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Idaho Water Resource Board seeks grant applications for flood damage, flood management and prevention

BOISE - (May 21, 2018) – The Idaho Water Resource Board is seeking applications for grants to be used for flood-damaged stream-channel repair, stream-channel improvement, flood-risk reduction or flood-prevention work in rivers and streams throughout Idaho.

Applicants may request funding for up to \$200,000 per project. There will be a 50-percent match requirement for all grants awarded, officials said. Applications that include higher cost-share percentages will receive a higher ranking.

The application period for flood-management grants lasts through June 15. Projects will be reviewed by the Water Resource Board’s Finance Committee, and final grant awards will be selected at the July 27 Board meeting in Moscow.

The Board’s Flood-Management Grant Program was authorized by the Idaho Legislature this year. The Legislature set aside \$1 million for flood-management projects.

The record-setting winter of 2017-18 caused flood damage to a number of Idaho streams and rivers. That prompted flood-control districts and other entities to approach the Legislature about creating a statewide program for addressing flood-control damages as well as flood-prevention, stream-channel improvement and flood-management work.

To be considered for grant funding, applicants must provide evidence of flood damage or evidence of conditions that create the risk of flooding in a stream channel. The following entities are eligible to receive grant funding: flood control districts, counties, municipalities, drainage districts, irrigation districts, canal companies, and other public entities.

The Idaho Water Resource Board has set up a web page outlining the details required for applications. Go to <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/IWRB/programs/financial/> for details.

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