



Flood Damage Funding for Municipal Road Stream Crossings (April 2018)

Working with DNR

- *In flood situations, DNR Transportation Liaisons are committed to working with municipalities to provide quick turnaround on decisions and consultation.*
- *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.*
- *For more information, contact the Transportation Liaison for your county at:*
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Sectors/documents/transportation/Liaisons.pdf>

Flood Damage Funding

WI Department of Transportation (DOT): Has developed an overview of emergency highway aid programs. <http://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/emergency-pro.pdf>

DOT Disaster Damage Aids: Allows municipalities to obtain funds to repair a road to pre-disaster condition or improve sites to make drainage improvements. A state or federal flood disaster declaration is NOT required. Depending on the situation, the local cost share may be 25% for the in-kind replacement plus 50% of any increased cost for improvements. The amount of local cost share for improvements may be reduced if the claim is \$15,000 or less or the changes are necessary to meet current standards. <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/disaster.aspx>

Federal Highway Administration & WI DOT Emergency Relief Fund: Assists local governments with replacing or repairing roadways on all Federal-aid highways (function classification of major collectors and above). A governor's disaster declaration is required for this funding. Emergency repairs are funded 100% if done within 180 days. Permanent repairs to restore to pre-disaster condition have a local cost share of 10% to 20%. Any proposed betterment needs to be justified and approved by DOT & FHWA. <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/relief.aspx>

WI Emergency Management (WEM) Disaster Fund: Grants are available on a cost share basis for debris clearance, emergency protective measures and damage to road systems. This funding is made available when the state or counties are denied federal disaster assistance or do not meet the federal eligibility criteria. Communities that meet an established per capita threshold in damages can request assistance through the County Emergency Management Director. Tribes can apply directly to WEM. <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/recovery/assistance.asp>
http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/counties/county_directors.asp

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM): County Hazard Mitigation Plans can be used to identify vulnerable road crossings that do not adequately pass floods along with corridors that are important emergency routes where installing flood resilient culverts is a high priority. Plans are generally done countywide. WEM gives funding priority to those communities that have yet to develop a plan and/or are in a county included in the most recent federal disaster declaration. Additional priority is given to counties with plans expiring in the next two years. Contact the County Emergency Management Director for more information:

http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/counties/county_directors.asp

<http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/mitigation/planning.asp#local>

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funding: For roads, culverts, and bridges damaged by floods when a presidential disaster declaration has been issued.

- **Wisconsin Emergency Management** has the administrative lead working with FEMA under the Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation grant programs.
<https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/wem/grants/recovery-programs#WDF>
- **Public Assistance Reimbursement** is 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. <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>
- **Hazard Mitigation Grants** can be utilized to fund improvements at flood prone sites.
<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>
 - The **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** program is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential major disaster declaration.
<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>
 - The **Pre-disaster Program (PDM)** 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.
<https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program>

U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO): Is 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. The federal share of the cost is 100%.
<https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/erfo/> Contact Mark Beuning at 715-362-1377

Loan Program:

WI Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL): Has 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. The application process is simple and borrowers pay no application fees, prepayment penalties, or any other fees. The interest from this loan program is distributed annually to fund public school library materials throughout Wisconsin.

<http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/section.asp?linkid=1438&locid=145>

<http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/docview.asp?docid=22544>

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