

Diggin' Up Wampum:

Rhode Island Funding for Water Quality Improvements—Including Beaches



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Financing at RIDEM

Applicable to Beaches

Grants *(currently closed)*

Project Category	Grant Range	Applicant Match	Eligible Applicants
NPS Onsite Wastewater	\$10,000 - \$25,000	40%	Municipalities
NPS Water Quality Restoration	\$25,000 - \$200,000	40%	Government Nonprofit
Bay Watershed Action	Up to \$13,000	40%	Government Nonprofit
Marine Pumpout Facilities	Up to \$15,000	25%	Owners of Marinas

Financing at RIDEM

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Loans

Project Category	Funding Range	Rate	Eligible Applicants
SRF--General	None Established	Based on Prime	Any with Bonding Authority
SRF—CSSLP	None Established	Based on Prime	Any with Bonding Authority

Financing at RIDEM

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Recently Expired Programs

Project Category	Funding Range	Match Requirement	Eligible Applicants
AquaFund	None Established	10% <\$500,000 50% >\$500,000	Governmental Nonprofits
Nongovernmental	Up to \$75,000	50%	Nongovernmental (e.g., for-profit)

Other RI Financing

Applicable to Beaches

Grants

Project Category	Funding Range	Match Requirement	Eligible Applicants
NRCS--WHIP	None Established	10% <\$500,000 50% >\$500,000	Governmental Nonprofits
RIDOT— Transportation Enhancement	Up to \$1,000,000	Not Specified	Typically Municipal Nonprofits

New RI Financing

Applicable to Beaches

Clean Water 2004

- *NPS*
- *Nongovernmental*
- *Habitat Restoration*

Regulations in development

RFP this summer/fall??



Underutilized Sources

Applicable to Beaches

- **Wastewater Management Districts**
- **Stormwater Utilities**

You have the authority



Beach Restoration

2 Case Studies



Warren Town Beach

- *Problem: Beach Closed—Stormwater/Wastewater Infrastructure*
- *Funding: SRF, NPS (319)*



Charlestown Town Beach & Green Hill

- *Problem: Shellfishing Closed—Stormwater/Wastewater Infrastructure*
- *Funding: SRF-CSSLP, NPS (Bond), NPS (319), Congressional Appropriation*

Lessons Learned:

Where's the Wampum

- **First—know yourself (priorities, problems).**
- **Look broadly and be open.**
- **Be tenacious.**

