

2020 Municipal I/I Grant Program Information Session

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Do I/I investigation projects qualify?

The State Bond rules indicate that only construction costs are eligible, which does not include any investigation projects.

Will televising contacts be eligible for grant funds when focused on building out a public improvement I/I project?

Contracts for televising are not eligible for grant funds. Some projects such as sewer lining, grouting, and others require inspection as part of the construction project. If the works was done as part of the construction and the applicant can clearly show that is the case, then the construction costs associated with televising are eligible for grant funding.

Is the Customer Portal the same sign-in as is used with the Sewer Use Survey/annual report?

There are currently two separate systems. However, MCES has been investigating incorporating the MCES Sewer Use Survey into the [MCES Customer Portal](#) to create a “one stop shop” for users. We focused on the immediate need to complete the grant submission process and will be moving forward with bringing the Sewer Use Survey into the Customer Portal as well. We don’t currently have a timeline for when that work will be complete.

Can I enter multiple projects on the same grant application?

Yes, please include multiple projects in the same grant application. All project work from 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2022 should be summarized and submitted in one comprehensive application.

Are residential replacement/sump pump piping included?

Only work on public property for the sanitary sewer system is eligible for this grant program. Elimination of cross-connections between stormwater and wastewater is an eligible expense. Please email [Marcus Bush](#) to discuss if the cross-connection project would qualify. Residential replacement/sump pump piping is not eligible for the 2020 I/I Grant program because it is a non-public asset.

What if a contract was authorized in 2020 but the work will not occur until 2021?

If the work occurs between 1/1/2021 and 12/31/2022 then it is eligible for the 2020 I/I Grant Program.

Can the end grant agreement/reimbursement be completed prior to March 2023 if the project is completed sooner?

Reimbursements cannot be calculated/distributed prior to March 2023. Because we use an end grant agreement, we won’t calculate (or know) final reimbursement amounts until the end of the program. As with previous I/I grant programs, we expect to have more eligible costs than available funds, and thus we will use a weighted average distribution for our Part 2 funding calculation. Because of this process, we won’t be able to calculate final reimbursements until we have everyone’s paperwork at the end of the program. By using an end grant agreement we ensure that all funds are dispersed.



One additional thing to note is that the end grant program offers more flexibility than the construction grant program. With the end grant program communities have the flexibility to complete more or less work than they initially listed in their application.