



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

**Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program  
2023-2024 Request for Pre-Proposals**

**Introduction**

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Under Section 1003 of 2021 PA 87, the Michigan Legislature appropriated \$13 million to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to establish a Dam Risk Reduction Program to provide grant funds to dam owners for repair, alteration, or removal activities necessary to address risk associated with publicly or privately owned dams.

Additionally, Under Section 309 of 2022 PA 53, the Michigan Legislature appropriated \$43.2 million to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to supplement these Dam Risk Reduction Program funds provided in 2021 PA 87.

The goal of this request for pre-proposals is to select a subset of applicants to invite to submit full applications to be considered for obligation of a portion of these available funds in the 2023-2034 grant cycle.

**Eligibility**

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Entities that own or operate a dam in the state of Michigan are eligible to apply. The applicant should be the entity that will hold the vendor contracts, if applicable. Federally regulated hydropower dams are ineligible for grant funding.

Applicants must demonstrate that their project will reduce or eliminate risk associated with the dam. Applicants must be in compliance with the safety requirements of Part 315, Dam Safety; and/or Part 307, Inland Lake Levels, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. If not in compliance, the proposed project must be part of an approvable compliance plan provided EGLE.

**Eligible Activities**

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Funding is restricted to projects that reduce or eliminate risk associated with dams. Eligibility of activities will be project-specific and determined on a case-by-case basis. Eligible activities under the grant may include, but are not limited to:

- Planning, feasibility studies, or design of projects that reduce or eliminate risk of dam failure.
- Repair, alteration, or removal of dams.
- Post project monitoring and corrective actions.

**Application Requirements**

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There is no maximum grant amount. All applications will require a minimum of 10 percent matching funds. The grant award start date is anticipated as early as April 15, 2024, 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.

Pre-proposals are to be submitted in PDF form to Mason Manuszak, Dam Safety Unit (DSU), Field Operations Support Section (FOSS), Water Resources Division (WRD), at [ManuszakM@Michigan.gov](mailto:ManuszakM@Michigan.gov) and must be received no later than **December 4, 2023**.

Pre-proposals must include the following information:

- Project title including the name of the dam name, dam ID number, and hazard potential;
- Name, address, phone number, and email address of applicant;
- A list of project partners;
- Total project cost;
- Amount of grant funding requested;
- Proposed match funds;
- Proposed match source(s);
- Anticipated project schedule including start and completion dates;
- Project description including project goals, deliverables, and explanation of risk(s) reduced or eliminated by completion of the project;
- Project location;
- Benefits of the project;
- Methods used to complete the project;
- and a description of how the project will achieve the goals of the Dam Risk Reduction Program.

### Process, Schedule, and Deadlines

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Pre-proposals will be batched and ranked using risk-based prioritization methods to determine the level of risk avoided or eliminated by completion of the project. EGLE invite applicants to submit full application packets according to this ranking and total amount of funding requested. Pre-proposals and full applications will be evaluated, and awards will be granted according to the following anticipated schedule:

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| • Request for Pre-Proposals Begins                     | November 6, 2023                                     |
| • Pre-Proposal Dues                                    | December 4, 2023                                     |
| • Invitation to Submit Grant Application Packet Begins | December 15, 2023                                    |
| • Grant Application Packet Due                         | January 31, 2024                                     |
| • EGLE Review & Selection and Awards Announced By      | April 15, 2024                                       |
| • Project Period Begins                                | Upon execution of Grant Agreement                    |
| • Project Schedule                                     | Follows work plan in Appendix A of Project Agreement |
| • Project Period End                                   | September 30, 2026                                   |
| • Final Project Report Due                             | December 4, 2026                                     |

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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For questions about this grant opportunity, contact Mason Manuszak at 989-370-1528 or [ManuszakM@Michigan.gov](mailto:ManuszakM@Michigan.gov) or Luke Trumble, Supervisor, DSU, FOS, WRD at 517-420-8923 or [TrumbleL@Michigan.gov](mailto:TrumbleL@Michigan.gov).

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