

# Fiscal Year 2025 National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant

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Background and application requirements for the funding opportunity for the fiscal year 2025 National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant. The amount available is \$7.48 million.

## Background

The National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant program encourages the establishment and maintenance of effective state programs intended to ensure dam safety, to protect human life and property and to improve state dam safety programs. The grant program's goals are to reduce risks to life and property associated with dams, increase awareness of the benefits and risks associated with dam infrastructure, and advance the practice of dam safety and dam risk management.

The National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant is used by state dam safety programs for the following activities:

- Dam safety training for state personnel
- Increase in the number of dam inspections
- Increase in the submittal and testing of Emergency Action Plans
- More timely review and issuance of permits
- Improved coordination with state emergency preparedness officials
- Identification of dams to be repaired or removed
- Conduct dam safety awareness workshops and creation of dam safety videos and other outreach materials
- Risk identification analysis and risk prioritization to inform decision-making in dam rehabilitation or removal projects of high hazard potential dams

In a state or territory with an approved dam safety program, the state administrative agency is eligible to apply.



## Funding

The National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant funding originates from annual appropriations.

The [Water Resources Development Act of 2024](#) reauthorized the National Dam Safety Program through 2028 and modified the maximum grant amount a state or territory may receive. The amount of funds allocated to a state or territory under this program may not exceed four times (400%) the amount of funds committed by the state to implement dam safety activities for that fiscal year.

The National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant Fiscal Year 2025 funding opportunity application period will be open from July 28, 2025 – Aug. 11, 2025. The funding amount available is \$7.48 million. The funding opportunity can be found on [Grants.gov](#).

## Eligibility Requirements

This is a basic summary of considerations and documentation required for the grant for fiscal year 2025. To be considered for a grant:

- The applicant must be eligible:
  - This funding opportunity is restricted to the state dam safety program for eligible states and territories. For the purposes of this grant program, in Fiscal Year 2025, this includes 49 states and Puerto Rico. ?Alabama and the remaining territories are not currently eligible for funding under National Dam Safety Program grants.
- The applicant must meet the Maintenance of Effort requirement to demonstrate their financial investment in dam safety efforts within their state.
  - Maintenance of Effort is a yes/no determination of whether the state's current dam safety program funding is equal or greater than the average of the previous two fiscal years funding.
- The application must be completed and submitted by the deadline on Aug. 11, 2025.



For a state to be eligible for assistance under this program, a state dam safety program must be authorized by state legislation, working toward meeting specific criteria and budgeting requirements, and be approved by FEMA. The summarized list of eligibility requirements for state dam safety programs is below. For exact eligibility requirements, please refer to the statute language contained in [Title 33 United States Code Section 467f\(e\)\(2\)\(a\)](#).

- Safety evaluations of existing dams
- Review of plans and specifications for dam construction and major repair work
- Periodic inspections of dams and construction work on new and existing dams
- Reviews and approval of Emergency Action Plans required for certain dams
- Engagement with local officials and dam owners on emergency preparedness activities [1]

Updates and additional information can be found on the National Dam Safety Program [State Assistance Grant webpage](#) on FEMA's website and in the funding opportunity released July 28, 2025 on [Grants.gov](#).

## Application Requirements

### Steps and information required prior to submission

The following list will be content, or actions needed to successfully submit a grant application.

- Unique Entity Identifier Number Registration. To find or request a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), please visit [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).
- Grants.gov profile: <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-registration>
- State Designation of State Authorizing Authority
- Register in [FEMA Grants Outcomes \(FEMA GO\)](#).
  - FEMA Grants Outcomes Help Desk: [femago@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:femago@fema.dhs.gov). FEMA Grants Outcomes technical support for error messages or forgotten password: **877-585-3242**.
  - For eligibility questions, contact Hazard Mitigation Assistance programmatic support: **866-222-3580**.
  - Application designation point(s) of contact with name, email, and phone number. If possible, FEMA's preference is to have primary and secondary contacts.



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- Only one application per state is allowed.

## How to Apply

- To apply for funding made available, applicants must adhere to the application and funding deadlines. The application period opens on July 28, 2025.
- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) management system. Applications must be received in the FEMA GO Portal by Aug. 11, 2025 (5 p.m. ET). Applications received by FEMA GO after this date will not be considered for funding.
- Applicants experiencing technical problems outside of their control must notify FEMA by 5 p.m. ET on Aug. 11, 2025. No new system-related issues will be addressed after this deadline.

## Additional Information

Applicants can learn more about the National Dam Safety Program State Assistance Grant, application requirements and process in several ways:

- Contacting their National Dam Safety Program grants officer at their respective FEMA regions
- Visiting the [FEMA State Assistance Grant webpage](#), which contains resources and webinars
- Emailing the National Dam Safety Program grants team with comments or questions at: [FEMA-NDSP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-NDSP@fema.dhs.gov)

[1] Congressional Research Report: [Federal Assistance for Nonfederal Dam Safety](#) (January 2023)

