

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.

Cost Sharing

Assistance provided under the HHPD grant is subject to a non-federal cost-sharing requirement. Federal funding is available for up to 65% of the eligible activity costs. The remaining 35% of eligible activity costs must be derived from non-federal sources, which may be in kind.



Resources for more information

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

FEMA's HHPD helpline:
FEMA-NDSP-HHPDGrants@fema.dhs.gov

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

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

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

National Levee Safety Program:
www.leveesafety.org

United States Society on Dams:
www.ussdams.org

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The Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Grant Program

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There are 14,726 dams in the United States that are classified as high hazard potential, meaning that their failure from any means, including a terrorist attack, could result in loss of life, significant property damage, lifeline disruption and environmental damage. The Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) grant program makes available federal funds to eligible states to non-federal governmental organizations for the rehabilitation of dams that fail to meet minimum dam safety standards and pose unacceptable risk to life and property.

Rehabilitation means the repair, replacement, reconstruction, or removal of a dam that is carried out to meet applicable state dam safety and security standards. Funding priorities include technical analysis, planning, design, pre-construction, and construction activities related to the repair, removal, or rehabilitation of eligible high hazard dams.

The HHPD grant program funding comes from annual appropriations as well as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, which allocated \$585 million for dam, rehabilitation and/or removal, until expended.

How is Funding Determined?

A state or territory with an enacted dam safety program, the State Administrative Agency (SAA), or an equivalent state agency, is eligible to apply for the grant. Each SAA may submit only one grant application to FEMA and must be able to comply with regulations associated with receipt of federal financial contributions from FEMA. Eligibility is limited to:

- States that have a state dam safety program authorized by state legislation.
- Subrecipients that are non-federal governmental and nonprofit organizations, to include 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4).

Activities Eligible for Funding

Pre-construction activities eligible for funding include:

- Engineering plans/specs
- Environmental Impact assessment
- Surveys/structural investigations
- Geotechnical investigations
- Risk prioritization/risk assessments

Construction activities eligible for funding include:

- Repair or rehabilitation of the dam
- Dam removal
- Construction monitoring
- Installation of early warning system associated with eligible dam project

