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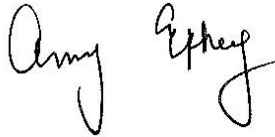


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FROM: Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director 

DATE: March 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on the Dam Safety Grant Program Fund

In accordance with Section 1003 of Article 4, Part 2 of 2021 PA 87, attached is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on the Dam Safety Grant Program Fund for fiscal year 2022.

If you need further information, please contact Luke Trumble, P.E., Supervisor, Dam Safety Unit, Water Resources Division, at 517-420-8923 or TrumbleL@Michigan.gov; or you may contact me at 517-242-7407.

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DAM SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM FUND REPORT

**Report Period:
Fiscal Year 2022**

**Authority:
Section 1003 of Article 4, Part 2, of 2021 PA 87**

This report is provided in accordance with Section 1003 of Article 4, Part 2, of 2021 PA 87. From the funds appropriated for the Dam Safety Grant Program Fund, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) shall award grants for dam repair, alteration, or removal activities necessary to address risk associated with publicly or privately owned dams. Grant applications for repair or alteration must include an asset management plan for each dam included in the application.

For fiscal year (FY) 2022, \$13 million was appropriated to the Dam Safety Grant Program Fund. This appropriation occurred on October 1, 2021. Following notification of this appropriation, EGLE's Dam Safety Program staff began working with Water Resources Division (WRD) management to develop a process for how the grant funds will be administered and to address additional staff resources needed to administer the program and oversee the application review, award, and oversight of projects receiving grant funding.

No funds have been expended from the Dam Safety Grant Program Fund in FY 2022 to date.

For the remainder of FY 2022, the WRD will continue to develop a program to administer the Dam Safety Grant Program Fund and work toward fully staffing the program to ensure that it is administered appropriately. The current plan is to solicit grant applications in calendar year 2022, with awards being announced in late 2022 or early 2023. An updated report, including the program's starting and ending balances; a list of dams awarded grants, including their location, name of the owner, and description of the action or actions taken; and the total expenditure at each dam, will be provided before December 31, 2022.