

## **Dam Removal Grants FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Application forms are now available for grant funding to assist in the removal of dams by their owner or abandoned dams.

- ◆ *Abandoned dams* are those declared abandoned using the process under s. 31.187, Wis. Stats.
- ◆ Grants cover 100% of eligible removal costs up to \$50,000.

Grant application forms and instructions are available by visiting the following DNR website:  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/DamRemov.html>

### **Who may apply?**

Any county, city, village, town, Tribe, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, or person who **owns** the dam may apply. Other entities may apply as the authorized representative of the actual dam owner if the dam owner is willing to allow their dam to be removed.

In the case of abandoned dams, any person who has obtained legal access to property containing the dam, for the purpose of removing the dam, may apply for grant assistance.

### **When should applications be submitted and how will they be evaluated?**

Applications may be submitted on a **continual** basis. It is important that all required attachments be complete and submitted with the application package. Applications will be reviewed for basic eligibility requirements within 60 days of receipt as specified in NR 336 and then funded in order based on date received until program funds are exhausted. Incomplete applications will not be considered received until all attachments have been submitted.

### **How should applications be submitted?**

**Applications may be submitted on a continual basis.** Grant applications deemed complete will be awarded based on the date the application was received by the Department.

Mail applications to: WI Department of Natural Resources  
Municipal Dam Grant Program – CF/2  
101 South Webster Street  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921

*NOTE:* If the application is hand-carried to the Department, deliver it the DNR Customer Service Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, State Natural Resources Building, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53702.

Faxed applications will not be accepted.

### **Is there a local match requirement to obtain a grant?**

This program funds 100% of eligible project costs up to a cap of \$50,000. Therefore, local cost share requirement is not required unless eligible costs exceed the cap. Local share may come

from in-kind services or a variety of other funding sources including other state or federal grant programs. All sources of local share must be identified when applying for a dam removal grant. In-kind contributions of materials, equipment, services or donated labor are eligible. Specific information about the amount allowable for each type of in-kind contribution is described in ch. NR 336, Wis. Adm. Code at the following link:  
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr336.pdf>

### **Can an approved applicant receive an advance or partial payment for the project?**

No. To reduce the administrative costs associated with this program, reimbursement will only take place as a single payment following project completion. The Department will inspect the project within 30 days of receiving a payment request.

### **How much time can an applicant have to complete a dam removal project?**

The applicant must specify the expected project completion date when applying for a grant and that expected completion date *cannot exceed 2 years* from the date of application. In addition, payment reimbursement requests must be submitted within 90 days of the project end date specified in the grant agreement.

### **What types of costs are eligible for reimbursement?**

Costs directly related to planning for the actual removal, implementing the dam removal, and the restoration of the impoundment are potentially eligible for reimbursement. Eligible costs include labor costs, materials and equipment costs, and engineering or planning costs if directly related to the dam removal project.

### **Where can I get additional information?**

Contact the Water Management Specialist (WMS) or the Water Management Engineer (WME) in the local DNR office nearest you with questions about the specific small or abandoned dam. Their contact information can be found on the following DNR webpages:

- (WMS) [http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/about\\_us/county\\_contacts.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/about_us/county_contacts.html)
- (WME) <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/dams/staff.html>

Technical or grant administration questions can be directed to:

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Eileen Trainor, Dam Grant Manager	608-267-0848
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