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# Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Revenue Grant:

## Application Guidance for Local Authorities in Wales

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This guidance has been prepared by Welsh Government for Local Authorities. Its purpose is to provide guidance when applying for funding through the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Revenue Grant.

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# Guidance - Local Authority Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Revenue Grant

This guidance is written for Local Authorities applying for revenue funding through the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Grant.

## Introduction:

The Welsh Government FCERM Branch are committed to helping support Local Authorities in their revenue based FCERM activities.

## What is eligible?

Eligible activities (which would not otherwise be eligible for FCERM capital funding) could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Activities under appropriate flood, coastal or drainage legislation, including the Flood and Water Management Act (including Section 19 reports), Water Resources Act, Coast Protection Act or Land Drainage Act. The different activities to be undertaken should be listed separately within the application.
- Activities or measures set out in the National Strategy for FCERM in Wales.
- Activities associated with the preparation or delivery of Local Flood Risk Management Strategies and/or Shoreline Management Plans – the different activities to be undertaken should be listed on the application.
- Identifying and promoting opportunities for natural flood management activities, especially where wider benefits such as biodiversity are provided.
- Flood outreach and awareness raising work including plans to communicate risk and building community resilience.
- Warning and informing communities of potential flood events.
- Minor works and/or small scale asset maintenance, inspection and recording. These may or may not be assets owned by the Local Authority.
- Mapping and asset database work. Any work undertaken collating data on assets must be done in a way so it can feed into your local register of assets under S.21 of the Flood and Water Management Act **AND** the National Asset Database held by Natural Resources Wales. This can include software and licences for storing data in a way which is compatible with the National Asset Database.
- Staff costs associated with flood and coastal risk management work.
- Training opportunities for staff related to the improved delivery of FCERM activity.

Please contact Flood Branch if you have any questions about eligible activities:

[FloodCoastalRisk@gov.wales](mailto:FloodCoastalRisk@gov.wales)

The following list provides examples of activities which are not eligible for funding under the FCERM Revenue grant:

- Capital works (all capital works should be considered for funding through the FCERM capital grants programme).
- Modelling work associated with scheme or location (this should be capital funded).
- Works (new, improvement, repair or maintenance) on assets not eligible for funding under the FCERM grant memorandum, i.e. those which do not reduce risk to homes and businesses.
- Purchase of equipment.

**Applications:**

Applications should be submitted through RPW Online setting out the individual activities to be undertaken.

Where appropriate, please provide the number of homes and businesses benefiting from each activity. This could include be the number benefiting from maintenance work or flood awareness activities. This might not be appropriate for every activity but will help support our reporting against the Welsh Government's Programme for Government commitment to support homes through our investment.

Please do not include any properties benefiting from Welsh Government FCERM capital investment, these should be included in your application and claims for the capital scheme.

**Claims:**

Claims will be invited for the periods April to September, and October to March at the end of each period. Funding profiles will be requested when you accept the contract for this grant.

Claims should include a summary of how the planned benefits are being delivered, and the well-being goals anticipated are being met.

**Further information/contact details:**

For further information on the FCERM Revenue Grant, please contact the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Branch at; [FloodCoastalRisk@gov.wales](mailto:FloodCoastalRisk@gov.wales)