



Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure and Safety Modernization Grant



Est. application deadline¹: ~June 2025



Est. funding: ~\$196M

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NGDISM supports investments in reducing the risks of leaks in natural gas distribution pipeline systems



Goals and merit criteria for NGDISM grants:

The grant funding is to be made available to a municipality or community owned utility (not including for-profit entities) to repair, rehabilitate, or replace high-risk, leak prone natural gas distribution pipeline systems or portions thereof or to acquire equipment to:

- Reduce natural gas pipeline incidents and fatalities
- Avoid economic losses from leaks

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Source: [NGDISM grant NOFO, 2024](#)

NGDISM Program Details

NGDISM is a competitive grant program for the replacement, repair, or rehabilitation of high risk, leak-prone, legacy pipe, which prioritizes modernizing pipes in underserved and transportation-disadvantaged communities

Match funding requirement:
None

Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost to repair, rehabilitate, or replace high-risk, leak prone natural gas distribution pipeline systems or portions• Acquire equipment for above	
Eligible grant uses	The program's priority is on aging high-risk, leak-prone or leaking natural gas distribution infrastructure. PHMSA does not make full eligibility determinations until applications have been submitted and the NOFO is closed.	
Award amounts:	Minimum award	\$10K
	Maximum award	\$125M
	FY 2023 award range	\$15K-\$75M
	FY 2022 award range	\$100K-\$10M
Previous awards (national)	2024 Awards	\$196M across 56 projects
	Since launch in 2022	227 projects across 29 states (\$800M total)
Previous awards (MI)	2024 Awards	None

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Source: [NGDISM grant NOFO, 2024](#); [FY24 Grant Report](#)

What you will need to apply for a NGDISM grant

NGDISM applications are open to city/townships, community and government owned utilities and tribal governments, (but not for-profit entities) and require a thorough application package with technical requirements



Eligible Entities

- City or township governments owning and operating a natural gas distribution system
- Community-owned utilities owning and operating a natural gas distribution system (owned by the customers it serves)
- County governments owning and operating a natural gas distribution system
- Municipality-owned utilities owning and operating a natural gas distribution system (owned by a local government)
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) owning and operating a natural gas distribution system



Key Grant Application Components

- Cover letter
- Project summary
- Detailed project description
- Project prioritization table
- Projected outputs and objectives
- Budget narrative
- Underserved communities
- Key documents for the technical evaluation panel
 - Most recent Gas Distribution Annual Report (GDAR) (PHMSA Form 7100.1-1)
 - Most recent Distribution Integrity Management Plan (entire document)
 - Any pictures that may support the need for funding
- Other documentation:
 - Indirect cost rate agreement (if applicable)
 - Additional optional attachments per applicant’s discretion (maps, pictures, charts, etc.)

Additional statements which may be required

- Statement of Authority and Pipeline Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Capabilities: Verify eligibility and confirm the entity has legal authority and capability to perform pipeline infrastructure repairs
- Statement certifying compliance with Executive Order 13985
- Statement certifying compliance with Domestic Preference/Buy American

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Examples of past winners (examples outside Michigan)

Applicant: City of Richmond, VA

Miles of pipeline: 9.74

Funding: \$10M

Project description: The goal is to replace 13.92 miles of cast iron mains with PE and coated steel welded pipe. The proposal accelerates the applicant's existing cast iron main replacement program by five years).

Applicant: Village of Deshler, OH

Miles of pipeline: 4.5

Funding: \$2,218,193

Project description: The goal is to replace 4.5 miles of bare steel pipe natural gas lines that were installed in the late 1950s with PE pipe. The applicant also proposes to replace two metering stations. In addition, the applicant proposes the purchase of a vacuum pump trailer.

Applicant: Gas Board of the City of Fultondale, AL

Miles of pipeline: 2.71

Funding: \$804,670

Project description: The goal is to replace 2.71 miles of cast iron natural gas pipeline mains and 51 unprotected bare steel services. The applicant proposes to replace the cast iron main and services with PE pipe.