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

Agenda Item # 25
Date 9/9/20

RE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application #19EM005 / Dodge County
Notice of Approval: 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:

On behalf of Anthony L. Goins, Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, it is a pleasure to inform you that Dodge County awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant up to the amount of \$485,000. The awarded amount used for drainage and flood control activities that include the reconstruction of Breach Levee, Fremont Rod and Gun Club, breached by the March 2019 Midwest Floods.

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.

Four project partners will fund levee reconstruction costs that exceed the CDBG funds awarded. The partnership, established by an Interlocal agreement, includes the Fremont Rod and Gun club, Dodge County, City of Fremont, and Lower Platte Natural Resources District. The Sanitary and Improvement District No. 3 (SID) of Dodge County with the Fremont Rod and Gun Club will also execute a cooperative agreement for levee materials. The Levee reconstruction professionally engineered to meet permit requirements of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

At this time, only a very limited number of costs may be incurred prior to receiving a Notice of Release of Funds. Only costs associated with the general administration of the grant are allowable such as contracting for administrative services or hiring staff to administer the grant. Administrative costs include those necessary for completing the Special Conditions requirements including the environmental review. The Department may reimburse these costs if all costs are incurred in full conformity and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, Code of Federal Regulations 2 CFR Part 200, and all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and requirements. All subcontracts must be for services to undertake approved administrative activities and conform to procurement procedures outlined in 2 CFR 200.317.

Do not proceed with your project. CDBG requirements cover a number of start-up activities, such as procurement, acquisition and construction standards. Under no circumstances will you be reimbursed for non-administrative costs incurred prior to receiving the Notice of Release of Funds and Environmental Clearance.

To assist you in satisfying the Special Conditions of the Contract, forms, instructions, and the CDBG Administration Manual are available on our website: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/community-development-block-grant/#administrators>. Prior to implementation of the funded project, it is necessary to satisfy the Special Conditions for Release of Funds. Included under Special Conditions is the completion of an environmental review record; instructions for completing the statutory checklist can be found on the Department's website. **Please note: documentation sources and/or correspondence are required for each field within the statutory checklist, including those determined "not applicable" to the project and project activities.**

The environmental review documents for the project are located on the Department's website. In order to complete, the environmental review for your project activities you must submit the Determination of Level of Review Form, and all other applicable forms and source documentation, which serve as the Environmental Review Record (ERR). All forms must be dated and completed with original signatures by the Responsible Entity Certifying Officer, which is the Chief-Elected Official, and the Preparer when required. See also Chapter 6 of the CDBG Administrative Manual for more information.

In the event you withdraw from this Award prior to receiving a written Notice of Release of Funds Letter, the Department reserves, the right to determine the amount of funds that may require reimbursement to your community or that require recapture from the community for any incurred eligible administrative costs.

If you questions regarding this information, contact your Program Representative Steve Charleston by email at steve.charleston@nebraska.gov. The principal contact for all grant related matters is your Program Representative. Individuals who are hearing and/or speech impaired and have a TTY, may contact the Department through the Statewide Relay System by calling (711) INSTATE (800) 833-7352 (TTY) or (800) 833-0920 (voice). The relay operator should be asked to call DED at (800) 426-6505 or (402) 471-3111. Additional information is at the Nebraska Relay website <http://www.nebraskarelay.com/>. Nebraska Relay offers Spanish relay service for our Spanish-speaking customers. Spanish-to-Spanish (711) or 1-888-272-5528/ Spanish-to-English (711) or 1-877-564-3503. Nebraska le ofrece el servicio de relevo a nuestros clientes en español. Los consumidores de TTY pueden escribir por máquina en español y las conversaciones serán retransmitidas en español y inglés.

We congratulate the community on successfully obtaining CDBG funds. We look forward to actively working with you in carrying out your CDBG development program.

Sincerely,



Steve Charleston
CDBG Program Manager
Housing and Community Development Division

Copies (as an email attachment): Fred Mytty, Local Contact; Lowell Schroeder, NENEDD

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.