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September 14, 2020

Dear Jennifer Rand,

Thank you for your submission to the FY21 Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program RFR # DER 2020-04, a program dedicated to helping municipalities meet the MA River and Stream Crossing Standards when replacing culverts. We greatly appreciate the time you took to put together an application. We received 71 applications requesting over \$6.8 million and faced a very difficult decision-making process. We regret to inform your project was not one of the 14 projects selected to receive funding at this time.

We want all applicants to be successful in replacing culverts that meet the Stream Crossing Standards. Although your application was not selected to receive an award, you are still eligible for free technical assistance for new culvert replacement projects. Our Stream Crossing Specialist is available to support communities in their efforts to identify, plan and implement new culvert replacement projects. Please feel free to contact us within the next two (2) months to discuss your grant application and proposed project.

We are encouraged that West Tisbury is proactively working to replace undersized and degraded culverts. We value your commitment to improving Massachusetts' waterways and storm resiliency and look forward to working with you in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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