



Agenda
PEP Local Government Committee Meeting
Funding Opportunities
July 20, 2022 - 10:00am – 12:00pm

10:00am-10:10am **Welcome & Introductions**, Councilman Jim Colligan, PEP LGC Chair

Jim Colligan shared his experience in Shelter Island and the value of hiring a part time grant writer.

Kevin McDonald shared link <https://localinfrastructure.org/> for reference for funding sources.

10:10am-10:30am **Funding Opportunities for East End Towns**- Joyce Novak, PEP Executive Director

- Goals of Meeting
- PEP Resources- Letters of support, partnership, grant writing

WQPRP funding: Al Krupski noted that this money is from the quarter percent fund, designed for consistent yearly availability. It has traditionally been used in salaries and has not yet, but should be, able to be used for projects.

10:30am-10:50am **Suffolk County Funding**- Valerie Virgona, PEP Outreach Coordinator

10:50am-11:10am **Federal Funding**- Valerie Virgona, PEP Outreach Coordinator

WIFIA Program: Joyce Novak notes that National Estuary program projects are prioritized. If you are interested in the funding source, please reach out to PEP.

Kevin McDonald suggested to follow up with short email on what each municipality's priority goals are and then work to match them with grant program that best fits, perhaps a round table of idea sharing.

John Bouvier noted to not forget about CPF water quality bookmarked funds.

Kevin McDonald brought up the possibility of the multiple towns applying to Coastal Zone Management funding together. Program staff reminded group that the department of state is now on our management committee and will happily assist in bringing these players together.



11:10am-11:30am **State Funding-** Joyce Novak, PEP Executive Director

Joyce Novak noted that the mechanism for US DOT funding is not yet released, may be through the state DOT.

McDonald asks each participant to add into an email- Where would municipalities like PEP to be part of this process? As organizational facilitators, as managers, or for consulting application process?

Jeffrey Sanders stated he thinks a combined effort for towns & villages will be most successful for acquiring funds.

Joyce noted ferry specific programs for shelter island that will be sent to Jim Colligan.

John Bouvier noted the DOE's better climate initiative for energy and land protection.

Valerie Virgona provided NY EJ maps for potential Bond Act funds in the chat:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html>

11:30am-11:40pm **East End Town Funding-** Joyce Novak, PEP Executive Director

11:40am-12:00pm **Discussion**

Fred Thiele suggested that municipalities prioritize their wish lists, then look for funding sources.

Thiele stresses the opportunity of these funding sources and the chance to use local money to leverage against state money, leveraged against federal money. He also highlighted the role of PEP to see regional funding opportunities. Jim Colligan agreed and is hopeful.

Jeffrey Sander added that next action item may be the creating of a group to share these prioritized projects these

Joyce Novak added that PEP will be receiving 900K in infrastructure money. First year of funding is committed to projects but stressed that knowing local priorities is key for committing the next 4 years of funding.

Novak also stated that if the bond act is to pass, she hopes for a possible water quality funds stipulation to Estuary Program as a filter to work through these programs and apply the best understanding and prioritization of projects.

Jim Colligan notes that emails from municipalities should be sent within 2 weeks.



John Bouvier noted taxable grants related to IA systems. Suggested that the taxable grant is hurting the program and will continue to slow down our priorities & disincentivizing. Fred Theile noted that sales tax is charged in these systems. He is working with partners in the next round to address this issue.

Mark Woolley noted he spoke to IRS liaison about this issue in relation to state septic funding. His office has asked for response on behalf of the county and are waiting.

Stephanie Joyce within North Haven water quality stressed the need for outreach on this issue.

Brian Mealy expressed his gratitude for this program and these players coming together to work cooperatively.

Powerpoint requested to be shared & will be sent out via email.