



Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program (DRRGP)



Est. application deadline: TBD (previous round was due 01/31/2025)



Est. available funding: TBD (previous round awarded \$15M)

Note: Estimated based on prior year's NOFO. Subject to change with future announcements (e.g., agency announcements, actual NOFOs).

Source: [Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program \(DRRGP\)](#), [2024-2025 Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program Handbook](#)

Dam Risk Reduction Program provides grant funds to dam owners for repair, alteration, or removal activities necessary to address dam risk



Goals and merit criteria:

The Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program (DRRGP) is designed to address the following goals:

- Reduce or eliminate risk associated with dams.
- Ensure regulated dams are in compliance with Part 315, Dam Safety and Part 307, Inland Lake Levels.
- Develop strong relationships with private dam owners or operators and provide resources as needed.
- Protect environmental and human health threatened by aging dam infrastructure.

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DRRGP Details

Match funding
requirement: 10%¹

Direct Pay
applicability: No

Eligible and ineligible grant uses

Funding is restricted to projects that significantly reduce or eliminate risk associated with dams. 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

Ineligible activities under the grant include, but are not limited to:

- Minor repairs or maintenance that do not significantly reduce the risk of dam failure
- Repair or removal projects at federally regulated hydropower dams
- Lake dredging

Award figures	<i>Minium allocation</i>	None
	<i>Maximum allocation</i>	None
Previous awards	2024-2025 awards	19 projects selected, receiving \$15M in funding

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High-level requirements to apply for DRRGP funding

NON-EXHAUSTIVE



Eligible Entities

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.



Key Grant Application Components

The Dam Risk Reduction Program application process has been broken down into a two-step process:

- Submittal of a pre-application in EGX
- Submittal of an application in EGX, if invited to do so

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 and 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 project completion
- Project location;
- Benefits of the project;
- Methods used to complete the project;
- Description of how the project will achieve the goals of the Dam Risk Reduction Program

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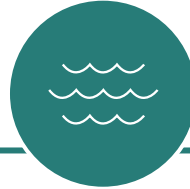
Examples of winners from 2024-2025 cycle



Tyler Dam and Beyer Dam

Applicant: Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner
Impacted locality: Ypsilanti, Michigan
Funding: \$2.5M

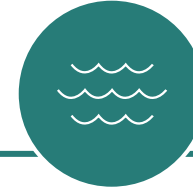
Project description: \$2.5 million to the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner for the removal of Tyler Dam and Beyer Dam on Willow Run Creek. Removing Tyler Dam is an urgent priority due to critical safety and environmental risks. The dam is connected to the Tyler Road bridge, which closed in August 2023 due to a significant washout and deterioration. The benefits of this project include improving species passage, stabilizing the sediments and stream channel in place, reducing erosion, improving water quality, and improving flood conveyance and function of the county drain.



Sanback Dam

Applicant: Huron Pines
Impacted locality: Rose City, Michigan
Funding: \$2M

Project description: \$2 million to Huron Pines to support the removal of Sanback Dam, a significant-hazard, unsatisfactory-condition dam on Houghton Creek. The former hydropower dam is nonfunctional, and the impoundment has been dewatered. This project will complete the construction phase of the dam removal, and stream restoration efforts will be made along with demolition.



Albion Dam

Applicant: City of Albion
Impacted locality: Albion, Michigan
Funding: \$1.75M

Project description: \$1.75 million to the City of Albion to support ongoing multiple dam removals. Included in the project is the significant-hazard, poor-condition Albion Dam. The dams impede fish passage, interfere with natural transport of sediment and river function, and are a hazard to human safety. Removing the dams would reconnect miles of river and streams and restore high-quality habitat.