



AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Special Board Meeting No. 6-21

Monday, April 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. (MST)

Water Center

Conference Rooms 602 C & D / Online Zoom Meeting

322 E. Front St.

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(This meeting will be conducted using guidance in response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Masks are required & in person attendance is limited. Call or email if you have questions: jennifer.strange@idwr.idaho.gov)

Board Members & the Public may participate via Zoom

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Dial in Option: 1(253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 928 6182 8097 Passcode: 621316

1. Roll Call
2. Flood Management Grant Criteria*
3. Executive Session: Board will meet pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Topics: Water Right Applications 37-23110, 37-23111 and Water Right Applications 01-10613, 21-7577, 21-7578, 21-7580, 21-13160. There are no actions during executive session. Closed to the public
4. Water Right Applications 37-23110, 37-23111*
5. Water Right Applications 01-10613, 21-7577, 21-7578, 21-7580, 21-13160*
6. Non-Action Items for Discussion
7. Next Meeting & Adjourn

* Action Item: A vote regarding this item may be made this meeting. Identifying an item as an action item on the agenda does not require a vote to be taken on the item.

Americans with Disabilities

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Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: April 23, 2021
Re: 2021 Flood Management Grant Program Criteria

Action: Consider Adoption of Flood Management Grant Program Criteria

FY 2020 Flood Management Grant Program

House Bill 646 passed and approved by the 2020 Legislature included a \$1,000,000 transfer from the General Fund transferred to the Water Management Fund, with \$800K for the Flood Management Grant Program and \$200K for the Mid-Snake Water Quality Monitoring and Modeling effort. The IWRB authorized \$860K in flood grants at the July 2020 IWRB meeting utilizing the funds from HB 646 and some additional funds from flood grant projects that had come in under budget in a prior year. These projects are ongoing.

FY 2021 Flood Management Grant Program

Senate Bill 1190 passed and approved by the 2021 Legislature includes \$800K for the Flood Management Grant Program. The proposed criteria (attached) establishes an application due date of Friday June 18, 2021. Staff anticipates a Finance Committee in early July with grant funding awards targeted for July 23rd IWRB meeting.

Attachment(s):

Resolution to Adopt 2021 Flood Management Grant Updated Criteria
Updated 2021 Flood Management Grant Criteria

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD
MANAGEMENT GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1190 passed and approved by the 2021 Legislature transferred
2 \$800,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund for a Flood Management Grant
3 Program administered by the Idaho Water Resources Board (IWRB) to be used for the purpose
4 of flood-damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, or
5 flood prevention projects; and
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7 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1190 allows for the award of grants larger than \$50,000 for the
8 Flood Management Program, at the discretion of the IWRB; and
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10 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1190 directs the IWRB to require the availability of fifty percent
11 (50%) matching funds for all projects to be considered under the grant program; and
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13 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1190 directs the IWRB to prioritize projects on a competitive
14 statewide basis; and
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16 WHEREAS, the IWRB intends to allocate these funds no later than July 23, 2021, and
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18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached criteria for the
19 award of Flood Management Grants and directs staff to issue a statewide solicitation for Flood
20 Management projects.

DATED this 26th day of April 2021.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
JO ANN COLE-HANSEN, Secretary

2021 IWRB Flood Management Grant Program Criteria

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) Flood Management Grant Funding Program provides financial assistance on a competitive statewide basis to Flood Control Districts, Drainage Districts, Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Municipalities, Counties and other public entities interested in pursuing flood damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, and flood prevention projects. (Senate Bill 1190)

Pursuing flood damage repair and improvement projects can help prevent or reduce flood damage in Idaho's streams and rivers. To be considered for grant funding, entities must be able to provide evidence of flood damage, or evidence of conditions that create the risk of flooding in a stream channel and submit a funding request document outlining the proposed repairs and/or improvements to the stream channel.

Eligible Entities: Flood Control Districts, Drainage Districts, Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Municipalities, and Counties. Other public entities are eligible to apply.

