

## **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 in the removal of 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/Aid/DamRemoval.html>

### **WHO MAY APPLY?**

- Any county, city, village, town, Tribe, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, or individual who **owns** the dam may apply.
- Other entities may apply as the **authorized representative**, 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.**
- The application package should include all required attachments.
- Applications will be reviewed for basic eligibility requirements within 60 days of receipt, as specified in NR 336, and funded in order of date **“received”** until program funds are exhausted.
- Applications submitted without the required attachments will be will not be considered **“received”** and will remain incomplete 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  
Dam Grant Program – CF/2  
101 South Webster Street  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921
- 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 are not acceptable.

**IS THERE A LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A PERMIT?**

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

- No, 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.
- That expected completion date **cannot exceed 2 years** from the date of application.
- Additionally, 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), for the County in which the Dam is located, with questions about the specific small or abandoned dam.
- [DNR Staff Directory](#)
- Technical or grant administration questions can be directed to:

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