

Flood Damage Funding for Municipal Road Stream Crossings

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Working with DNR

- In flood situations, [DNR Transportation Liaisons](https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Sectors/Transportation.html) are committed to working with municipalities to provide quick turnaround on decisions and consultation. (This document, with active web links, can be found under the “Learning” tab at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Sectors/Transportation.html>.)
- During a flood emergency and times of imminent danger, we understand that some temporary repairs need to take place immediately to open roadways. **Those activities can be reviewed after the fact and may still require appropriate authorization for activities in waterways and wetlands.**
- **Documentation** of DNR coordination/approval is a requirement of the following flood damage aid programs.

State and Federal Transportation Flood Damage Funding		
Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT)	An overview of emergency highway aid programs	DOT Overview
Wisconsin DOT Disaster Damage Aids	Allows municipalities to obtain funds to repair a road to pre-disaster condition as or improve sites to make drainage improvements. A state or federal flood disaster declaration is <u>NOT</u> required.	WisDOT Disaster Funding
Federal Highway Administration & Wisconsin DOT Emergency Relief Fund	Assists local governments with replacing or repairing roadways on all Federal-aid highways. A governor’s disaster declaration is <u>required</u> for this funding.	FHWA Disaster Funding
Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)	The lead agency charged with coordinating the state’s planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts for natural and man-made disasters.	Find Available Grants More info on WEM Disaster Assistance
The Wisconsin Disaster Fund (WDF)	A state-funded reimbursement program that allows local governmental units – namely, counties, cities, townships, villages, and tribal units of government – to recoup costs incurred while responding to and recovering from disaster events.	More WDF information

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funding		
<i>Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)</i>	WEM has the administrative lead working with FEMA under the Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation grant programs.	<u>WEM Grants</u>
<i>Public Assistance Reimbursement</i>	Intended to help with emergency repairs and permanent repairs, generally to the pre-flood conditions. Certain improvements can be made to meet current road safety or DNR permit standards.	<u>Public Assistance</u>
<i>Hazard Mitigation Grants</i>	Can be utilized to fund improvements at flood prone sites.	<u>Hazard Mitigation Assistance</u>
<i>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)</i>	The program is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential major disaster declaration.	<u>Hazard Mitigation Grants</u>
<i>Pre-disaster Program (PDM)</i>	The is designed to assist tribes and local communities in implementing hazard mitigation projects before a disaster strikes. To be eligible for this funding, there must be a local hazard mitigation plan in place.	<u>Pre-disaster Program</u>
<p><u>US Forest Service (USFS) Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO)</u>: For roads that generally have formal maintenance agreements between the municipality and the USFS. This funding is for public roads that provide access to and within Federal and Indian Lands.</p>		
<p><u>WI Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL)</u>: A loan program for municipalities for public purpose projects including local infrastructure. BCPL offers fixed rate loans with interest rates that are competitive with the bond market and other financial institutions.</p>		
<p>US Department of Housing and Urban Development <u>Community Development Block Grants</u>: Support community development. Activities may address needs such as infrastructure. Federal support encourages systematic and sustained action by state and local governments.</p>		
<p>Team Rubicon maybe able to help assist picking up debris, materials and remove obstructions after flooding events. Go to <u>https://teamrubiconusa.org/</u> for more information.</p>		

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