

**State Loan/Grant Funding Programs For Dam Repair, Abandonment Or Removal - 2008**  
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*Does your state have in place a loan/grant program for dam owners?*

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| Alabama     | No  |   |
| Alaska      | No  |   |
| Arizona     | Yes | Dam Repair Fund consisting of monies appropriated by the legislature and monies collected for application and inspection fees. Owners of Unsafe Dams are eligible for grants or loans.  |
| Arkansas    | No  |   |
| California  | Yes | On occasion bond funds are available for a variety of water supply and water quality projects. The last funding available was through proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act which authorized \$1.97 billion in bonds. Dam safety improvements were made as part of these grant which in turn made improvements to conjunctive water supply.   |
| Colorado    | Yes | Colorado Water Conservation Board has a dam construction assistance program that provides low interest loans to dam owners for new dams and rehabilitation of existing of dams.   |
| Connecticut | Yes | Connecticut has in place a program to cost share in the repair of municipally owned dams. Funding for such dam repairs is provided by bonding from the state legislature on an as requested basis. There is no loan program or cost sharing program available for privately owned dams in the state.  |
| Delaware    | No  |   |
| Florida     | No  |   |
| Georgia     | No  |   |
| Hawaii      | No  |   |
| Idaho       | Yes | The state Water Resources Board can provide loans and grants to deserving owners. However, the program is NOT dedicated exclusively to dams and reservoirs, but instead includes ALL water development projects and concepts. All awards and/or loans are competitive based on perceived benefit(s) to life, property and economic improvement.   |
| Illinois    | No  |   |
| Indiana     | Yes | The State has a low interest flood control revolving fund loan program. By statute the loan cannot exceed \$300,000 dollars, but it is limited to only public owners.   |
| Iowa        | No  |   |
| Kansas      | Yes | The Kansas State Conservation Commission has a cost share rehabilitation program for watershed dams. This program includes funding for rehabilitation of dams and developing inundation maps for existing low hazard watershed dams. Priority for inundation map funding is given to watershed dams in counties where there is zoning within the mapped breach inundation areas in order to prevent a hazard classification upgrade. Fund amount is for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. |
| Kentucky    | No  |   |
| Louisiana   | No  |   |
| Maine       | No  |   |

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| Maryland      | Yes | <p>Maryland has funding programs to assist dam owners with repair, abandonment, or removal of dams. Loan programs include the <b>Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund (WQRLF)</b> and <b>Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF)</b>. More information on these loan programs can be found on the MD Water Quality Financing Administration (WQFA) page [<a href="http://www.mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/QualityFinancing/MissionStatement/Pages/Programs/WaterPrograms/Water_Quality_Finance/mission_statement/index.aspx">www.mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/QualityFinancing/MissionStatement/Pages/Programs/WaterPrograms/Water_Quality_Finance/mission_statement/index.aspx</a>]</p> <p>Maryland is also currently working with the Governor's office and State Comptroller to establish a dam repair fund: <a href="http://marylandreporter.com/2011/05/19/board-of-public-works-discusses-funding-for-future-dam-repairs/">http://marylandreporter.com/2011/05/19/board-of-public-works-discusses-funding-for-future-dam-repairs/</a></p>  |
| Massachusetts | No  |  |
| Michigan      | No  |  |
| Minnesota     | Yes | Loans and grants available for publicly owned dams only.   |
| Mississippi   | No  |  |
| Missouri      | No  |  |
| Montana       | Yes | Publically owned dams can receive up to \$100,000 grant, and low interest loans. Grants are competitively awarded for all infrastructure projects (including wastewater, drinking water etc). Privately owned dams have no grant options although loans are available.   |
| Nebraska      | No  |  |
| Nevada        | No  |  |
| New Hampshire | Yes | <p>The NH Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund was established in 2009 under state statute RSA 482 482:55a [<a href="http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/L/482/482-55-a.htm">www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/L/482/482-55-a.htm</a>]. Rules still need to be established for the fund specifying the application process, criteria for award, the procedure for making loans, the interest rate to be applied, the maximum loan amount, the time frame for repayment, and oversight of the administration of the fund, but the current balance of the Fund is still very small. The only revenue into the Fund to date has been from fines levied on dam owners for failure to comply with New Hampshire's Dam Safety statutes and rules. These fines are to be deposited in the Fund in accordance with RSA 482:89 VII [<a href="http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/L/482/482-89.htm">www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/L/482/482-89.htm</a>].</p> <p>Regarding funding for dam removals, the State of New Hampshire does not have a specific loan/grant program for dam removals. However, one of the responsibilities of the River Restoration Coordinator, who is part of New Hampshire's Dam Safety Program, is to assist dam owners in identifying potential funding sources, including state and federal resource agencies and non-governmental organizations, to offset the costs of dam removal. [Link to the web page of New Hampshire's River Restoration Program: <a href="http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dam/damremoval/index.htm">http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dam/damremoval/index.htm</a>]</p> |
| New Jersey    | Yes | This is a low interest rate dam rehabilitation loan program. Municipality must co-sign low interest rate loan for private dam owners.  |
| New Mexico    | Yes | Owner must be a political subdivision of the state. Funds are not permanent and each year additional capital improvement funds are requested for dams but not always approved.   |
| New York      | Yes | Competitive reimbursement grant program for municipal dam owners   |

