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State Flood Grant application deadline coming up on Friday, June 6

BOISE - (June 4, 2025) – The application deadline for the 2025 State Flood Management Grant program is coming up on Friday, June 6.

Staff for the Idaho Water Resource Board sent out the reminder today, indicating that the Board likes to receive applications from wide variety of water users statewide. New applicants will receive 5 extra points in the scoring of proposals. Projects also are scored on the basis of readiness, urgency, benefits, cost-share funding and more. Projects that are shovel-ready are preferred.

The <u>State Flood Management Grant program</u> is open to flood control districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, canal companies, municipalities, counties and other public entities that may have incurred flood damage in recent times.

The Idaho Legislature has made the Flood Management Grant program a permanent program with about \$1 million in funding available each year statewide.

The maximum budget for each project is \$200,000; a 50 percent local match is required with non-state dollars. In general, eligible projects include repairing stream channels damaged by floods, streambank repairs, stream-channel improvement, flood-risk reduction, and flood-prevention projects.

See details on grant evaluation criteria <u>here</u>. The Board's intent is to distribute grant funds to projects around the state. No more than 50 percent of the total budget can be spent in any single board region of Idaho.

In July 2024, the Idaho Water Resource Board approved 10 flood management grants statewide at a cost of approximately \$702,000. New grant applications will be scored by staff and projects will be recommended for consideration at the Board's July 2025 meeting.

Application guidelines and forms can be found here.