

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

State High Water Infrastructure Grant Program 2023 Request for Proposals

Introduction

Under Section 1006 of PA 87 of 2021, the Michigan Legislature appropriated \$14.25 million to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for a grant program to provide infrastructure and planning grants that directly address the impacts and vulnerabilities presented by severe weather events, with a focus on projects that address flooding, coastline erosion, urban heat, and storm water management. The goal is obligate the entire available funding with this one Request for Proposal funding opportunity.

Eligibility

Regional councils of government and local units of government are eligible to apply. A local unit of government may act as a primary project sponsor and fiduciary for a grant that includes partnerships or consortiums with other public or nonprofit organizations. Applicants must demonstrate their project will address the impacts and vulnerabilities presented by high water and severe weather events.

Eligible Activities

Funding is available statewide and restricted to infrastructure and planning projects that directly address the impacts and vulnerabilities presented by high water severe weather events (e.g., projects that address flooding, coastline erosion, urban heat, and storm water management). Eligibility of activities will be project-specific and determined on a case-by-case basis. Any activities or costs not directly related to the proposed project or costs incurred outside of the project period are not eligible. Eligible activities under this funding opportunity include:

- Development of local or regional resiliency plans.
- Updating local master plans to consider high water levels, climate and storm resiliency, the dynamic nature of the Great Lakes, infrastructure risk assessments for climate and storm resiliency, or nature-based or green infrastructure to address flooding, coastline erosion, urban heat, or storm water management.
- Implementation of nature-based and green infrastructure solutions that strengthen climate and storm resiliency and preparedness, or address flooding, coastline erosion, urban heat, or storm water management.
- Development of feasibility studies or engineering plans for nature-based and green infrastructure projects that address climate and storm resiliency.
- Relocation and protection of critical infrastructure (e.g., roads, sewer, water line) using nature based and climate resilient principles.
- Development or implementation of climate resiliency projects for storm water management, including restored and constructed wetlands, stream/floodplain connectivity restoration, or other green infrastructure.
- Habitat restoration projects that directly address the impacts and vulnerabilities presented by high water and severe weather events.

Application Requirements

The maximum grant amount allowable per applicant is \$1,500,000 and will require a minimum of 20 percent matching funds. The grant award start date is anticipated as early as April 1, 2023, and projects must be completed by September 30, 2026.

The total grant award will be based on reasonably estimated costs and documentation provided by the grantee at grant application. The grant will function on a reimbursement basis where work is reported quarterly and expenses are based on costs incurred and paid and associated invoices or other appropriate supporting documentation are submitted to EGLE, prior to grant funds being reimbursed to the grantee.

Applications are to be submitted in PDF form to EGLE-WRD-CoastalProgram@Michigan.gov and must be received no later than **November 30, 2022**.

Process, Schedule, and Deadlines

Applications will be batched and scored based on the how well the project addresses the impacts and vulnerabilities presented by high water and severe weather events. EGLE will use a cross-discipline team to rank all applications and prioritize funding accordingly. Applications will be scored in winter 2022 and awards will be made in early 2023.

EGLE may request additional information for clarification purposes. EGLE may offer grant amounts other than those requested and request changes to the proposed work plan. Submitted application information is not confidential. Grant applications are considered public information under the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, as amended.

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a grant agreement with EGLE. A grant agreement consists of standard “boilerplate” language and the applicant’s project description, work plan, timeline, and budget information.

Contact

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