

# FEMA Approves Funding For Newell Lake Dam Repair

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**DENVER, CO** – FEMA has approved more than \$1.19 million to reimburse the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks for repairs to the Newell Lake Dam after severe storms and flooding damaged the facility during the summer of 2019. The storms caused significant erosion to the Newell Lake earthen dam embankment and spillway creating an immediate threat to the health and safety of the general public.

The \$1.19 million grant from FEMA represents a 75-percent federal cost-share for the project. The State of South Dakota will provide the remaining 25-percent non-federal cost share.

Federal funding is provided through FEMA’s Public Assistance Grant Program, which reimburses state, tribal, local and certain non-profit agencies for a portion of the repair and rebuilding of public infrastructure damaged as a result of a presidentially declared disaster.

On September 23, 2019, the president declared a major disaster declaration for South Dakota as a result of severe storms and flooding in May and June of that year. This was one of four federal disaster declarations for South Dakota in 2019.

Additional information about FEMA’s Public Assistance program can be found at [www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit](http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit)



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