

Local Source Water Protection Grant Application Now Available

Applications are now available for the 2023 Local Source Water Protection Grant Program on the [NHDES website](#). This grant program offers funding for organizations that are interested in protecting current or future sources of drinking water.

Applicants are eligible to receive up to **\$30,000** for a source protection project that addresses climate/weather-related challenges – such as drought or stormwater management. Applicants can also receive up to \$25,000 for non-climate related source protection projects.

In past grant rounds, regional planning commissions have worked with their member communities on many different source water protection projects, in many cases reviewing and updating local codes or ordinances. NHDES has published several model ordinances designed to protect aquifers, lakes/ponds and rivers used as sources of drinking water and reduce discretionary water use during state-declared droughts. These model ordinances provide communities in your region an opportunity to consider how they may improve local protection of their local sources of drinking water.

If you are interested in applying for Local Source Water Protection Grant funds to complete a source water protection project in your region, the application deadline is November 1, 2022. Please feel free to email me to indicate your interest. We are happy to host a meeting to discuss ideas or opportunities, or to provide some more information about the grant application process.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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