

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why do I keep getting an error screen when I am trying to submit my application on the website?

A. In many cases, this happens when you are trying to submit a large amount of attachments with your application. Although there is no size limit to what you can attach, different users may get different results depending on which browser version they are using and how good their connection is. The best work around we have found is to email your attachments separately (please note jurisdiction and project name) to ERF2017@imd.idaho.gov and they will be attached to your application.

Q. Can I apply for ERF even if my county did not file a local disaster declaration?

A. Yes, however, those applications will have less priority than applicants that did have a declaration.

Q. If my project is eligible for funding under a federal disaster declaration am I still eligible for funding from ERF?

A. Yes, projects eligible for funding under an approved federal disaster declaration will be first priority for ERF funding.

Q. Do I still have to apply for funding from the emergency relief fund if I have already applied for assistance from FEMA under a federal disaster declaration?

A. Yes, the funding from ERF is separate from any federal grant money and will need to be applied for separately.

Q. My jurisdiction is under a federal disaster declaration, will I still have a cost share?

A. Whether under a federal disaster declaration or not, the cost share to the local jurisdictions will always be 10%

Q. Do cities need to file an application separate from the county, or does the county need to include the cities in their application?

A. Cities, counties, local highway districts, etc. are all eligible to apply. Whoever is legally responsible for repair and upkeep of the road/bridge should be the applicant.

Q. Can I still apply for this funding if my project meets the criteria but work has already been completed?

A. Yes, as long as work can be justified with documentation.

Q. If my project was denied in the first or second round, can I make updates to my application to correct any errors that may have affected my score and resubmit?

A. Yes, applications can be updated and re-submitted as needed.

Q. Does the application have to come from an emergency management office, or can it come directly from a public works office?

A. The application should be completed by whoever is legally responsible for the project.

Q. Is there a deadline for use of funds once they have been awarded?

A. ERF funding will follow PAPPG guidelines for completion of permanent work, which is 18 months from the date of declaration. The state will have authority under these guidelines to grant extensions due to extraordinary circumstances.

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Q. Will it be possible to get additional funding after a project has been awarded funding from ERF if damages and cost of project are found to be more than initially estimated on the application?

A. Applicant will need to submit an amended application to address and identify the increased scope and cost of the project for re-consideration of increased funding. This will not change what has already been awarded, however, there is no guarantee of additional funding.