MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

PROJECT SELECTION HELP
GETTING STARTED

- Property acquisition and removal of structures for permanent open space or flood water storage.
- Acquisition of vacant land or flood water flowage easement to facilitate more efficient flood flows to the water body.
- Floodproofing and flood elevation of public & private structures in the 100 year flood plain.
- Flood water control detention pond.
- Riparian Restoration Project on a watercourse.
- Flood Mapping
GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT

An eligible applicant is a city, village, town, tribal government, or metropolitan sewerage district in the State of Wisconsin. Counties can cooperate with an eligible applicant.

Application deadline is as indicated on postcard application notice and on line after the passing of the legislative state budget.

Grant period is for two years with 1 year possible extension with written justification.

Eligible cost are listed within the application material at 50% state cost share reimbursement.

Maximum funds are provided on the website. (applicant defined as one city or town.) Notice is also directly emailed to anyone that signs up for GovDelivery on the website.

Questions to applicant:

1. Do you have a project manager to assign to a flood control grant project?

2. Are you willing to assume the record management responsibility & cooperate with all grant related responsibilities?

3. Would you be able to provide proof of the 50% local share cost of the eligible cost at the time of application? (can not be other state funds)

4. Could you complete the project within the 2 year grant period? (one year possible extension with justification in writing possible)
PROPERTY ACQUISITION & STRUCTURE REMOVAL
PROJECTS
RANKS 1 - 4 of the 9 types of projects with 1 high and 9 low – all eligible grants in each category funded, in category order

- **Project ranking as number 1:** Property acquisition and removal of structures which, due to zoning restrictions, cannot be rebuilt or repaired.

- **Project ranking as number 2:** Property acquisition and removal of structures in the 100 year floodplain.

- **Project ranking as number 3:** Property acquisition and removal of repetitive loss (repetitive loss structure means any structure with 2 or more flood losses, each greater than $1,000, in any 10 year period since 1978) or substantially damaged (substantial damage means flood damages to any structure that equal or exceeds 50% of present equalized assessed value of the structure) structures.

- **Project ranking as number 4:** Property acquisition and removal of other flood damaged structures.

Note: Structure is defined as building, storage tank, bridge, dam, channel, or culvert placed upon or set into the ground, stream bed or lake bed.

- **Questions to applicant:**

  1. Do you have property located within your jurisdiction that is in the flood way with damaged structures or in the 100 year floodplain that could be acquired and remove the structures to provide permanent open space for floodwater flow to the water body?

  2. Are you willing to become the owner of this property and provide permanent open-space management responsibility?

  3. Are you willing to assume the responsibility for securing the “Appraisal Report” that includes DNR supplemental requirements as instructed within the grant application guidelines and submit with the application material for the property to be acquired with this grant?

  4. Are you willing to acquire the property without threat of “Eminent Domain”? 
The following activities are eligible within section NR 116.16 floodproofing, Wis. Adm. Code:

- Anchorage of structures, or addition of mass or weight to structures, to prevent flotation.

- Reinforcement of walls and floors to resist rupture or collapse caused by water pressures or floating debris.

- Placement of essential utilities above the flood protection elevation.

Questions to applicant:

1. Do you have public or private structures in the 100 year floodplain that will remain in the 100 year floodplain in need of floodproofing?

2. Would you be willing to assume liability for the floodproofing of these structures?

3. Have you checked into all of the local, county, and DNR zoning requirements and permits for this type of project?

4. Do you have the staff or are you willing to hire the staff to accomplish this type of project?
RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT
Ranks Number 6 of the 9 types of projects with 1 high and 9 low

The following activities are eligible on a watercourse to restore or enhance the natural beneficial uses and value of that watercourse:

(1) Removal of a dam or other artificial obstruction.

(2) Restoration of fish and native plant habitat.

(3) Erosion control and streambank restoration.

Questions to applicant:

1. Do you have a project within your jurisdiction on a watercourse that would restore or enhance the natural beneficial uses and value of this watercourse by conducting the activities described?

2. Are local, county, or DNR zoning requirements or permits required of this type of project?

3. Do you have the staff or would be able to hire the staff to complete this project?
ACQUISITION OF VACANT LAND  
or FLOOD WATER FLOWAGE EASEMENT

Ranks Number 7
of the 9 types of projects with
1 high and 9 low

• **Questions to applicant:**

  1. Do you have vacant land or flood water flowage easement located within your jurisdiction to provide additional flood storage or to facilitate natural or more efficient flood flows to the water body?

  2. Are you willing to become the owner of this vacant land or owner of the flowage easement rights and provide permanent open-space management responsibility?

  3. Are you willing to assume the responsibility for securing the “Appraisal Report” that includes **DNR supplemental requirements** as instructed within the grant application guidelines and submit with the application material?

  4. Are you willing to acquire the vacant land or easement without threat of “Eminent Domain”?
FLOOD CONTROL DETENTION POND

Ranks Number 8
of the 9 types of projects with
1 high and 9 low

• **Questions to applicant:**

1. Do you own vacant land or be willing to acquire vacant land with this grant to construct a flood detention pond?

2. Do you have or would be able to hire the engineering staff to design this flood water detention pond?

3. Would you be able to obtain all of the local, county, and DNR review, zoning requirements, and permits required for this project?

*NOTE: Stormwater management plans, mechanical pumping systems, treatment systems, or sewer systems are NOT an eligible part of this project.*
FLOOD MAPPING PROJECTS

Ranks Number 9 of the 9 types of projects with 1 high and 9 low

The following activities are eligible within Municipal Flood Control section NR 199.05, Wis. Adm. Code:

**Eligible Activity:**

1. Preparation of flood insurance studies.
2. Flood mapping projects.

All studies must meet requirements of NR 116, Wis. Admin. Code and 44 CFR parts 65 and 70, including development of base flood elevations and floodway boundaries.

This web site is a good place to get started -


Please review the Program Guide for more details.

HOW TO APPLY

MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT

Application materials, program guidance, and informational materials may be downloaded from the following website:

http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/MunFloodControl.html

Good luck with the selection of a Municipal Flood Control Grant project within your jurisdiction. Refer to the step by step instruction starting on page 14 of the “Program Guide & Application Guide” for completing the application.

An application checklist is provided on page 4 of the application form to assure that all required application material is submitted. Incomplete applications that do not include ALL of the required material are not acceptable.

Questions for the grant manager may be sent to the following email address:
elisabeth.kuisis@wisconsin.gov

Application Deadline:
The complete application must be mailed by the “March 16, 2020” As indicated on your GovDelivery notice and on the web.

Mail completed application with all required materials to:

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