



Agenda Item # 13
Date 10/21/20

October 9, 2020

Bob Missel, Chairperson
Dodge County
Board of Supervisors
435 N Park
Fremont, NE 68025

RE: **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application #19EM005 / Dodge County**
Release of Funds/ Environmental Review Clearance: CDBG RLF Emergent Threat (EM) 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 Program Fund

Dear Chairperson Missel:

This letter is your notice of release of funds for \$485,000. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds may now be obligated (contracted) as of this date.

The project will fulfill a National Objective by benefiting low and moderate-income (LMI) persons in the affected service area within Dodge County. According to Census /American Community Survey (ACS), data meets the LMI benefit test at 67.54% population. The households affected by the 2019 Platte River flooding lie within the Census tracts for Inglewood and Fremont. The Breach Levee serves as an integral component of the flood protection system along the Platte River protecting Fremont and Inglewood. The flooding damaged several homes. The residents remain at risk based on existing damage to the levee systems and the inability to serve as a flood protection system. Dodge County Emergency Management and local governments coordinating the funding and project development. The March 2019 disaster of recent origin and critical need for resolution, which includes multiple financing sources for project implementation. The County unable to fund the gap or secure other funding sources that meet implementation costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE AND/OR MITIGATION

This letter also serves as Environmental Clearance notification for Dodge County for completion of the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The notification issuance is based on meeting the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and other provisions of federal law as specified in 24 CFR Part 58 in accordance with the environmental review special condition of the CDBG grant agreement. The level of review for this project required completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for NEPA requirements in accordance with subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND NOTICE OF RISK ANALYSIS AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING

CDBG funds may be drawn down by downloading, and submitting to the Department, the Request for Funds Form. If, for any reason, you are unable to download the Form, you may request a copy from our office. Requests for project funds must be in proportion to the amount of funds spent using other project funding sources upon submittal. For specific requirements on matching funds and the proportionality of such funds, refer to §3.01 of the CDBG Contract (PART III Sources and Uses of Funds), which is part of the documentation for this project.

All executed professional services contracts for this project must be submitted to DED following execution of the contracts. This information will be sent to the Program Representative for the project. This includes the Certified Administrator's contract that must be submitted to the Program Representative with or prior to the first CDBG draw for general administration services. If there is no professional services contract for general administration services, notification was

sent to the Program Representative documenting that local government staff will be administering the grant. Copies of the professional services agreements are sent once during the course of each grant and are not required to be submitted annually.

In addition to notification of Release of Funds, please consider this letter as a notice of the ongoing review in order to fulfill the Monitoring and Compliance component for this CDBG grant. The Department shall request information including documentation and materials as identified in the Performance Review Risk Analysis Checklist, CDBG Semi-Annual Project Status and Compliance Report, and Monitoring Checklists. Monitoring is accomplished through a review of information from the grantee and an onsite visit, as necessary. Based upon the CDBG 'Risk Analysis' Plan, the Department shall determine the appropriate compliance review method. Upon this review, the Department shall issue a report summarizing the project's CDBG compliance in applicable areas. Satisfactory completion of all monitoring components, as well as the submittal and approval of all final reports, is necessary and required for Closeout. Proper maintenance of your project files and timely submission of semi-annual project status reports will expedite this process.

In accordance to your CDBG grant agreement, a second public hearing shall be held during the effective dates of that agreement, as amended. The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public information regarding the nature and scope of the project underway at the local-level and describe the use of CDBG funds therein.

All forms and documentation referenced in this letter are available for download on the Department's website at: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/community-development-block-grant/#forms>.

If you have any questions regarding this information contact your Program Representative, Steve Charleston at 402.471.3757, 800.426.6505, or by email at steve.charleston@nebraska.gov. The principal contact for all grant related matters is your Program Representative.

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Sincerely,



Steve Charleston
CDBG Program Manager
Housing and Community Development Division

Copies (as an email attachment): Fred Mytty, County Clerk; Lowell Schroeder, NENEDD
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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.