

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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**Carol O'Donnell Board Chair
Bonnet Shores Fire District
130 Bonnet Shores Road Narragansett, R I 02882**

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I am pleased to notify you that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) has approved a partial grant award of up to \$75,000 to advance work described in the application from the Bonnet Shores Fire District for the proposed project “Wesquage Pond Flood Prevention and Mitigation.”

The Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund (BWRF) grant funds are intended to support the necessary design, engineering, and permitting work for a project that addresses the concerns raised in the submitted application.

As a condition of the grant, a joint meeting with the appropriate staff from both the RI Department of Environmental Management and the RI Coastal Resources Management Council will be a required task in the grant scope of work.

This grant is awarded in accordance with the 2024 Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund Request for Proposals (RFP). The final grant amount and budget will be determined during development of the Grant Agreement.

RIDEM's Office of Water Resources will work with you through the next steps in the grant process which include refining the project scope of work, schedule, and budget; finalizing and executing a grant agreement contract; registering your organization online in Ocean State Procures to facilitate reimbursing your organization for eligible project costs; and receiving a Purchase Order from the Rhode Island Department of Administration (RIDOA) before project costs are incurred.

Further instructions will be shared with you shortly. Please be aware that, subject to approval by the RIDOA, RIDEM will only be able to approve reimbursement of project costs incurred after the date your Purchase Order is issued, following the execution of the grant agreement contract.

Questions regarding the grant agreement process should be directed to Sean McCormick of the RIDEM Office of Water Resources at sean.mccormick@dem.ri.gov or (401) 537-4254.

**Sincerely,
Terrence Gray, P.E. Director**

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