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## FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR CRITICAL FLOOD RESILIENCE AND MITIGATION EFFORTS IN FOX VALLEY

FOX VALLEY, WI – Today, Governor Evers announced that \$2 million in grant money will be awarded to communities and organizations across Wisconsin through the Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant (PDFRG) program. Of that \$2 million, Outagamie County is to receive \$71,825 and the City of Oshkosh will receive \$300,000.

"In light of the severe flooding that the Fox Valley experienced this past summer, this grant money is absolutely essential to help our local governments prevent further property damage and ensure that our cities are better equipped to respond to flooding events in the future," said Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim (D-Appleton).

In July of 2024, heavy rain led to flash floods in Appleton and Oshkosh, resulting in property damage and limited evacuations and prompting Gov. Evers to declare a state of emergency for both Outagamie and Winnebago counties. The grant money will be administered by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs (DMA). The PDFRG program awards two types of grants: assessment and implementation. Both Outagamie County and the City of Oshkosh received assessment grants, which are meant for research and information gathering on flood resilience, community-specific vulnerabilities, and possible solutions.

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