NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Date: Monday April 11, 2022

RE: ACTION REQUIRED – Notice of Intent (NOI) – Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Match Program for 2019 disaster Winter Storm Ulmer (DR-4420) FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Applicants and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Sub-applicants

Dear PA Applicants and/or HMGP Sub-Applicants:

Many federal programs require local governments to pay a share of the cost of a project, called the **non-federal cost share, local share** and/or **match**. In the aftermath of Winter Storm Ulmer (DR-4420), the match requirements can be burdensome on both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Applicants and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Sub-applicants.

The State of Nebraska's Department of Economic Development (DED) has allocated $63,491,100 in CDBG-DR funding to address both the PA and HMGP match through the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program. DED has identified PA Applicants and/or HMGP Sub-applicants with potential eligible project(s) to receive CDBG-DR match funds. This notification constitutes a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Applicants and Sub-Applicants to submit a Pre-Application(s) for DED to review.

The NOI Pre-Application will open for submissions on **Monday, April 11, 2022**, and will close on **Friday, June 10, 2022**; **60 days from the date when submissions open**. **This NOI package is simply the first step and does not constitute an application or an award.** Please note that this NOI requires action on behalf of the PA Applicant and/or HMGP Sub-applicant. **If it is determined that your organization will not submit the linked Pre-Application, please have the Chief Elected Official sign, date and email the 'Opt Out' letter to DED at ded.cdbgdr@nebraska.gov, advising that the local jurisdiction will not pursue CDBG-DR local match funding for either PA and/or HMGP projects.**

The NOI includes the following (linked) documents:

- PA Pre-Application
- HMGP Pre-Application
- Opt Out Letter

Please follow the below instructions regarding the PA and HMGP Pre-Application Process:

1. **Step 1:** Interested PA and HMGP Applicants/Sub-Applicants should request a secured link from DED via ded.cdbgdr@nebraska.gov to submit a completed PA and/or HMGP Pre-Application.
2. **Step 2:** Please access the PA and/or HMGP Pre-Application attached and fill out in its entirety.
3. **Step 3**: Upload the PA and/or HMGP Pre-Application plus supporting documentation through the secure link provided by DED.

DED will release information about the application process to those deemed eligible following the submission of the Pre-Application.

The CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program Guide is available on DED's CDBG-DR webpage, https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/cdbg-dr/ for additional information. To support PA Applicants and HMGP Sub-applicants, DED will host a webinar on **Thursday, April 28, 2022**, to walk through the requirements set forth in the linked PA and HMGP Pre-Application.

> **Webinar Meeting Information:**
> When: Apr 28, 2022, 10:00 AM Central Time
> Register in advance for this meeting:
> https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcO2vqz4jHtdlSAfczK7wQ2ftRJ9GxKWG

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. DED looks forward to assisting communities with the local match in an effort to improve Nebraska's resiliency in the aftermath of Winter Storm Ulmer (DR-4420) and for future disasters.

Sincerely,

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Name:
Title:
Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Encl: PA Pre-Application, HMGP Pre-Application, and 'Opt Out' Letter

Spanish interpretation can be provided; please email ded.cdbgdr@nebraska.gov with your request. Ofrecemos traducción simultánea en español; por favor mandar un email a ded.cdbgdr@nebraska.gov con la solicitud.

For additional information regarding the Nebraska's CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program, see the **Nebraska Action Plan**, **Infrastructure Match Program Fact Sheet**, and/or **CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program FAQs.**