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Attention Coastal Partners,

Welcome to the 7th offering of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Small Grants Program to improve recreational fishing access. DMF is tasked with finding and funding projects that enhance recreational saltwater fishing opportunities through improved public access. In order to improve saltwater fishing opportunities, we are funding a grant program in the form of a Request for Responses to municipalities. The maximum obligation of this grant opportunity is \$15,000.

The current grant application is located in the below CommBuys link (www.commbuys.com). The application instructions and application form are found in the in a Word document in the below link. The document includes a template that identifies all questions and acts as a form for completing the competitive portion of the application.

Link to Bid Solicitation:

<https://www.commbuys.com/bs0/external/bidDetail.sdo?bidId=BD-21-1046-DMF-FW003-54968&parentUrl=activeBids>

- ID # RFR # DMF-20006 BD-20-1046-DMF-FW205-42755
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This opportunity exists for all towns with waters that require a Saltwater Fishing Permit. Potential project types include but are not limited to: clearing of public ways to the water, installation of lights on a fishing pier, installing parking for fishing access sites, and improvements to existing boat launches.

The Grant will be awarded on a rolling basis and is limited to \$15,000.00 / project. Some of the requirements that municipalities must agree to include an equitable public access agreement. Any questions should be directed to Ross Kessler at ross.kessler@mass.gov. Due to Covid I am rarely in the office.

Thank you,

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