

Meeting Notes

NEBRASKA CDBG-DR FOCUS GROUP 1 PLANNING PROGRAMS

January 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST

Purpose of Meeting	State of Nebraska CDBG-DR Planning Programs Focus Group
Facilitators	DED: Jenny B. Mason
Participants	Names and organizations omitted for privacy.

Q&A NOTES

Questions during the main session are outlined below.

Question	Answer
What are the low- and moderate-income (LMI) requirements for the Housing Resiliency Planning Program?	It is not strictly required to meet the LMI national objective. It is required to consider the LMI population. Based on history, we know based that LMI is the most vulnerable population group from a disaster. This is why the focus of the plans should include a good look at those communities.
Are there match requirements for the planning programs?	No, DED is not requiring matching resources for any of the DR programs.
Can applicants hire a firm via a request for proposals? Can applicants get paid for both the plans and grant administration?	Yes, DED is expecting applicants to hire consultants to support the Housing Resiliency Planning Program. However, general administration is not an eligible activity for the DR programs.

Q&A NOTES: BREAKOUT SESSION #1

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Is the purpose for a more detailed Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to be developed?	Yes, that is an appropriate approach. For instance, understanding risk and its nuances, such as who is responsible for levees, and how is that incorporated specifically into an HMP. The Housing Resiliency Planning program may be an opportunity to dig more deeply into an area identified in an existing HMP.

Q&A NOTES: BREAKOUT SESSION #2

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To be clear, this only covers Dodge, Sarpy, and Douglas counties?	Yes, in case of the Housing Resiliency Planning Program. However, the main goal for all planning programs is to identify opportunities to make Nebraska more resilient against future events.
What are the LMI Requirements?	Historically LMI are the most impacted in a disaster event, which is why the resulting planning process and final product should address LMI communities.
Is there a Match requirement?	No.
If the Economic Development Department wanted to apply to do a study, did the procurement RFP and hired a firm, would they be able to administer the grant themselves or would that have to be outsourced?	Having familiarity with the “regular CDBG program”, you are used to establishing a contract for and billing costs to “General Administration” services. <i>General Administration</i> is not eligible under the Nebraska DR planning programs; any costs associated with implementing the planning program, if awarded, would be <i>planning costs</i> . There should not be an issue, in your example, as you would be applying as the entity, and it would be just as if you were a city securing your own resources.