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Agenda Item # 16.
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September 27, 2019

Bob Missel, Chairman
Dodge County
435 N Park
Fremont, NE 68025

RE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Dodge County
Invitation to Apply CDBG Emergent Threat Category

[Federal Agency: US Dept of Housing and Urban Development/ CFDA/ 14.228]
[CFDA Title: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)] Dodge County / DUNS# 782196059
[State of Nebraska CDBG Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program]*

Dear Chairman Missel:

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has reviewed and discussed your CDBG Emergent Threat (EM) pre-application for drainage/flood control improvements associated with the Ames Diking Drainage District. Based upon the Department's preliminary review, Dodge County's project is **potentially eligible** for CDBG funds.

Applications for the current cycle are accepted from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. For each CDBG project eligible activity a national objective must be met. The pre-application submission identifies that these activities meet the national objective requirement through Urgent Need. The Department accepts the initial documentation provided, however when the full application is submitted provide additional supporting documentation that further substantiates the activity meets the national objective.

Please note, the Department has a limited amount of State CDBG RLF financial resources (\$1,500,000) that can be directed to activities that meet the Urgent Need national objective requirements as identified in the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Grantees must have all land acquired, options taken or condemnation proceedings begun, at the time of application. An applicant may apply for CDBG funds, with other funding pending, however, CDBG funds will not be reserved or committed to the project until such time as other funds are confirmed.

The 2019 CDBG Emergent Threat application guidelines are located on DED website at: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/CDBG>. The 2019 CDBG Emergent Threat Application Guidelines state that the maximum grant award is \$450,000, exclusive of supporting project and general administrative costs. The supportive project CDBG construction management amount \$10,000 maximum. The CDBG general administration cost up to 10% of CDBG project costs, not to exceed \$25,000, whichever is less. The maximum CDBG grant award \$485,000. Refer to Section 4.01 of the 2019 CDBG Emergent Threat Application Guidelines for maximum CDBG project activity, construction management, and general administration.

It is also important to note that applicants for CDBG funds are required to hold a public hearing prior to submitting an application. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain citizen's views about community and housing needs, development of proposed activities to be undertaken, the amount of funds requested, the estimated amount proposed to benefit

LMI persons, and the amount and source of other funds to complete the project. See Exhibit A of the Application Guidelines Appendix for a sample public hearing notice.

Please contact the Program Representative, Steve Charleston at (402) 471-3757 or by email at steve.charleston@nebraska.gov if you need any additional information or have any questions about the CDBG program or the application process.

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Sincerely,



Steve Charleston
CDBG Program Manager
Housing and Community Development Division

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The actual federal grant number serving as the source of funding for this CDBG award will be dependent upon whether funding from previous grant years is available for distribution. As an example, if the Department continues to have funding available from prior federal fiscal years, it may be distributed prior to the Department distributing funding from the State of Nebraska CDBG RLF Program.