

Types of Eligible Activities Supported by This Grant

Although state programs vary in the scope of their authority, program activities typically provide for these types of activities:

- Training state and territory personnel on dam safety
- Facilitating more timely review and issuance of permits
- Improving coordination with state emergency preparedness officials
- Conducting dam safety awareness workshops and creation of dam safety videos and other outreach materials
- Purchasing equipment, supplies, vehicles to help implement the state dam safety program
- Increasing inspections of existing dams, to include identifying dams to be repaired or removed
- Review of plans and specifications for dam construction and major repairs
- Periodic inspections of construction on new and existing dams
- Reviewing, testing and approval of Emergency Action Plans

Resources for More Information

FEMA National Dam Safety Program:
www.fema.gov/dam-safety

FEMA Regional Office:
www.fema.gov/about/organization/regions

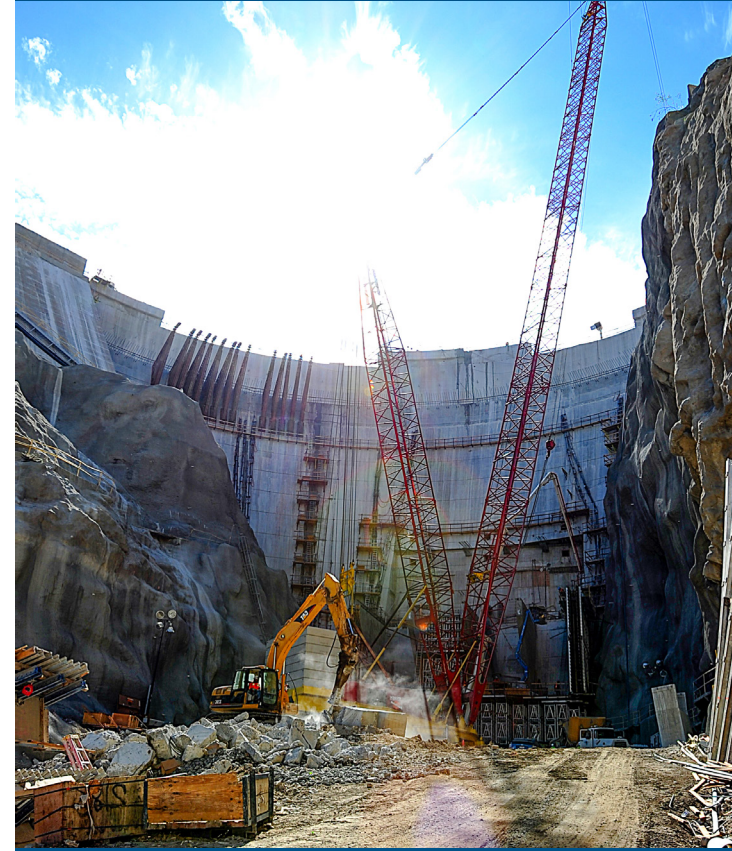
Association of State Dam Safety Officials:
www.damsafety.org

National Inventory of Dams:
nid.usace.army.mil

National Levee Safety Program:
www.leveesafety.org

United States Society on Dams:
www.usstdams.org

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State Assistance Grant Program

National Dam Safety Program



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NDSP State Assistance Grant Program

The primary purpose of the National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) State Assistance grant program is to provide financial assistance to the states for strengthening their dam safety programs mission to reduce risks to life, property, and the environment from dam failure by guiding public policy and leveraging industry best practices across the dam safety community.



The NDSP State Assistance awards provide assistance to encourage 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 that regulate most of the 94,000 dams in the U.S. The State Assistance grant program funding

comes from annual appropriations as well as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, which allocated \$148 million for State Assistance grants to support dam safety projects until expended.

Who is Eligible? How is Funding Determined?

Any state or territory (“state”) with a dam safety program authorized by legislation will receive funding. State Assistance grants are calculated using a formula based on the number of eligible dams in a State. FEMA headquarters coordinates with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for the latest information from the National Inventory of Dams for dams regulated by each state. The NDSP State Assistance program then calculates the allocations based on the formula and provides this information to each FEMA regional program for their respective states.

Is There a Cost Share Requirement?

There is no cost share requirement for State Assistance grants. However, there is a Maintenance of Effort limit that caps the amount that can be awarded to a state based on the state’s average aggregate expenditures on dam safety for the past two years.

How to Apply

Each year, FEMA publishes a Notice of Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov detailing funding amounts available, application instructions, deadlines, and other important details. Applicants may view and submit initial applications via Grants.gov.

