

# Emergency Relief Program

## Program Overview

Emergency Relief is a disaster reimbursement funding program provided by the Federal Highway Administration. ER funds cover damage to public roadways caused by natural disasters or catastrophic failures. Funds can be used to repair roads, bridges, culverts and other roadway appurtenances damaged by these events. These roadways are generally higher volume roadways in an area connecting communities and attractions. The program is administered for cities and counties through MnDOT's State Aid for Local Transportation Division and for Trunk Highway damage by the Office of Administration.



## Program Eligibility and Criteria

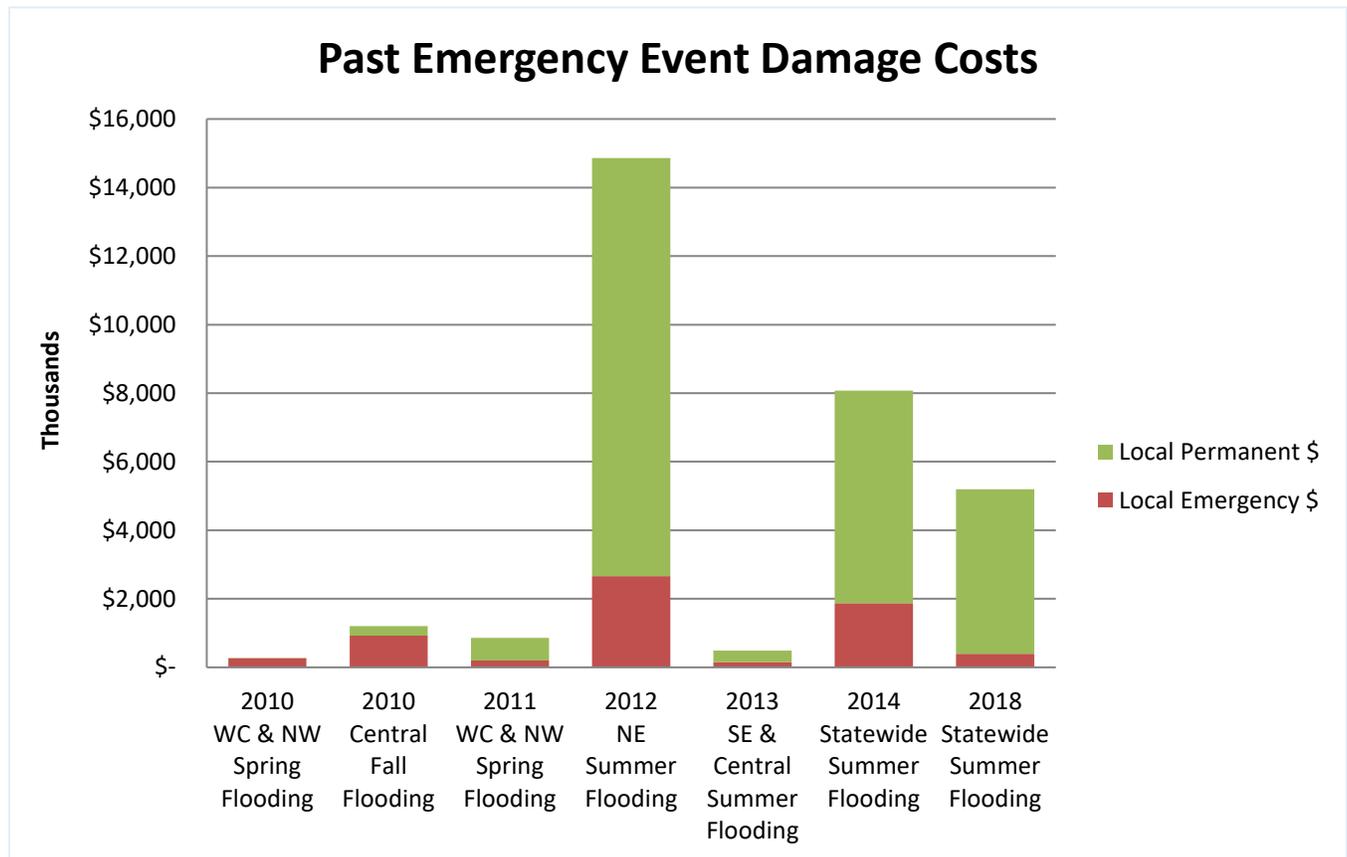
Public roadways with a functional classification of major collector or higher that are damaged by natural disasters or catastrophic failures may be eligible for either 80 or 100 percent reimbursement of damages. Major collectors are generally higher volume roadways in an area connecting communities and attractions. Damage must be the result of an event which causes \$700,000 or more of damage statewide to eligible transportation facilities. This can be a combination from multiple sites including MnDOT and local roadway damage that occurred from a single event. Each site must have at least \$5,000 in damage. Sites that are less than a half a mile apart may be grouped together if needed to reach this amount.

Counties must be listed in a Governor's Emergency Proclamation or a Presidential Disaster Declaration to be eligible for ER funds in addition to meeting the damage criteria. Roadways eligible for ER funds are not eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency funds. Public roadways classified as local roads or minor collectors are not eligible for ER funds. Roadways with these classifications are usually of lower volume and may be eligible for FEMA funds, if they are in a county that has met the criteria for a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Detailed Damage Inspection Reports are required for each damage site to determine eligibility for reimbursement and estimated the cost of the emergency and/or permanent

repairs. Federal funding must be authorized by the FHWA and proof of eligible costs must be provided prior to federal reimbursement.

## Funding History



Data source: Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS-FHWA), 2/2019

## For More Information

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