



Department of Economic Development

2008 CDBG Disaster Allocation Notification request for needs

As you may be aware, the State of Nebraska has been awarded a supplemental appropriation of approximately \$5.5 million dollars for long-term recovery efforts for damage caused by the severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding related to the federal disaster declaration made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on June 20, 2008. The federal disaster declaration relevant to this supplemental appropriation is FEMA 1770-DR.

The supplemental appropriation is being provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and will be administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is in the process of preparing a Proposed Action Plan for the Supplemental CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding and is requesting your assistance in identifying unmet infrastructure, housing, and/or business needs resulting from the applicable disaster(s); and also in recognizing what needs have been met in the areas eligible for assistance. If you are aware of unmet needs within local units of government in the counties included in the disaster declaration, please email this information to ded.cdbgdaster@nebraska.gov and include the following detail (to the extent possible):

- (1) The name of the local jurisdiction;
- (2) A brief description of the identified need;
- (3) An estimation of amount of funds needed to aid in recovery; and
- (4) A brief description as to why the activity is eligible for CDBG assistance, including the national objective that will be met through the activity.

If you are aware of needs that have been met through other funding (federal funding, or otherwise) within local units of governments in the counties included in the disaster declaration, please email this information to ded.cdbgdaster@nebraska.gov and include the following detail (to the extent possible):

- (1) The name of the local jurisdiction;
- (2) A brief description of the need that was met; and
- (3) The source of funding used to meet the identified need.

Please remember that only local units of government are eligible for assistance, no individual assistance will be provided as a result of this supplemental appropriation. Additionally, these funds may be used only for activities eligible for assistance under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (as amended). The funds may not be used for activities reimbursable by, or for which funds were made available by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Department of Economic Development requests that you respond **no later than February 6, 2009**. Please share this information with your county emergency management personnel and/or others who may be able to provide relevant information to the Department.

Note: The attached notice contains a link to additional information, including a list of the counties eligible for assistance.

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