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Town of Chelmsford
ATTN: Stormwater Engineer

Dear Courtney Thompson,

Thank you for your submission to the FY23 Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program (RFR ID DER 2022-03) a program dedicated to helping municipalities meet the MA River and Stream Crossing Standards when replacing culverts. We greatly appreciate the time you took to put together an application. We received 65 applications requesting over \$11.4 million. Based on the existing fiscal year 2023 funding allocations, we faced a very difficult decision-making process. We regret to inform you your project was not one of the projects selected to receive funding at this time.

We want all applicants to be successful in replacing culverts that meet the Stream Crossing Standards. Although your application was not selected to receive an award at this time, you are still eligible for free technical assistance for new culvert replacement projects. Our Stream Crossing Specialist is available to support communities in their efforts to identify, plan and implement new culvert replacement projects. Please feel free to contact us within the next two (2) months to discuss your grant application and proposed project.

We are encouraged that the Town of Chelmsford is proactively working to replace undersized and degraded culverts. We value your commitment to improving Massachusetts' waterways, stream connectivity, and storm resiliency and look forward to working with you in the future.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best regards,

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