

# Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program for DR-4420

**Community Meeting**  
*For Subrecipients*

*November 29, 2021*

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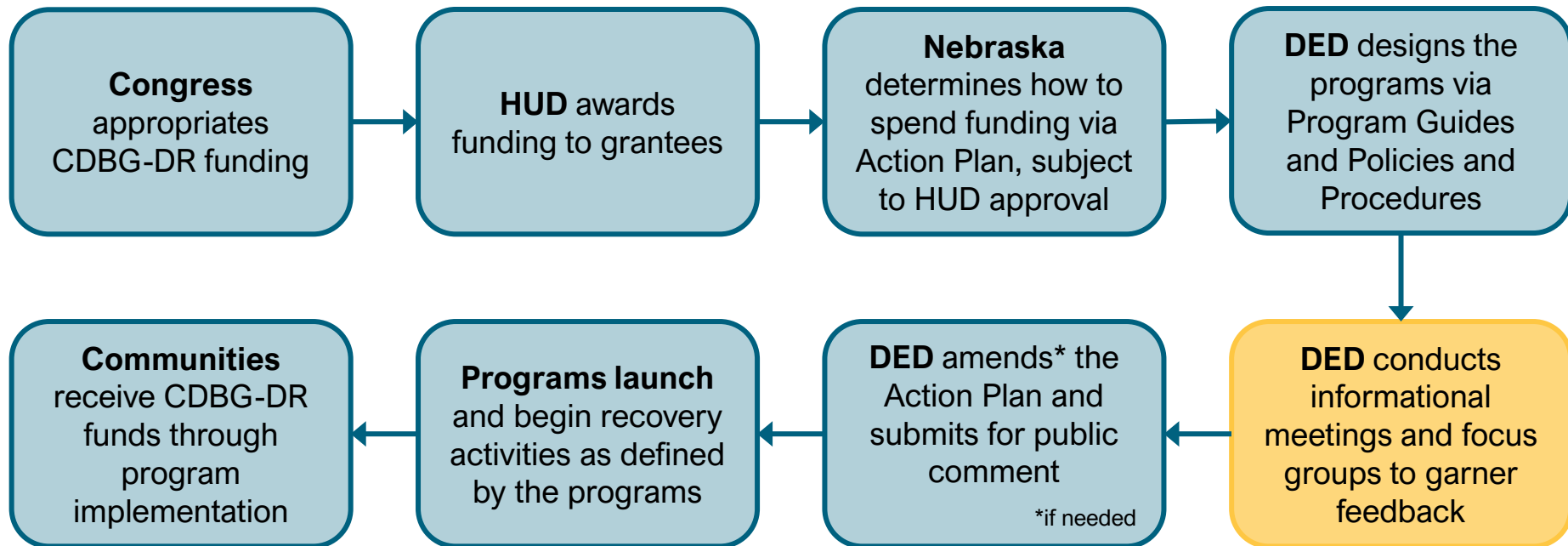
# MEETING OBJECTIVES

- **Explain** the purpose of the State of Nebraska's CDBG-DR programs.
- **Detail** program eligibility requirements.
- **Describe** the timelines and application processes for each program.
- **Provide** an opportunity for meeting participants to provide feedback on program implementation and design.
- **Identify** opportunities to engage with the programs and receive information via the State's mailing list.

# INTRODUCTION TO CDBG-DR

- The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers the CDBG-DR Program nationally.
- The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) manages the CDBG-DR Program for the State of Nebraska.
- CDBG-DR provides flexible grants to support long-term recovery efforts and address remaining unmet needs that are not addressed by other funding sources.
- Funds must prioritize spending in HUD-identified Most-Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas and for Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) populations.
  - 80% of funds must address needs in the HUD-identified MID.
  - 70% of funds must support LMI populations.

