

# 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

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:**

- No more than 50% 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 may be reallocated unless Flood Management work begins prior to November 1 following funding award.
- 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 project 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:** Projects that are determined to not be flood-related by staff will be declared ineligible and not scored. To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, the applications will be evaluated, scored (*135-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria:

### Effectiveness of Project (65 points)

- First time applicant (*5 points*)
- Can this project be described as one of the following (if so, please explain how): flood damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, or flood prevention project (*20 points*)
- What is the urgency of the project and anticipated costs? (*20 points*)
- What are the benefits of the project and how will success be measured? (*10 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? (10 points)

Readiness of Project (70 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. (20 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. (20 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).

**Application Process:**

Application Deadline: Due on the first Friday of June

Project Funding Recommendations: June/July Finance Committee

Funding Awarded: July IWRB meeting

**Payment Process:**

- A contract will be developed, and funds will be distributed per that contract 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 [ldwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:ldwrPayable@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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