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| North Carolina | No  |  |
| North Dakota   | No  | State has a cost share program for political subdivisions of the state, not a grant program. The state will contribute a certain % of the repair or rehabilitation cost in cases of dam safety repairs. The cost share % is based on the purpose of the dam, for example a flood control project is eligible for 50% cost share, whereas a recreation project is only eligible for 33.3% cost share.   |
| Ohio           | Yes | The Ohio Water Development Authority has two low-interest loan programs for the repair or removal of existing dams. The Dam Safety Loan Program offers loans to local governments, and the Dam Safety Linked Deposit Program offers low-interest loans to private dam owners. To be eligible for these programs, the dam owner must have plans for repair or removal of the dam approved by the Division of Water and they must qualify based on their ability to repay the loan. The Linked Deposit Program is offered through private banks.                     |
| Oklahoma       | Yes | Owner must be a political subdivision of the state and the reservoir is being used a source of public water supply. Grants are awarded if an emergency exists and based on a priority point system. Loans are made based on borrower's repayment comparability.  |
| Oregon         | No  |  |
| Pennsylvania   | Yes | The state has a low interest loan program (Pennvest) for publicly owned water supplies, waste water systems and dams. The state also initiated a Growing Greener II program which can be used for dam repair or removal. There are no specific dedicated amounts for dam related work. In late 2008, Act 63 was passed by the legislature known as the H2O PA Act. This act provided grant monies through an application and ranking program to state and municipally owned unsafe high hazard dams.   |
| Puerto Rico    | No  |  |
| Rhode Island   | No  |  |
| South Carolina | No  |  |
| South Dakota   | No  |  |
| Tennessee      | No  |  |
| Texas          | No  |  |
| Utah           | Yes | The Utah Division of Water Resources administers a low interest loan program to assist water users in the state with water development and maintenance of water infrastructure. A grant program is also available that helps dam owners rehabilitate existing high hazard dams to meet current safety standards.   |
| Vermont        | Yes | Provides for loans or grants for rehabilitation or removal. Details will be established in regulations, which are yet to be developed.   |
| Virginia       | Yes | VA Dam Safety Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund allows high and significant hazard dams with emergency spillway deficiencies to apply for a low interest loan not to exceed \$300,000. The dam owner must provide 10 percent matching funds. The applicant must have an approved Alteration Permit with plans and specifications approved to qualify for the funds. At this time, funds are too small to offer to Low hazard classification dams. Two dam owners applied in early 2008 and decided to not take the offer, each requesting \$300,000. |

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| Washington        | No           |   |              |              |                   |              |              |              |                   |             |
| West Virginia     | Yes          | 2007 legislature passed bill to create revolving loan fund for deficient dams. Deficient dam means a noncoal-related dam that exhibits one or more design, maintenance, or operational problems that may adversely affect the performance of the dam over a period of time or during a major storm or other inclement weather that may cause loss of life or property; or a noncoal-related dam that otherwise fails to meet the requirements of this article. West Virginia has finalized an application form, but has yet to publish a list of deficient dams before sending the applications to interested parties To date, program is not operational.  |              |              |                   |              |              |              |                   |             |
| Wisconsin         |              | <p>The state has established grant programs to fund repair, reconstruction or removal of municipally owned dams and removal of small dams (including private owners) or dams that have been abandoned by their owners. These programs have not received new funding since 2001 and the majority of funds are committed to projects or have been expended. There is a current state budget proposal to refund the program at \$3 M per biennium. We will likely know the outcome of this by July 2009.</p> <p>Publicly Owned Dams:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Fund Amount:</td> <td>\$66,394,447</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount Committed:</td> <td>\$26,000,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>Privately Owned Dams:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Fund Amount:</td> <td>\$47,517,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount Committed:</td> <td>\$9,000,000</td> </tr> </table> | Fund Amount: | \$66,394,447 | Amount Committed: | \$26,000,000 | Fund Amount: | \$47,517,500 | Amount Committed: | \$9,000,000 |
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| Wyoming           | No           |   |              |              |                   |              |              |              |                   |             |