anytime	Jennifer Brady PFAS RLF Program Manager <a href="tel:6032718522">(603) 271-8522</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.E.Brady@des.nh.gov">Jennifer.E.Brady@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Strategic Planning Grants</a>	Community water systems ≥150 population	Preliminary engineering and/or hydrogeological reports for drinking water infrastructure improvements	Grant up to \$30,000 – 50% match required	Fall	Mat Deterling Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau <a href="tel:6032711994">(603) 271-1994</a> <a href="mailto:Mathew.G.Deterling@des.nh.gov">Mathew.G.Deterling@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Construction Project Assistance Loan and Grant Program</a>	PWS & Municipalities	Drinking water infrastructure improvements	Loan and grant program	Fall-Funding Applications	Cheryl Bondi Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund <a href="tel:6032718231">(603) 271-8231</a> <a href="mailto:cheryl.a.bondi@des.nh.gov">cheryl.a.bondi@des.nh.gov</a>





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<a href="#">Source Water Protection Grant Program</a> 	PWS, non-transient non-community water system, municipalities, land trusts and non-profits whose purpose is conservation	Permanent conservation of lands protecting an active public drinking water supply source through land acquisition or a conservation easement.	Grant funding 50% of eligible project costs with a \$500,000 maximum grant award. Requires permanent conservation through deed restrictions for source water protection	Eligibility App due early spring. Funding App due June.	Laura Weit-Marcum <a href="mailto:WSLP@des.nh.gov">WSLP@des.nh.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Laura.M.Weit-Marcum@des.nh.gov">Laura.M.Weit-Marcum@des.nh.gov</a> (603) 271-2862
<a href="#">Consolidation Study Assistance Program</a> 	CWS serving < 1,000 people and non-profit, NTNC water systems (i.e., public schools) with raw water contamination or a documented water supply shortage	Engineering feasibility evaluation comparing interconnection to a larger community water system versus treating, maintaining, and operating a system's own water supply	100% Reimbursement program for up to \$10,000 of eligible costs. Requires submittal of an application and NHDES approval	Anytime	Cheryl Bondi Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (603) 271-8321 <a href="mailto:cheryl.a.bondi@des.nh.gov">cheryl.a.bondi@des.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Housing &amp; Public Facilities Grants</a> 	Municipalities, Counties, and non-profit associations and districts if endorsed by a governmental entity. *At least 51% of project beneficiaries must be of low to moderate income	Infrastructure repair or construction that results in improved community facilities and services	Public facilities grant fund up to \$500,000 per year per municipality 100% (1:1) match required	January & July of each year	Mollie Kaylor Community Development Finance Authority-Community Development Block Grants (603) 717-9112 <a href="mailto:mkaylor@nhcdfa.org">mkaylor@nhcdfa.org</a>
<a href="#">Emergency Grants</a> 	Municipalities, Counties, and non-profit associations and districts if endorsed by a governmental entity. *At least 51% of project beneficiaries must be of low to moderate income	Emergency Grants for infrastructure repair (must be related to Natural Disaster)	Up to \$350,000/year for municipalities >10,000 populations or up to \$500,000 for communities <10,000	Ongoing	Mollie Kaylor Community Development Finance Authority-Community Development Block Grants (603) 717-9112 <a href="mailto:mkaylor@nhcdfa.org">mkaylor@nhcdfa.org</a>
<a href="#">Planning Grants</a> 	Municipalities, Counties, and non-profit associations and districts if endorsed by a governmental entity. *At least 51% of project beneficiaries must be of low to moderate income	Preliminary engineering design, income surveys, etc.	Up to \$12,000 per year per municipality	April & October of each year	Mollie Kaylor Community Development Finance Authority-Community Development Block Grants (603) 717-9112 <a href="mailto:mkaylor@nhcdfa.org">mkaylor@nhcdfa.org</a>


