



Levee Rehabilitation Program

Repair of flood-risk-management projects damaged by a flood

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is authorized under Public Law (PL) 84-99 to supplement local efforts in the repair of flood-risk-management projects damaged by flooding events. This includes both federal (constructed by the Corps, but locally operated and maintained) and non-federal (constructed by non-federal interests, or by other federal agencies, and locally operated and maintained) projects.

A flood-risk-management project includes, but is not limited to, levees, channels and flood walls. These must be identified as eligible for rehabilitation assistance prior to a flood. Bank-protection projects are not eligible.

Rehabilitation construction costs for non-federal projects are shared with the non-federal sponsor, 80-percent federal and 20-percent non-federal. The cost share is for actual repairs, not Corps administrative costs, and may be made by payment or work-in-kind. Federal projects are 100-percent federally funded.

In Walla Walla District (the Snake River Basin), rehabilitation projects are coordinated by the Readiness Office, under the Rehabilitation and Inspection Program, with support from the Levee Safety Program. Rehabilitation assistance for a project must be requested by the non-federal sponsor within 30 days of the flood event ending.

Eligibility criteria

These criteria must be met for a flood-risk-management project to be eligible for rehabilitation assistance:

- There must have been a verifiable flood event on the river basin(s) in your area during a defined flood season – these dates will vary by individual river basins. “Flooding” means that flows in the basin must have been unusually high or reached a level formally defined as flooding by the National Weather Service.
- A non-federal flood-risk-management project must have been inspected, evaluated and accepted into the Levee Safety Program with a current “Active” status prior to the onset of the flood, and still be “Active,” based on the project’s latest Continuing Eligibility Inspection, at the time of the flood.
- For a federal flood-risk-management project to be eligible for rehabilitation assistance, it must be in an “Active” status by having passed its last Inspection of Completed Works inspection.
- Rehabilitation assistance will be provided by the Corps only when the work is economically justifiable, the damage was sustained during the recent flood event and the cost of repairs is more than \$15,000.

If the project meets these criteria, the District Readiness Office will request funds from Corps headquarters to conduct a field investigation of the project. Once funding is received, The District Readiness Office will schedule an inspection with the non-federal sponsor to gather information which will evaluate the damage, estimate repair costs and determine if the work is economically justifiable.



Non-federal sponsors

A non-federal (public) sponsor (NFS) is a public entity that is a legally constituted public body with full authority and capability to perform the terms of its agreement as a non-federal partner of the Corps for a flood-risk-management project, and able to pay damages, if necessary, in the event of its failure to perform. The NFS may be a state, county, city, town, recognized tribe or tribal organization, or any political subpart of a state, or group of states, that has the legal and financial authority and capability

to provide the necessary cash contributions and lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas (LERRDs) necessary for the project.

To minimize levee sponsors’ efforts, the District Readiness Office will coordinate rehabilitation assistance requests with Levee Safety Program staff. The Corps will also coordinate with local and state emergency management agencies, as well as the National Weather Service. Requesting assistance under PL 84-99 does not automatically enroll a levee sponsor in any separate assistance programs another agency may offer.

Requesting rehabilitation assistance

Levee sponsors who believe their flood-risk-management project(s) may qualify for rehabilitation assistance should submit a written request to Walla Walla District's Readiness Office. The request may be scanned and sent by e-mail. The request must be signed by an officer or responsible official of the sponsor, and must include:

- Name and telephone number of the public sponsor's point of contact
- Legal name of the flood control project
- Date and results of the last inspection by the Corps of Engineers
- Location of the flood control project by township, section, range, city and county
- Location(s) of the damaged section(s) and extent of the damage at each location
- Waterway causing the flood
- Photographs are optional, but are encouraged if any are available

Sponsors with more than one damaged project may submit one letter including all eligible damaged projects. If stream flows are high enough to obscure potential damages, sponsors may request an extension of the deadline from the Readiness Office.

After submitting a request

A team will evaluate the NFS request, looking at damages, maintenance history, economic benefits and other factors, and recommend either that the request not be approved, or the repairs needed to restore the project to pre-flood conditions. A project manager will contact the NFS about on-site inspections, technical information, rights of way, and discuss their responsibilities should the project be approved and funded. The primary document for that will be



Cooperative Agreement (which will identify any and all cost sharing requirements) between Walla Walla District and NFS. The Cooperative Agreement will be drafted, but not executed until repairs are authorized.

The team will then prepare a Project Information Report (PIR) for review and approval by our regional headquarters. Once funded, the project manager will direct the team to prepare a construction contract and the Cooperative Agreement, in coordination with the NFS, and complete the repairs.

How to reach us

Request rehabilitation assistance by sending the written request to:

Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District Walla Walla
Attention: Chief of Readiness Office
201 North 3rd Avenue
Walla Walla, Washington 99362

Send scanned letters to cenww-eoc@usace.army.mil.

Business hours for the District Readiness Office are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday – call 509-527-7146 or email cenww-eoc@usace.army.mil. After business hours, contact the Duty Officer at 1-509-380-4538 (to assure contact, dial all 11 digits, even within the 509 area code). Our staff is also available to answer questions prior to floods.

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