



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

**Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program
2024-2025 Request for Pre-Application**

Introduction

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 another \$43.2 million to EGLE to supplement these Dam Risk Reduction Program funds provided in 2021 PA 87.

The goal of this request for pre-application 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 2024-2025 grant cycle.

Eligibility

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 to EGLE.

Eligible Activities

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

There is no maximum grant amount. All applications will require a minimum of 10 percent matching funds. The grant award start date will be determined based on the announcement of awards and project specific timeline. Projects will be expected to be completed within a 2-year schedule.

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

Pre-applications are to be submitted in the EGLE Grants System (EGX) (<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/regulatory-assistance/funding/egx>.) and must be received no later than **December 6, 2024**.

Pre-applications 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

Pre-applications 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 invites applicants to submit full application packets according to this ranking and total amount of funding requested. Pre-applications and full applications will be evaluated, and awards will be granted according to the following anticipated schedule:

- Request for Pre-Application Begins November 4, 2024
- Pre-Applications Dues December 6, 2024
- Invitation to Submit Grant Application Packet Begins December 18, 2024
- Grant Application Packet Due January 31, 2025
- EGLE Review & Selection, Awards Announced April 28, 2025
- Project Period Begins Upon execution of Grant Agreement
- Project Schedule Follows work plan and 2-year schedule

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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