

DR-4420 ACTION PLAN

In early 2019, the State of Nebraska suffered **record-breaking damage** from severe winter weather, straight-line winds, and its worst flooding event in 50 years, leading to a federal major disaster declaration (DR-4420).

Damage from DR-4420 was widespread, leading to disaster declarations in 84 of the State's 93 counties, and four tribal areas, with the worst damage located in the eastern part of the state.

To support long-term recovery, the State will receive a **\$108.9 million grant** through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program.

HUD requires that at least 80% of the programmatic funds be spent in the areas that HUD defines as Most Impacted and Distressed (MID). The HUD designated MID area includes: **Dodge, Douglas, and Sarpy counties**.

HUD requires CDBG-DR grantees to submit an **Action Plan** describing:

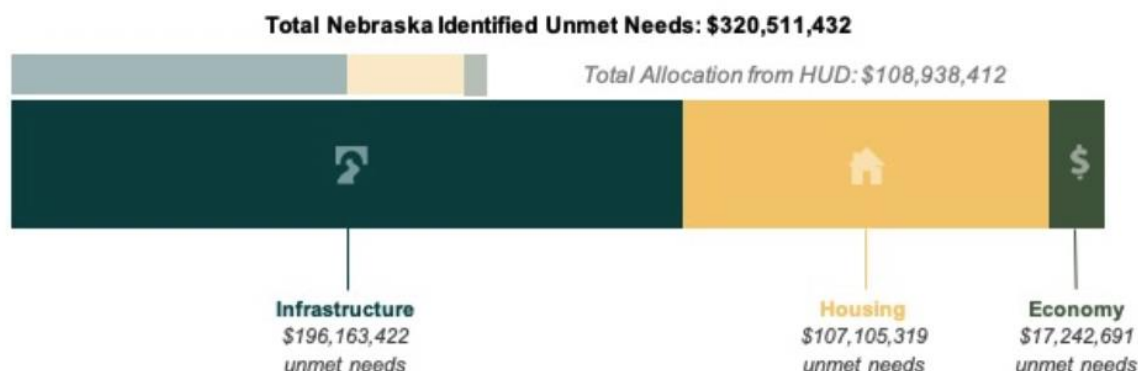
- The State's **unmet needs**
- The **programs and budget** (method of distribution) that will be implemented to support recovery
- How the programs and activities will meet the **requirements of HUD**

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED), on behalf of the State of Nebraska (grantee), will submit this Action Plan to HUD.

The action is available in English and Spanish at: https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/cdbg_dr/

IDENTIFICATION OF UNMET NEEDS

The State of Nebraska Disaster Recovery Action Plan includes and Unmet Needs Assessment. Unmet needs, as defined by HUD, are needs that are not covered by other funding sources and can be covered by CDBG-DR funds. HUD identified unmet needs from the impacts of DR-4420 related to housing, infrastructure, and the economy. Nebraska identified additional unmet needs in the Action Plan. The figure below illustrates the State's calculation of unmet needs in contrast to HUD's identification of unmet needs from DR-4420.



NEBRASKA'S CDBG-DR PROGRAMS WILL ADDRESS:



INFRASTRUCTURE

With \$63,491,100 allocated for infrastructure programs or 58.3% of the total allocation.

Infrastructure Match Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funding to repair or rebuild infrastructure under the Public Assistance (PA) program. However recipients, such as local governments, are required to pay 25% of the eligible costs to repair or rebuild infrastructure under FEMA PA.

Similarly, the FEMA HMGP program provides funding for projects that mitigate risks from future disasters, but also requires a 25% match from recipients.

Under the proposed Infrastructure Match Program, Nebraska will use HUD CDBG-DR funds to support communities in meeting this 25% match requirement.



HOUSING

With \$37,000,000 allocated for housing programs or 34% of the total allocation.

Homeowner Assistance Program

Provides funding for down payment and closing cost assistance, gap financing, and housing counseling. The Program will be implemented through grants to local governments and eligible non-profit organizations.

Affordable Housing Construction Program

Provides funding for housing construction and rehabilitation for Low and Moderate Income (LMI) households. The Program will be implemented through grants to local governments and eligible non-profit organizations.



PLANNING

With \$3,000,000 allocated for planning programs or 2.8% of the total allocation.

Risk Awareness Planning Program

Provides funding for planning activities that educate individuals on the risk associated with private levees and provide alternative flood mitigation options to promote resilience.

Housing Resilience Planning Program

Provides funding to local jurisdictions and economic development districts to develop plans for housing recovery, resilience and affordability.

Additional funding has been allocated for grant administration.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

DED is accepting comments on the State of Nebraska Disaster Recovery Action Plan for DR-4420 from **June 23, 2020 through July 23, 2020.**

DED will receive comments via USPS mail, email, or through the DED's website.

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