



## Accelerating Climate Resiliency Mini-Grant Frequently Asked Questions

### All questions received as of November 16, 2018

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1. If municipalities and nonprofits are submitting an application together, can the nonprofit act as a lead?  
Yes, we would encourage that municipalities and nonprofits work together; however, the municipality must be the applicant and the funding needs to flow through them. It is completely acceptable to submit together when the nonprofit is doing a majority of the heavy-lifting.
2. What would you like to see in terms of supporting documentation?  
In the proposal form, we ask that you provide a designated project manager and support from your chief officer or executive officer (mayor, town manager, town administrator, board of selectmen). If you are looking to actually build something, we would like to see that you have taken steps already to advance getting some of those permits in line. You need to demonstrate that you will secure them in a period of time.
3. If you are planning to hire a consultant, do I need a quote?  
No, it is not necessary although it would be helpful. In addition, you do not need to know who your consultant might be.
4. Would a climate research center be okay?  
Yes, this would be a great example for a project proposal.
5. Can two or more towns work together?  
Yes, but just one town would be the lead applicant managing the contract and finances.
6. Would a small salt marsh restoration project adjacent to an eroded roadway be a viable project to help stabilize the road?  
Yes, this would be a great example for a project proposal.
7. Would there be partial grants less than asked for?  
Partial grants may be given depending on the budget and competition for grants.



8. If we are looking to get an independent gas safety audit completed for the aging gas infrastructure in Weston where we have over 140 unrepaired leaks releasing methane into the atmosphere, is this a project that you would consider?

This project proposal would fall more on the mitigation side, but if you include a tree planting guide then that would make it more viable.

9. Would a rain garden project proposal count?

Yes, this would be a great example for a project proposal.

10. Are there criteria involving equitable distributions of funds? For instance, are you taking into account MVP grants or local fiscal resources? Communities of larger population would they get more funding similarly to MVP?

MAPC has not thought about weighting the funds; it is more about project-based. We want to provide as much funding to help complete your project. Overall, we would not be taking into account distribution based on municipal size.

11. How do we put a price on hiring an engineer for stormwater city if we do not know what it will be at this time?

Municipalities can request a certain amount of money, and then hire a consultant to complete the scope of work for that amount of funds.

12. Can MAPC provide names of design engineers who specialize in green infrastructure?

Please contact Darci Schofield at [dschofield@mapc.org](mailto:dschofield@mapc.org) for more information.

13. I know you said matching funds weren't required but do we need to pay for the project and get reimbursed or can we submit invoices as part of progress report.

At the six month progress report, you can receive funding from the grant award proportional to the amount of work completed at that point.

14. Did you record the webinar or are there slides from it?

Yes, we recorded the webinar. It is on our website at [www.mapc.org/acceleratingresiliency](http://www.mapc.org/acceleratingresiliency)

15. After looking everything over, I just have one question. If chosen, will the municipality be required to match or contribute monetary funds?



There is no match requirement. The only requirement is a municipal project manager who will manage the grant program and the project. Also, the municipality needs to be the applicant. However, the partner organization such as yours can do the majority of the work if that is how you choose to set it up. The municipality can submit more than one application.

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### Questions received before November 2, 2018

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**1. Can a municipality submit more than one application?** (Received 11/1/18 and 11/2/2018)

Yes, municipalities can submit multiple applications as long as they are for different projects. For example, a municipality could apply to install a rain garden at a park in one neighborhood and submit an additional proposal for tree planting and management in another neighborhood.

**2. My town is outside of the 101 communities served with MAPC. Can I still apply?** (Received 10/31/18)

Unfortunately, only the 101 communities within the MAPC region are eligible to apply. However, if there is a town that would like to pursue a regional project with a municipality within the MAPC region, that would qualify. In this case, the MAPC municipality would need to be the lead applicant.

**3. We would like to stormwater drainage assessment for a neighborhood prone to flooding. During the March storms, some neighborhoods were under water for days. Does this qualify?** (Received 10/31/18)

Yes, this project type would qualify for the grant. MAPC would encourage that the study also include opportunities to utilize green infrastructure for flood mitigation in problem neighborhoods.