

MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM

Authorization: s. 281.665, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 199, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: In 2010-2011 fiscal year:
\$3,250,000 for Acquisition & Development grants

Objective: Help local governments minimize flooding and flood-related damages by:

- acquiring property & removing buildings in the flood-way and floodplain for open-space floodwater flowage to the water body.
- acquiring vacant land and flowage easements in the flood-way or floodplain for open-space floodwater flowage to the water body.
- flood-proofing and flood elevation of structures in the 100 year floodplain (public & private)
- creating open-space flood storage areas by constructing flood control detention structures.
- restoring the flood-carrying capacity and natural and beneficial functions of watercourses.

Eligibility: Cities, villages, towns, tribal government, and metropolitan sewerage districts created under ss. 200.01-200.15 or ss. 200.21-200.65.

Level of Assistance: 70% of total eligible costs as indicated within the grant agreement. The allowed maximum per one city, town, village, or metropolitan sewerage district is \$200,000.

Priorities: Projects are ranked 1 (high) through 9 (low) based on the following criteria:

1. Acquisition and removal of structures, which due to zoning restrictions can not be rebuilt or repaired.
2. Acquisition and removal of structures in the 100-year floodplain.
3. Acquisition and removal of repetitive-loss or substantially damaged structures.
4. Acquisition and removal of other flood-damaged structures.
5. Flood proofing and elevation of structures.
6. Riparian restoration projects including removal of dams and other artificial obstructions, restoration of fish and native plant habitat, and erosion control and streambank restoration projects.
7. Acquisition of vacant land or perpetual conservation or flowage easements to provide additional flood storage or to facilitate natural or more efficient flood flows.

8. Construction of structures for the collection, detention, retention, storage, and transmission of stormwater and groundwater for flood control and riparian restoration projects.
9. Preparation of flood insurance studies and other flood mapping projects.

Eligible Types of Projects: See priorities above.

Applications: The notice of application availability was distributed to eligible applicants on October 27, 2007. Deadline to return completed applications on January 15, 2008 postmark. Successful applicants will be notified in April 2008 for the grant period of May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2010 with a one year possible extension with good justification.

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History: The first round of “grant awards” were issued in April 2002 to 16 selected property acquisition & building removal projects. A round of grant applications have been issued during calendar years 2004, 2006, and 2008 since the start of this grant program.

Website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EF/flood/grants.html>