

Summary of EA-Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Draft 2026-27 Flood Infrastructure Fund Intended Use Plan

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Definitions

Acronym	Definition
FIG	Flood Infrastructure Fund
FME	Flood Management Evaluations
FMP	Flood Mitigation Projects
FMS	Flood Management Strategies
FMX	Refers to FME, FMP, & FMS, collectively
IUP	Intended Use Plan
SFP	State Flood Plan
SFY	State Fiscal Year

Legislative Changes

Senate Bill 1967 revised the definition of a “flood project” to include:

- construction of multi-purpose flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure projects that control, divert, capture, or impound floodwater, stormwater, agricultural, runoff water, or treated wastewater effluent and treat and distribute the water for the purpose of creating an additional source of water supply.

Minimum Standards

- **SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP:** Benefit Cost Analysis required with the abridged application.
- **Proposed Change:** No longer require Benefit Cost Analysis with the abridged application. It will be requested as part of the engineering review when the full application is submitted for FMPs. The Benefit Cost Ratio is not required by statute and will not impact eligibility for FIF.

Number of Applications Per Applicant

- **SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP:** An applicant can submit a full application for any number of projects they were invited to apply for within a single FIF category.
- **Proposed Change:** No single entity will be able to receive financial assistance for more than two abridged application requests within a single FIF category to ensure that financial assistance is distributed more broadly. The only exceptions include: (1) federal match projects, and (2) if all other projects on the prioritization list have been invited to submit a full financial application and funds remain.

Prioritization Lists & Federal Match

- **SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP:**
 - Three prioritization lists – FME, FMP, FMS
 - Federal match projects ranked within the prioritization lists.
 - Non-federal match projects bypassed on the prioritization lists to invite federal match projects to meet the goals in the IUP.
- **Proposed Change:**
 - Four prioritization lists – FME, FMP, FMS, Federal Match
 - Federal match projects on a separate prioritization list to not delay invitations to non-federal match projects when working toward IUP goals.
 - Ranked and invited to apply based on the federal award date.
 - Tiebreaker is the SFP ranking adjusted as necessary with updated data.

Prioritization Lists & Regionalization

- **SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP:** Projects invited based on federal match goals and ranking without regard to regional distribution. It was not a goal to work toward inviting a project in each region to apply, as funding permitted.
- **Proposed Change:** Initially bypass ranked projects in order to invite at least one project or study from each region within each category, as funding permits.

Funding Available

Total Funds Available for 2024-2025 FIF IUP

New FIF Appropriations Allocated	\$312,474,540
Funds Rolled Over from SFY 2020	\$62,525,460
Total FIF Funds Available for 2024-2025	\$375,000,000

Total Funds Available for 2026-2027 FIF IUP

New FIF Appropriations Allocated	\$312,474,540
Funds Rolled Over from Previous FIF Cycles	\$0
Total FIF Funds Available for 2026-2027	\$312,474,540

Amount Available Per FMX

SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP			
Category	Percent	Total	15% Target for Federal Matching
FME	25%	\$93,750,000	\$14,062,500
FMP	65%	\$243,750,000	\$36,562,500
FMS	10%	\$37,500,000	\$5,625,000
TOTAL	100%	\$375,000,000	\$56,250,000

Proposed Changes		
Category Lists	Percent	Total
FME	8.4%	\$26,250,000
FMP	67.2%	\$209,974,540
FMS	8.4%	\$26,250,00
FMX Federal Match	16%	\$50,000,000
TOTAL	100%	\$312,474,540

Funding Caps on Grants & Loans Per Project

SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP			
	Grant	Loan	In-Kind
FME/FMP/FMS	\$18,750,000	None	None

Proposed Changes			
	Grant	Loan	In-Kind
FME	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$100,000
FMP	\$15,000,000	\$30,000,000	None
FMS	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	None

Eligible Grant Percentage for FME

SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP

	FME Grant Qualifier	Grant % Offered
If the AMHI of the study area is:	≤ 50% of the state-wide AMHI <u>and</u> the project area was the subject of a flood-related federal disaster declaration within the past 5 years.	100
	≤ 75% of the state-wide AMHI.	90
	> 75% and ≤ 125% of the state-wide AMHI.	75
	> 125% of the state-wide AMHI.	50
Maximum Grant Percentage		100

Proposed Change

	FME Grant Qualifier	Grant % Offered
If the AMHI of the study area is:	≤ 125% of the state-wide AMHI.	100
	> 125% of the state-wide AMHI.	90
Maximum Grant Percentage		100

Eligible Grant Percentage for FMP

SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP		
	FMP Grant Qualifier	Grant % Offered
If the AMHI of the project area is:	≤ 85% of the state-wide AMHI.	30
	≤ 75% of the state-wide AMHI.	40
	≤ 65% of the state-wide AMHI.	50
	≤ 50% of the state-wide AMHI.	60
If the applicant meets the “Rural” definition.		5
If $\geq 30\%$ of total costs are Green or Nature-Based <u>and</u> the project meets one of the income or rural applicant qualifiers above.		5
Maximum Grant Percentage		70

Proposed Change		
	FMP Grant Qualifier	Grant % Offered
If the AMHI of the project area is:	≤ 85% of the state-wide AMHI,	75
	>85% of the state-wide AMHI	25
If the applicant meets the “Rural” definition.		5
If $\geq 30\%$ of total costs are Green or Nature-Based.		5
Maximum Grant Percentage		85

Eligible Grant Percentage for FMS

SFY 2024-25 FIF IUP		
	FMS Grant Qualifier	Grant % Offered
If the AMHI of the project area is:	≤ 85% of the state-wide AMHI.	30
	≤ 75% of the state-wide AMHI	40
	≤ 65% of the state-wide AMHI.	50
	≤ 50% of the state-wide AMHI.	60
If the applicant meets the “Rural” definition.		5
If $\geq 30\%$ of total costs are Green or Nature-Based <u>and</u> the project meets one of the income or rural applicant qualifiers above.		5
Maximum Grant Percentage		70

Proposed Changes		
	FMS Grant Qualifier	Grant % Offered
If the AMHI of the project area is:	≤ 125 % of the state-wide AMHI	100
	> 125% of the state-wide AMHI	90
Maximum Grant Percentage		100