



COST-SHARE PROGRAM: DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

ABOUT

The primary purpose of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Cost-Share Program is to assist local project sponsors with financial support of water development projects – making them more affordable to local constituents. The decision-making body that reviews cost-share requests is the State Water Commission. The 10-member SWC consists of Governor Doug Burgum as chairman, Agricultural Commissioner Doug Goehring, and eight members appointed by the governor who represent the state's major water drainage basins. Decisions related to the Cost-Share Program are guided by the SWC's Cost-Share Policy, Procedure, and General Requirements.



FUNDING SUPPORT

North Dakota funds the majority of its water projects through the DWR. State funding that is provided through DWR primarily comes from the Resources Trust Fund (RTF). The RTF is funded with 20.5 percent of revenues from North Dakota's oil extraction tax. Funding available through the Cost-Share Program is appropriated by the North Dakota Legislature. In recent budget cycles, the Legislature has specified amounts of funding available for specific project purposes, including water supply, rural water, flood protection, general water, and state-owned projects.

COST-SHARE PERCENTAGES

DWR shares in the costs of eligible projects at different percentages, depending on project type.

40%	Recreation
45%	Rural Flood Control
50%	Snagging & Clearing
50%	Bank Stabilizations
60%	FEMA Levee Accreditation
60%	Flood Control
60%	Municipal Water Supply
60%	Dam Repairs, Removals, & Retention
75%	Irrigation
75%	Rural Water & Regionalizations
75%	Low Head Dam Roller Mitigation
80%	Emergency Dam Action Plans

LOAN OPPORTUNITIES



In 2021, the Legislature and Governor's Office worked to advance legislation intended to support and create loan opportunities for a broad spectrum of infrastructure needs. This included the creation of the Water Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund (WIRLF), and continued support of the Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund (IRLF).

HOW TO APPLY

Project sponsors who are seeking cost-share grants through DWR, loans from the WIRLF or IRLF, or loans through the Department of Environmental Quality-administered Drinking/Clean Water State Revolving Fund Programs must apply through North Dakota's WebGrant's portal. For additional details on how to apply, go to dwr.nd.gov, click on Project Development, and then Cost-Share Program.

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