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Attention Selectboards, Mayors, Town Managers, and Marine Departments,

Welcome to the 6th 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/bsi/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-19-1046-DMF-FW205-29896&external=true&parentUrl=bid>
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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 has a closing date of Wednesday, October 3, 2018 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@state.ma.us, or 508-742-9738.

Thank you,

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