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NDDOT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
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# SB 2012 TOWNSHIP DISASTER GRANTS

# BACKGROUND

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- Flooding in 2019/2020 and previous flooding
  - Roadways underwater continued to sever farmers/ranchers from their neighbors, field/pastures, elevators, EMS, schools, etc.
- Limited funding was available for their match or for some additional work not eligible for FEMA funds
- 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly
  - Numerous Townships worked with their Legislators and NDTOA to get some funding

# FUNDS ADDED TO SB 2012

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- \$750K
- Emergency Township Road Repairs
- Townships need to certify they don't have sufficient funds to complete the repairs from any local sources
- One time funding
- Ends June 30, 2023

# PROCESS USED TO ALLOCATE FUNDS

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- Review legislative intent and testimony, talked with NDTOA, and others involved in the legislation
  - Come up with Guidelines, applications, etc. for the Townships
- NDDOT mailed out a cover letter, guidelines, and application to all the Township clerks (approximately 1300) – Letter dated May 20, 2021
  - Emailed the information to all Counties as well
  - Applications due June 18, 2021 (postmarked)

# APPLICATIONS

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- Over a 180 received
- \$13.4M was requested
- Categorized
  - Local Match (15%) for FEMA [some extra work allowed at FEMA approved sites (31-\$0.99M)]
  - Roadways closed due to a previous disaster – not eligible for FEMA (17-\$4.51M)
  - Roadways are passable due to a disaster – not eligible for FEMA (96-\$4.96M)
  - General Maintenance and repair (36-\$2.88M)

# SELECTION PROCESS

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- Committee reviewed and selected the projects July 7<sup>th</sup>
  - 2 NDDOT and NDTOA on committee
- Focused on Local Match Category - \$ requested was above the available and that was the primary intent of the funds
  - 9 – applications awarded funds as requested (local match requested)
  - 1 – application was awarded less as they had some available funds
  - 11 – applications awarded less than requested as they were doing additional work at a FEMA site(s)
  - 10 – applications weren't awarded funds (requested <\$1K min, had sufficient funds for match, or the repairs were completed already and they had money in the bank)
- 159 is the total number of applications we couldn't fund

# HOW DO THE TOWNSHIPS RECEIVE THE FUNDS

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- A W-9 needs to be completed and set in to set up a Vendor ID so we can make payments
- A letter requesting the funds needs to be set to me with the appropriate documentation for payment
  - Work has to be done, so invoices or progress estimates need to be submitted
- An email was sent to all successful Townships with this information and a follow up email reminding them. W-9 and sample letter was included.

# WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS

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- Agreements have been signed with the awarded Townships
- Vendor ID's have been set up to make payment, except for 4 Townships
- \$88,200 has been requested to date and paid out



# QUESTIONS?

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