# HOW DOES THE STATE ACCESS CDBG-DR FUNDS?





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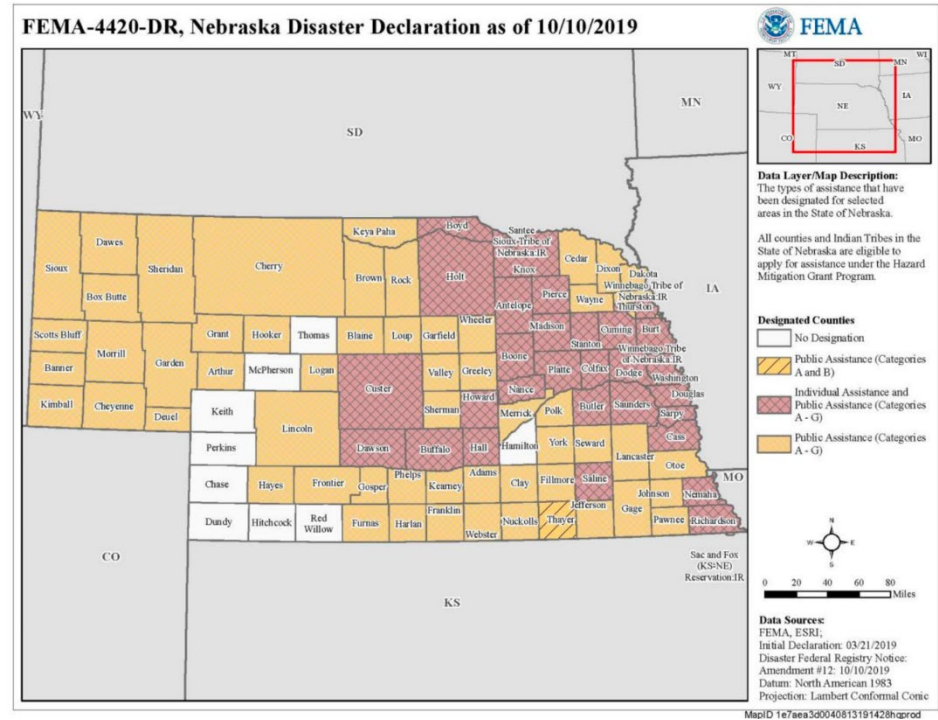
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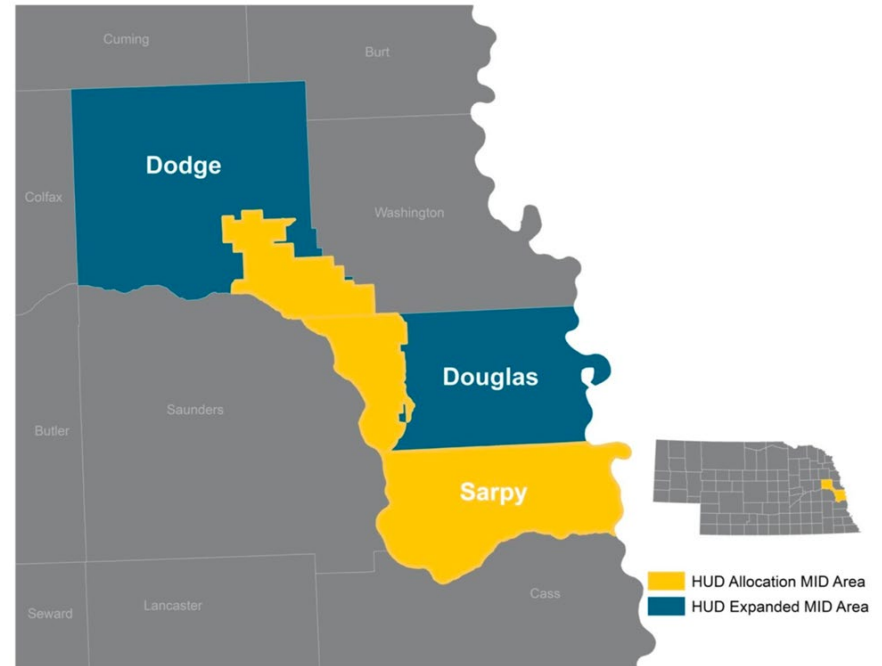
# ASSOCIATED ALLOCATIONS

- The current disaster covered by CDBG-DR funds is DR-4420 for severe winter storm, straight-line winds, and flooding.
- All impacted areas may be eligible for program funds.



