

# Fiscal Year 2024 Fall Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Funding Opportunity

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Background and applicant requirements for the fall funding opportunity for fiscal year (FY) 2024 Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams grant program. The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) provides a funding amount of more than \$185 million for Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams grants in this grant cycle.

## Background

The President signed the [Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act](#) or the “WIIN Act,” on Dec. 16, 2016, which adds a new grant program under FEMA’s National Dam Safety Program [Title 33 United States Code Section 467\(f\)](#).

The Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams grant provides technical, planning, design, and construction assistance in the form of grants for rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams. A state or territory with an enacted dam safety program, the State Administrative Agency, or an equivalent state agency, is eligible for the grant.

## Funding Information

The [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#) was passed by the 117th Congress and signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden as the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) on Nov. 15, 2021. The law increased funding for FEMA dam safety with \$585 million for the Rehabilitation of High-Hazard Potential Dams Grant, of which \$75 million is designated for dam removal projects. The High Hazard Potential Dam Grant is used to fund the following activities for non-federally owned dams:

- Planning and design activities
- Rehabilitation, repair and removal

Prior to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this funding originated from annual appropriations. In FY 2022, FEMA allocated \$22 million in grant funding to continue the Rehabilitation for High Hazard Potential Dams program, including nearly \$11 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

In spring 2023, the National Dam Safety Program worked with stakeholders via a series of listening sessions to determine how to disburse the future funding. As a result, the National Dam Safety Program decided that BIL-funded



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HHPD grants will consist of three equal disbursements of an estimated \$185 million a year with the first disbursement in the fall for FY 2024.

The FY 2024 fall funding opportunity application period will be open from Nov. 6, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024. The funding amount available is \$185.12 million. The funding opportunity can be found on Grants.gov by clicking [here](#).

## Application Requirements

This is a basic summary of considerations and documentation required for the subrecipient grant planning for this grant cycle. To be considered for a grant:

- The applicant must be eligible
- The dam must be eligible and designated as high hazard potential in the [National Inventory of Dams \(NID\)](#)
- There must be a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan that addresses all-dam risks for the jurisdiction in which the dam is located
- The application must be complete, to include procurement documentation, and submitted by the deadline of Feb. 29, 2024.

Updates and additional information can be found on the FEMA [Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams webpage](#) and in the funding opportunity released on Nov. 6, 2023 and published on [Grants.gov](#). For specific language found in statute, please refer to [Title 33 United States Code Section 467\(f\)-\(2\)](#).

## Application Details

### STEPS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED PRIOR FOR SUBMISSION:

These are the actions and details needed to submit a grant application:

- Unique Entity Identifier EUI Number Registration To find or request a Unique Entity Identifier (SAM), please visit [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).
- Grants.gov profile
- State Designation for Dam Safety Program Authority Information. (Who will be your Pass-Through application Point of Contact?)
- Eligibility of a High Hazard Potential Dam by State Authority
- State Designation of State Authorization Authority
- Recognition or listing of US Corps of Engineer listing

- State Approved Mitigation Plan
- Environmental Assessment Plan (if required)
- Statement of Work Planning Information
- Construction Planning documentation
- Dam Removal Planning documentation
- Budget Planning & Funding
- Cost Match and Planning information
- Terms & Conditions for High Hazard Potential Dam funding
- Application designation Point of Contact(s) with Name, email, and phone number. (Preference submission with Primary and secondary contacts)

## Eligible High Hazard Dams

Dams considered eligible for the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams grant must:

- Be non-federal dams
- Be located in a state with a dam safety program and regulated under that state dam safety program
- Be classified as high hazard potential by the relevant dam safety agency
- Have an Emergency Action Plan
- Have a condition assessment rating of Poor or Unsatisfactory as identified in the [National Inventory of Dams \(NID\)](#)
- Not be a licensed hydroelectric dam under a hydropower project with an authorized installed capacity of greater than 1.5 megawatts
- Not be built under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture

Applicants must submit the list of dams in table format with [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Inventory of Dams data](#), including the below column row headers, and be signed by the [State Dam Safety Agency](#).

### INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION:

- Does the state have a state dam safety program?
- Dam Name

- National Inventory of Dams ID Number
- Longitude
- Latitude
- Hazard Potential
- State Approved emergency action plan (EAP)? (Y/N)
- EAP Date
- Owner Type
- Built by USDA/NRCS? (Y/N)
- Licensed by FERC? (Y/N)
- National Inventory of Dams Condition Assessment
- Fails to Meet Minimum State Dam Safety Standards
- Dam has a documented Dam Safety Deficiency?
- Was Dam Safety Deficiency caused by lack of Routine Operation and Maintenance?
- Was Dam Safety Deficiency caused by Deferred Maintenance?
- Brief Description of Deficiency
- Name of potential subrecipient that has indicated interest in securing funding for a high hazard dam and is capable of meeting program grant requirements

## Procurement Documentation

Per [Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Section 200.318\(i\)](#), non-federal entities other than states and territories are required to maintain and retain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement covering at least the rationale for the procurement method, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

States and territories are encouraged to maintain and retain this information as well and are reminded that for any cost to be allowable, it must be adequately documented per [Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Section 200.403\(g\)](#).

Examples of the types of documents that would cover this information include but are not limited to:

- Solicitation documentation, such as requests for quotes, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals.

- Responses to solicitations, such as quotes, bids, or proposals.
- Pre-solicitation independent cost estimates and post-solicitation cost/price analyses on file for review by federal personnel, if applicable.
- Contract documents and amendments, including required contract provisions; and
- Other documents required by federal regulations applicable at the time a grant is awarded to a recipient.
- Additional information on required procurement records can be found on pages 24-26 of the [Procurement Disaster Assistance Team \(PDAT\) Field Manual](#)

All documentation will be submitted in the Close Out Package upon completion or termination of the grant. This package will be submitted to the state pass-through agency and the respective state's National Dam Safety Program regional office for retention. This is separate from the financial grant close out documentation.

## Additional Information

Applicants and subapplicants can learn more about the Rehabilitation of the High Hazard Potential Dams grant program, application requirements and processes in several ways:

- Contact the National Dam Safety Program grants officer in the respective region
- Visiting the FEMA [Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams webpage](#), which contains resources and webinars
- Email the National Dam Safety Program grants team with questions at: [FEMA-NDSP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-NDSP@fema.dhs.gov)