Eligible Geographic Area: Statewide

Program Budget:

- \$800,000
- No more than 50% (\$400,000) of the total budget may be spent within a single IWRB district. This limit may be waived if there are no competing funding demands.

Funding Amount: up to \$200,000 per project; one project per application

- Funding awards will be reallocated unless Flood Management work begins prior to November 1, 2021.
- Funding will not be distributed unless the project is fully permitted. Sponsor is responsible for providing permit documentation to IWRB staff.

Matching Funds for Projects:

- Entities requesting funding for flood management grant projects must provide at least 50% matching cost-share funding with non-state dollars. Projects that include higher cost share amounts will receive a higher ranking during project evaluations
- In-kind services can be used for 30% of the total projects costs. Legal/Administrative in-kind services are limited to 5% of total project costs.
- EXAMPLE: For a \$100K project, sponsor would have to provide at least \$50K in matching cost share funding. Of the \$50K, the sponsor could provide up to \$30K in in-kind services of which \$5,000 could be in legal/administrative costs and \$20K in cash to meet the matching cost-share requirement)

Evaluation Criteria: To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, applications and sponsor's grant document will be evaluated, scored (*135 point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria:

First Time Applicants (5 points)

- First time applicants will receive points (*5 points*)

Effectiveness of Project (60 points)

- What is the urgency of the project and anticipated costs? (*10 points*)
- What are the objectives and benefits of the project? (*10 points*)
- How does the proposed project solution address the objectives? (*10 points*)
- How will the project measure success of its objectives, and describe the proposed monitoring plan. (*5 points*)

- Is the proposed budget and schedule realistic and is the budget appropriate for the scope of work provided? Has the applicant provided detailed construction expenses documenting how money will be spent to complete the project? *(15 points)*
- Are project sponsors using relevant and appropriate information to develop the proposed project? (Sponsor should include references to relevant studies, assessments, reports, management plans, etc.) How will the project account for expected future changes to hydrology, sediment regimes, or water supply? *(10 points)*

Readiness of Project (50 points)

- Lead sponsor of project is identified and there is a description of other affected stakeholders and jurisdictions. *(10 points)*
- Project sponsors will provide documentation that affected local stakeholders and jurisdictions have been consulted. If the project is located within a Flood Control District, the sponsor must provide documentation showing the Flood Control District supports the project, otherwise the project will be declared ineligible. *(10 points)*
- Specify cash matching funds that will be provided for the project, including any in-kind services. Indicate what funding sources are secured or pending. The applicant must provide at least 50% matching cost share funding with non-state dollars. In-kind services can be used for 30% of the total projects costs. Legal/Administrative in-kind services are limited to 5% of total project costs. *(10 points)*
- Projects that propose matching cost-share amounts above 50% will receive additional points in the ranking *(1 point for each additional 1% increase up to 70% to receive up to 20 additional points)*.

Organization Capacity (20 points)

- What is the sponsor's history of successful accomplishments on projects similar to this one? The sponsor shall provide several past project examples, if possible. *(10 points)*
- What level of sponsor and consultant staffing will be directed toward the implementation of the proposed project? Discuss the number of sponsor and consultant staff and amount of time dedicated for each for the project. Will the project utilize volunteers? If so, how? Include brief resumes or list of qualifications for each member of the project team. *(10 points)*

Application Process:

Application Deadline: June 18, 2021

Project Funding Recommendations: July 2021 Finance Committee

Funding Awarded: July 23, 2021 Board meeting

Payment Process:

- Funds will be distributed upon sponsor submitting funding reimbursement requests to the IWRB.
- Sponsor funding requests shall include a cover letter which shall include a description of the project activities, dates for performing the project activities, and contractor or supplier invoices.
- Invoices should be sent to IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov

IWRB Districts are as follows:

District No. 1: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.

District No. 2: Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.

District No. 3: Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.

District No. 4: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.

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