

LSP ASSOCIATION GRANT PROGRAM: \$30,000 for 30 YEARS

November 2023

2023 is the 30th anniversary of **the LSP Association** (LSPA) as well as the privatized **Waste Site Cleanup Program** in Massachusetts. The LSPA has recognized this milestone by launching our first request for proposals (RFP) for grants to support and celebrate environmental and natural resource projects in **Environmental Justice Populations in Massachusetts**.

WHO: The LSPA will provide small grants to not-for-profit environmental advocacy groups, community-based groups, environmental education organizations, and/or volunteer efforts for local projects that benefit the environment in Massachusetts communities with Environmental Justice (EJ) populations.

WHAT: During 2023, the LSPA will distribute \$7,500 to grantees serving EJ populations in each of the four Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) regions, for a total of up to \$30,000.

LAST CALL: To-date, there is \$7,500 remaining to be awarded in the Southeast Region of the state and \$6,000 to be awarded in the Central Region of the state. Check here to find **MassDEP regional offices by community**. We encourage you to apply soon. The proposal process is not complex or lengthy; we do not have an application template. **More information and details, including proposal guidelines are [here](#).**

WHERE: Grantees must be based in Massachusetts and all projects funded must be in Massachusetts.

WHEN: The final application deadline for 2023 is midnight on December 15, 2023. More information and details, including proposal guidelines are **[here](#)**. Please write us at **30for30@lspa.org** with questions.

MORE DETAILS: Applicants are invited to seek up to \$7,500 in funding per grant, with partial funding possible. Environmental projects may vary widely, but should be completed within one year of the date of grant fund transfer. They may be new, planned, or ongoing opportunities within Massachusetts that improve the environment, including, but not limited to, these focus areas:

- Property and watershed clean-ups and accessibility (parks, walkways, etc.)
- Design, development, maintenance, and restoration of natural habitats
- Streamside buffer restoration projects
- Community gardening best management practices
- Litter and hazardous waste collection efforts

- Assessing and mitigating climate change impacts
- Water conservation efforts (rain gardens, greywater systems, xeriscaping, etc.)
- Recycling and composting
- Facility siting issues
- Youth education and career development in the environmental field
- Hiring technical assistance

WHY: The LSPA is interested in opportunities to meaningfully contribute to and participate in EJ efforts at the community level. The LSPA hopes that grants will assist recipients in implementing community-driven projects that provide a better understanding of local environmental and public health issues and assist communities in developing strategies for addressing those issues — through both direct programming as well as future planning, career, and/or education efforts.

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