FWHA Emergency Relief (ER) Program
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Two Separate Federal Disaster Programs

- **FHWA Emergency Relief (ER)**
  - Administered by NDDOT
  - Federal Aid Eligible Roads and Facilities
    - CMC Routes
    - On-System Bridges
    - State Highways & Interstate
    - Urban Federal Aid Routes

- **FEMA Disaster Relief**
  - Administered by NDDES
  - Non-Federal Aid Eligible Roads and Facilities
    - Non-CMC County Roads
    - Township Roads
    - Off-System Bridges
ER Event Requirements

- Governor or Presidential Disaster Declaration
- Federal Share is at least $700,000 in repair costs for each event
- Total repair cost is at least $5,000 at each site
  - Heavy Maintenance is not eligible
- Damage resulting from: [23 USC 125(a)]
  - (1) a natural disaster over a wide area, such as by a flood, hurricane, tidal wave, earthquake, severe storm, or landslide
  - (2) catastrophic failures from any external cause
Emergency Repair & Permanent Restoration

- Emergency Repairs
  - Restore essential traffic
  - Minimize extent of damage
  - Protect remaining facilities

- Permanent Restoration
  - Restore to pre disaster condition
  - Follows regular federal aid process
  - Betterments allowed with FHWA approval
Emergency Repairs

- Can begin immediately and do not require prior approval or authorization from FHWA.
- May be reimbursed at 100% federal share if completed within 180 days of the disaster start date.
- After 180 days will be reimbursed at 80.93%.
Permanent Restoration

- Cannot start PE until DDIR is approved and project number is assigned, and we have funds from FHWA
- Project development follows NDDOT LG Federal aid process
- Bid through NDDOT
- Federal aid reimbursement available (80.93%) for PE, CE and construction
  - must follow CAS RFP process
- No shortcuts on NEPA or Permitting
Site Inspection

- Determine Eligibility in the field
  - Verified by DDIR
- Visit each damage site in person
  - LPA
  - FHWA
  - NDDOT
  - Consultant
Detailed Damage Inspection Report (DDIR)

- Description of damage and scope of work of repairs
- Cost estimate for Emergency and Permanent repairs
- Official determination of site eligibility
  - Signed by LPA, NDDOT, & FHWA
- Site photos, location and supporting documentation
- NDDOT DDIR Web Application
  - [http://www.dot.nd.gov/business/#programs-planning](http://www.dot.nd.gov/business/#programs-planning)
When Can I Start Work?

- Emergency Repairs
  - When it is necessary
  - It is your road and your decision and responsibility to keep it open or not

- Permanent Restoration
  - Some allowed concurrently with Emergency Repair
  - Most must be bid through NDDOT
What do I need to do to remain eligible for ER funds?

- Document
  - Photos, dates, time, labor, materials, etc.
- For Contracted Emergency Work
  - Must include Signed ER Contract Requirements and Checklist
  - [http://www.dot.nd.gov/business/#programs-planning](http://www.dot.nd.gov/business/#programs-planning)
  - We cannot reimburse without this
    - Ever, no exceptions.
Procedures for Administering Federal Emergency Relief Funds
North Dakota Department of Transportation

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