

Flood Damage Reduction Grant Assistance Program:



Who is Eligible for a Grant?

Any local government unit (LGU) is eligible to apply for a grant to plan or to implement flood damage reduction measures. LGUs are eligible for FDR grants independent of a Presidential disaster declaration. LGUs are defined as counties, cities, towns, conservation districts, watershed districts, or lake improvement districts. Local governments also include joint powers organizations composed of these units. The commissioner may make grants to local governments to conduct flood damage reduction studies to determine the most feasible, practical, and effective methods and programs for mitigating the damages due to flooding within flood prone rural and urban areas and their watersheds and plan and implement flood mitigation measures.

What Types of Grants are Available?

Currently, Two Different Classes of Grants are Available through the FDR Program:

Small Grants:

Small grants for projects with a total cost of less than or equal to \$300,000 (maximum state share \$150,000) are made directly by the DNR from general funds appropriated by the legislature. These are competitive, and are limited to available funds. Cities, counties, towns, watershed districts and watershed management organizations, lake improvement districts, soil and water conservation districts, and joint powers organizations composed of any of these units may apply. Small projects and studies are covered through this grant program.

Small Grant Example: Acquisition and Relocation of a Flood-Prone Structure:



Large Grants:

Large grants are for projects with a total cost greater than \$300,000 (state share greater than \$150,000). Large grant applications are received and prioritized by the DNR and then presented to the Governor and the Legislature for consideration in a capital bonding bill. A project will be funded based on its rank after prioritization ([see FDR guidebook](#)) and the amount of program funding made available by the Legislature.

Large Grant Example: Construction of a Levee to Protect Town from Flood Waters:



Also see: [Flood Damage Reduction: Grant Assistance Program Information Sheet](#)

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Cost Share Distributions:

All MN DNR FDR Program grants involve some cost share dollars. But some types of projects have special cost share distributions. Here are some of the typical kinds of funding splits. In all cases, the MN DNR share can be less than or equal to the share shown.

1. Standard Grants:

50% MN DNR 50% Local*

2. Post-Federally declared Disaster FEMA Grants:

75% FEMA (HMGP) 12.5% MN DNR 12.5% Local*

3. Federal Corps of Engineers Projects:

50-65% Corps 1 17.5-25% State 17.5-25% Local*

4. 2% Median Household Projects:

In 1999, the Legislature approved a bond appropriation and rider language to provide state funds to pay the local share that exceeded 2% of the median household income of the community for the following cities: East Grand Forks, Warren, Breckenridge, Ada, Crookston, and Oakport. Additional legislative action is needed with any new appropriations.

* Local share can come from Local Units of Government, other State Agencies like DEED, from private agencies or from private landowners.

Examples of FDR Projects:

The FDR grant assistance program is designed to mitigate damages due to flooding within rural and urban floodplain areas. Structural and nonstructural mitigation measures are eligible for funding. Typical FDR projects include acquisitions, relocations, levees, floodwalls, impoundments and other flood reduction measures. See a map of past FDR projects ([insert hyperlink](#)).

Example: A Small Invisible Floodwall Protects Breckenridge



Eligible projects are grouped as receiving High, Medium or Low priority. Please see the FDR guidebook ([see FDR guidebook](#)) for more information.

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