



## PLANNING PROGRAMS

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In early 2019, 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](#)). To support long-term recovery, the State received 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. The State is using a portion of this grant funding to support planning for recovery.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Nebraska recognizes the importance of strong planning efforts to achieve an equitable and effective recovery. In response to the damage from DR-4420 and commitment to creating a resilient State, up to \$3 million of CDBG-DR funds has been allocated to planning programs that will **address flood hazard vulnerabilities that led to flood damage due to the storm and to support an effective and resilient recovery from the disaster**. These efforts will specifically focus on addressing risk exposure from private levees and helping communities improve the resilience of their housing stock.

#### RISK AWARENESS PLANNING PROGRAM

*Up to \$750,000 is available for the Risk Awareness Planning Program out of a total of \$3,000,000 for the Planning Programs. The Risk Awareness Planning Program will allocate CDBG-DR funds to support developing an outreach plan for risk communication and consultation on alternative mitigation activities.*

#### HOUSING RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM

*Up to \$2,250,000 is available for the Housing Resilience Planning Program out of a total of \$3,000,000 for the Planning Programs. The Housing Resilience Planning Program will support local jurisdictions and economic development districts in developing plans for housing recovery, resilience, and affordability.*

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

The **Risk Awareness Planning Program** is a single grant that the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) will administer in its entirety, in collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). No subgrants will be awarded.

The **Housing Resilience Planning Program** will provide funding for competitive Applicants to develop housing resilience, affordability, or recovery plans. Eligible Applicants include all counties, municipalities, and economic development districts within the HUD-defined most impacted and distressed (MID) areas, which are Dodge, Douglas, and Sarpy counties.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

The priorities of planning projects under the Risk Awareness Planning Program and Housing Resilience Planning Program include meeting a CDBG national objective, prioritizing vulnerable populations, enhancing resilience, and leveraging recovery programs.

### RISK AWARENESS PLANNING PROGRAM

The Risk Awareness Planning Program will target areas with risk exposure from private levees in counties that received a disaster declaration under DR-4420 and focus on flood hazard vulnerabilities that led to flood damage during Winter Storm Ulmer. Efforts under this program will educate individuals on the risk associated with private levees and levee-like structures as water control infrastructure and provide alternative flood mitigation options to promote resilience.

### HOUSING RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM

Eligible project activities for the Housing Resilience Planning Program include planning efforts focusing on housing recovery, resiliency, and affordability. The maximum award for the Housing Resilience Planning Program is \$250,000.

Only projects in HUD-defined MID areas (i.e., Sarpy, Dodge, and Douglas counties) are eligible.

The Planning Program **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** are available via the following links: [Risk Awareness Planning Program](#) and [Housing Resiliency Planning Program](#). These FAQs will be periodically updated to account for clarified or changed program information. Should you have additional questions, please reach out to the Disaster Recovery Team at Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

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