## Win with Water!

'Tis the Season - Budgets and Bonds



Tis the season for local budgets, and have we got a deal for you! Following a 40-year drought in federal funding, New Hampshire is receiving substantial support for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure investment. With proper planning and appropriate authorization, your town can bring critical infrastructure up to date and prepare for the next 40 years of safe, affordable, and dependable public water services.

**URGENT!** Towns should work closely with their water departments to assess their needs. Public water services projects are complex and expensive, and the

first wave of funding must be encumbered by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. Authorization to accept federal funds and expend required match should be approved at Spring 2023 town meetings.

The NH Department of Environmental Services is doing a great job building capacity to meet critical community needs through numerous <u>loan and grants programs</u>. Talk to your water services staff and partners and prepare your town to take advantage of this generational opportunity!

**Win with Water!** is an informational series to raise awareness and provide actionable steps to public water system managers, administrators, and policy makers.