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<a href="#">Water &amp; Waste Disposal Loans &amp; Grants</a> 	Municipalities, districts, special purpose districts & non-profit organizations <10,000 population; Area to be served must also have median household income (MHI) less than state's MHI.	Capital improvements, engineering design & construction	Fixed, long-term (up to 40 years) low-interest loans; Grant funds may be available	Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated typically in December & April of each year. Applications may be filed electronically using <a href="#">RD Apply</a> .	Misty Sinsigalli Area Director NH/VT Rural Development US Department of Agriculture <a href="mailto:misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov">misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov</a> <a href="tel:(802)622-4119">(802) 622-4119</a>
<a href="#">Pre- Development Planning Grants</a> 	Municipalities, districts, special purpose districts & non-profit organizations <10,000 population; Area to be served must also have median household income (MHI) less than state's MHI.	Initial planning and development of an USDA-RD loan/grant application	Up to \$30,000 maximum or 75% of the pre-development planning costs	Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated typically in December & April of each year. Applications may be filed electronically using <a href="#">RD Apply</a> .	Misty Sinsigalli Area Director NH/VT Rural Development US Department of Agriculture <a href="mailto:misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov">misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov</a> <a href="tel:(802)622-4119">(802) 622-4119</a>
<a href="#">Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants</a> 	Municipalities, districts, special purpose districts & non-profit organizations <10,000 population; Area to be served must also have median household income (MHI) less than state's MHI.	Emergency related water infrastructure construction/repairs/ replacement/extension	Water transmission line-up to \$150,000. Water source-up to \$1,000,000. *No match required but funding partnerships encouraged	Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated typically in December & April of each year. Applications may be filed electronically using <a href="#">RD Apply</a> .	Misty Sinsigalli Area Director NH/VT Rural Development US Department of Agriculture <a href="mailto:misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov">misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov</a> <a href="tel:(802)622-4119">(802) 622-4119</a>
<a href="#">SEARCH Grants</a> 	Rural populations <2,500 w/ MHI below the poverty line or <80% of state MHI	Pre-development feasibility studies, PER development, & technical assistance on proposed water/waste projects	Up to \$30,000 maximum/grant	Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated typically in December & April of each year. Applications may be filed electronically using <a href="#">RD Apply</a> .	Misty Sinsigalli Area Director NH/VT Rural Development US Department of Agriculture <a href="mailto:misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov">misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov</a> <a href="tel:(802)622-4119">(802) 622-4119</a>
<a href="#">NH Community Loan Fund</a> 	Resident owned manufactured housing communities/coops	Interim financing; infrastructure evaluation, repair or replacement	Contact ROC-NH for details and loan terms	Contact ROC-NH for details and loan terms	Kelli Cicirelli ROC-NH, <a href="tel:(603)224-6669">(603) 224-6669</a> x744 <a href="mailto:KCicirelli@rocnh.org">KCicirelli@rocnh.org</a>

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<a href="#">NHMBB NH Municipal Bond Bank</a>	Local governmental units (towns/counties/school/water/fire/village districts)	Capital improvement (design & construction) projects	Competitive interest rates; terms based on lifespan of asset	Applications due in April & November	Tammy St. Gelais NHMBB <a href="tel:6032712595">(603) 271-2595</a> <a href="mailto:tstgelais@nhmbb.com">tstgelais@nhmbb.com</a>
<a href="#">Economic &amp; Infrastructure Grants</a> 	Infrastructure projects that enhance economic development opportunities within Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton & Sullivan Counties		Up to a \$1,000,000 maximum award to eligible infrastructure projects; up to 50% match required	Contact NBRC for information	Benoit Lamontagne NBRC <a href="tel:6034199713">(603) 419-9713</a> <a href="mailto:benoit.L.Lamontagne@livefree.nh.gov">benoit.L.Lamontagne@livefree.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)</a> 	State agencies, local governments and communities	Structure demolition, relocation, elevation, generators, flood risk reduction, soil stabilization* *check NHDOS HSEM for all eligible activities	75% Federal / Non-Federal 25%* Cost Share *Select applicants are eligible for increased federal cost share Three-year timeline to complete project after receiving award.	Fall	HSEM Representative or State Hazard Mitigation Officer <a href="tel:6032712231">(603) 271-2231</a> <a href="mailto:NH.HM@dos.nh.gov">NH.HM@dos.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)</a> 	State agencies, local governments, and critical non-profit organizations	LEOP & COOP Plans, generators and EOC equipment, communications equipment, electronic sign boards, emergency management trailers	Up to a \$75,000 maximum award for generators 50% / 50% Cost Share, \$100,000 maximum award without waiver	Ongoing	Sheila Dupere EMPG Coordinator <a href="tel:6032712231">(603) 271-2231</a> <a href="mailto:nhempgprogram@dos.nh.gov">nhempgprogram@dos.nh.gov</a>
<a href="#">Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program</a> 	State agencies, local governments and communities	Projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program.	Non-federal cost share 0-25% (based on if repetitive or severe repetitive loss property), cannot exceed \$30 million in federal cost share	Fall/Winter	HSEM Representative or State Hazard Mitigation Officer <a href="tel:6032712231">(603) 271-2231</a> <a href="mailto:NH.HM@dos.nh.gov">NH.HM@dos.nh.gov</a>

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<a href="#">Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)</a> 	State agencies, local governments and communities following a presidential disaster declaration	Mitigation projects including hazard planning, flood protection, generators, retrofitting for resilience to hazards, shelter and slope stabilization* *check NHDOS HSEM for all eligible activities	75% Federal / Non-Federal 25% Cost Share, advance assistance available, sliding scale funding formula	Application deadline varies, within 12 months following a presidentially declared disaster	HSEM Representative or State Hazard Mitigation Officer <a href="tel:6032712231">(603) 271-2231</a> <a href="mailto:NH.HM@dos.nh.gov">NH.HM@dos.nh.gov</a>

NHDES Website: <https://www.des.nh.gov/>

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