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Arkansas Approved for FEMA High Hazard Potential Dam Grant Funding

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that its Natural Resources Division has been approved for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Grant in the amount of \$226,803. Arkansas is one of 19 total states to receive the grant this fiscal year.

FEMA's Rehabilitation of HHPD grant program provides technical, planning, design, and construction assistance for eligible rehabilitation activities that reduce dam risk and increase community preparedness. Eligible projects include repair, removal, or structural/nonstructural rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams.

"The Natural Resources Division is excited to receive such a competitive grant award," said Director of Natural Resources Chris Colclasure. "This funding will better allow cities and communities to institute plans and strategies for dam rehabilitation while focusing on the safety of Arkansans."

The Natural Resources Division plans to work with targeted communities to implement project scoping for high hazard dams. The period of performance for the grant is September 15, 2022, to September 14, 2025.

Additional information on the Rehabilitation of HHPD Grant program can be found at www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety/rehabilitation-high-hazard-potential-dams.

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