

#### Goal 4: Develop and implement financial instruments to improve dam safety programs.

State dam safety regulatory programs are operating under increasingly challenging budget constraints, and therefore securing appropriate financing for dam safety is one of ASDSO's highest priorities. ASDSO will conduct and support lobbying and advocacy campaigns to secure funding necessary to maintain the effectiveness of existing state dam safety programs, and to improve the performance of those state programs that do not currently meet the guidelines established in FEMA's publication entitled "Model State Dam Safety Program."

The lack of financing to rehabilitate dams in the U.S. is a problem nationwide. To mitigate this problem, ASDSO will continue to advocate for the passage and implementation of legislation to fund repair of deficient dams, while simultaneously exploring and promoting alternative financing mechanisms such as Revolving Loan Funds, the development of a competitive grant program, and identifying partner organizations with interest and funding for dam rehabilitation or removal.

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<b>4.</b> <b>Develop and implement financial instruments to improve dam safety programs.</b>	<b>State &amp; Federal Program Funding:</b> 4.1.1 Advocate for improvement of the National Dam Safety Act and its implementation, and advocate for full funding. 4.1.2 Create state advocacy programs to encourage state policy makers to focus resources on dam safety and security.	Contract with ASCE/similar advocacy group for federal legislation Target states for advocacy programs, hold meetings with and provide information to local stakeholders
	<b>Repair / Rehabilitation Funding:</b> 4.2.1 Advocate passage and implementation of the National Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act. 4.2.2 Promote promulgation of State Revolving Loan and Grant Programs. 4.2.3 Identify existing non-traditional grant programs that could be used for dam rehabilitation or safety programs and disseminate information on these grants to stakeholders.	Number of new funding / loan / grant programs established Number of partner organizations. Number of signed agreements. Increase in number of dams rehabilitated or removed as a result of collaboration For states with revolving loan funds (RLFs) compare needs assessment with allocated funding.

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	<p>4.2.4 Explore alignment of federal programs for incentivizing good safety programs (include disincentives).</p> <p>4.2.5 Promote NRCS Small Watershed Program Dam Rehabilitation Program (65/35) for dam repair as a model federal funding program. Advocate for increased federal share.</p> <p>4.2.6 Explore use of other federal grant programs for dam rehabilitation or related risk reduction measures to improve dam safety (e.g., FEMA pre-disaster mitigation funds or hazard mitigation grant program [Stafford Act]).</p> <p>4.2.7 Explore WRDA as a tool for fixing non-federal dams.</p> <p>4.2.8 Develop case studies and best practices on financing dam rehab from the state and local levels. Develop case studies of innovative dam rehabilitation practices that are cost-effective.</p> <p>4.2.9 Identify alternative avenues of funding projects (e.g. public-private partnerships).</p> <p>4.2.10 Explore creation of an ASDSO foundation dedicated to providing funds for emergency measures to prevent dam failures.</p> <p>4.2.11 Identify agencies or organizations (e.g. NGOs, local governments) with interest and funding to assist with rehabilitation, removal, etc. Make contact with these other groups and facilitate communication and development of mechanisms to create funding. Facilitate communications between sources and dam owners.</p> <p>4.2.12 Develop competitive grant programs.</p>	