

2021 Water Resources & Flood Mitigation Public Funding Opportunities

There are numerous state and federal programs that provide funding for water resources and flood mitigation projects. Following is a general summary of the programs and opportunities for local units of government.

WDNR Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Program

Application Deadline: April 15, 2021 (Planning), and May 15, 2021 (Construction in 2022).

Eligible Applicants: Local units of government, tribal governments, regional planning commissions and special districts.

Maximum Construction Grant: \$150,000 + \$50,000 for land acquisition.

Maximum Planning Grant: \$85,000 (50% local match required).

Eligible Planning Projects: Urban storm water management plans, ordinance development, creation of storm water utilities & public information.

Eligible Construction Projects: Storm Water BMPs, engineering, land acquisition, storm sewer rerouting, stream bank & shoreline stabilization.



WDNR Surface Water Grants

The Surface Water Grant Program supports surface water management from start to finish. It combines the Lake Protection, Lake Management, River Planning, River Management, Aquatic Invasive Species, Wetlands and Watershed programs into one program. See Surface Water Grant Program Applicant Guide and Program Guidance.

Application Deadline: Pre-proposal due September 2, 2020 and applications due November 1, 2020.

Eligible Applicant: Local units of government, tribal governments, natural resource agencies, colleges, universities, technical schools, lake districts and town sanitary districts. Others have to apply for eligibility.

Grant Category	Project Type	Funding Cap	DNR Cost Share	Public Access Required	Application Deadline
Education & Planning	Surface Water Education	\$5,000	67%	No	Nov 1
	Lake, River & AIS Planning	\$10,000	67%	No	Nov 1
	Comprehensive Management Planning for Lakes & Watersheds	\$25,000	67%	No	Nov 1
Management	County Lake Grants	\$50,000	67%	No	Nov 1
	Healthy Lakes & Rivers	\$25,000	75%	No	Nov 1
	Surface Water Restoration (Lakes)	\$50,000	75%	Project-specific	Nov 1
	Surface Water Restoration (Rivers)	\$25,000	75%	No	Nov 1
	Lake & Watershed Management Plan Implementation	\$200,000	75%	Project-specific	Nov 1
	River Management Plan Implementation	\$50,000	75%	No	Nov 1
	Ordinance Development	\$50,000	75%	No	Nov 1
	AIS Prevention & Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW)	\$24,000	75%	Yes	Nov 1
	AIS Early Detection & Response	\$25,000	75%	Project-specific	Year-round
	AIS Large-scale Population Management	\$150,000	75%	Yes	Nov 1
	AIS Small-scale Population Management	\$50,000	75%	Yes	Nov 1
	AIS Research & Demonstration (annually)	\$500,000	75%	No	Nov 1
	Lake Fee Simple or Conservation Easement Land Acquisition	\$200,000	75%	No	Nov 1
	River Fee Simple or Conservation Easement Land Acquisition	\$50,000	75%	No	Nov 1
	Wetland Restoration Incentives	\$10,000	100%	No	Nov 1
Lake Monitoring & Protection Network	Section 4	100%	No	Nov 1	

Grant Categories & Eligible Projects & Maximum Grants:

- **Education and Planning** - Education, surface water planning and comprehensive waterbody/watershed management planning.
 - Maximum Grant - \$5,000 to \$50,000 (DNR cost share - 67% of total project cost).
- **Management** - Healthy lakes & rivers; restoration; lake, river, watershed management plans; ordinances; AIS prevention, early detection & response, large and small scale population management, research & demonstration; Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CBCW); lake and river fee simple or conservation easement land acquisition; wetland restoration; lake monitoring and protection.
 - Maximum Grant - \$24,000 to \$500,000 (DNR cost share - 75% to 100% of total project cost).

WDNR Wis. Wetland Conservation Trust In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program

Application Deadline: Quarterly - October 1, December 1, March 1, June 1.

Eligible Applicant: Public agencies, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, environmental consultants, municipalities, Wisconsin businesses or any landowners.

Maximum Grant: Grants limited to the amount of funds available for the Service Area. Preference is to fund only one project per application cycle in each service area. No local match is required.

Eligible Projects: Wetland restoration, enhancement and creation projects.



WDNR Municipal Flood Control Grant Program

Application Deadline: March 15, 2022.

Eligible Applicants: Local units of government, tribal governments, and special districts.

Maximum Grant: \$450,000. Requires 50% local match.

Eligible Projects: Acquisition & demolition of structures in the floodplain, flood proofing and flood mitigation.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Types of Programs: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (HMAP); Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMAG); Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

Application Deadline: HMGP, HMAP, FMAG - File letter of intent within 30 days of disaster declaration.

Application Deadline: BRIC - Fall 2020 - <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/fy2020-nofo>.

Eligible Applicants: Individuals and governments; states, local communities, federally recognized tribes and territories.

Maximum Grant: FEMA provides 75%, and 25% match comes from state or local government, individual, labor, flood insurance policy or SBA loans. Up to \$600,000 for project scoping; Up to \$30M for Community Flood Mitigation Projects; \$50,000 for technical assistance; \$100,000 for flood mitigation planning. FEMA cost share is 75% but could be 90% or 100% based on repetitive loss.

Eligible Projects: Protecting or purchasing public or private property; purchase & removing flood-prone property; developing & adopting hazard mitigation plans; using aquifer storage and recovery, floodplain and stream restoration, flood diversion and storage, or green infrastructure methods that may reduce impacts of flood and drought. In addition, protecting, floodproofing, raising or constructing a home. Also, reduction or eliminating the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the NFIP. Project scoping - develop community flood mitigation projects and/or individual flood mitigation projects that will reduce flood claims against the NFIP. Community Flood Mitigation Projects to address community flood risk to reduce NFIP claims. Technical assistance, flood hazard mitigation planning, individual flood mitigation projects. Proactive disaster spending on research supported community resilience and projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as funding and project design.

CDBG—Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Apply within 90 days of a disaster event.

Eligible Applicants: local units of government.

Maximum Grant: \$500,000.

Eligible Projects: Emergency housing, public facilities, infrastructure and business assistance, housing rehab, acquisition/demolition, housing replacement, road repairs, storm water drainage.

EDA—Disaster Recovery

Application Deadline: Within 30 days of a declared disaster and until the cancellation of the current notice of funding opportunities.

Eligible Applicants: District Planning Organizations, Indian tribes, state, county or city governments, institutions of higher education and public/private non-profit organizations.

Maximum Grant: Based on project need.

Eligible Projects: Strategic planning, capital for alternative financing, infrastructure development, resiliency, opportunity zones.

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