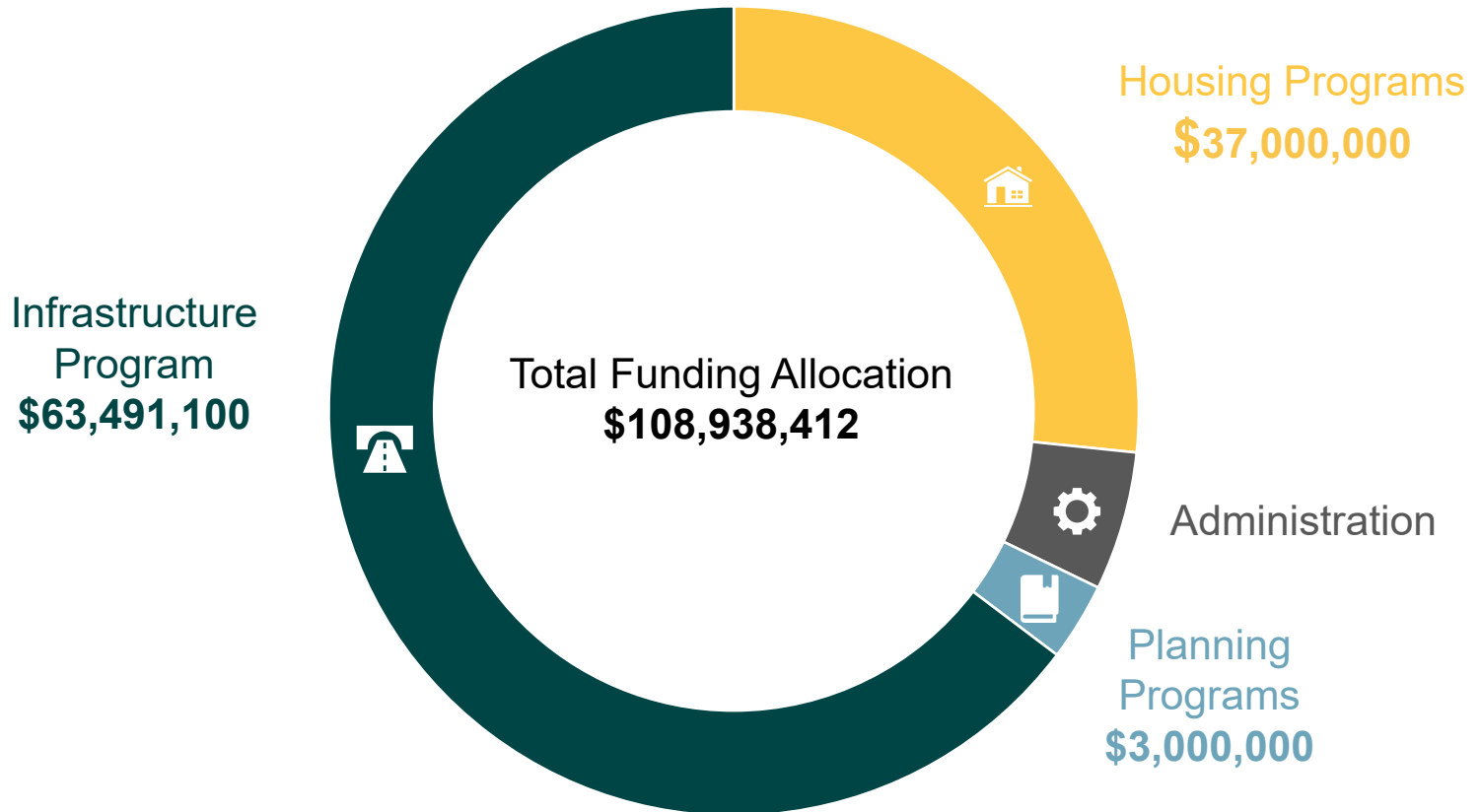
# HUD-DEFINED MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED (MID) AREAS

- The HUD-defined MID area includes Dodge, Douglas, and Sarpy counties.
- 80% of program funds must be spent in the HUD-defined MID area.

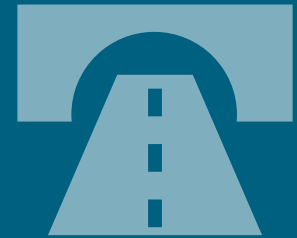


# CDBG-DR PROGRAM FOR DR-4420

The State of Nebraska is overseeing five CDBG-DR programs in response to DR-4420:



# INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH PROGRAM





# INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- FEMA provides funding for disaster recovery.
  - **Public Assistance (PA)** provides funding to repair or rebuild infrastructure. FEMA funds 90% of the project cost and local jurisdictions are responsible for the remaining 10%.
  - **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** provides funding for projects that mitigate risks from future disasters. FEMA funds 75% of the project cost and local jurisdictions are responsible for the remaining 25%.
- The Infrastructure Match Program provides funding to supplement the local cost share of these programs.

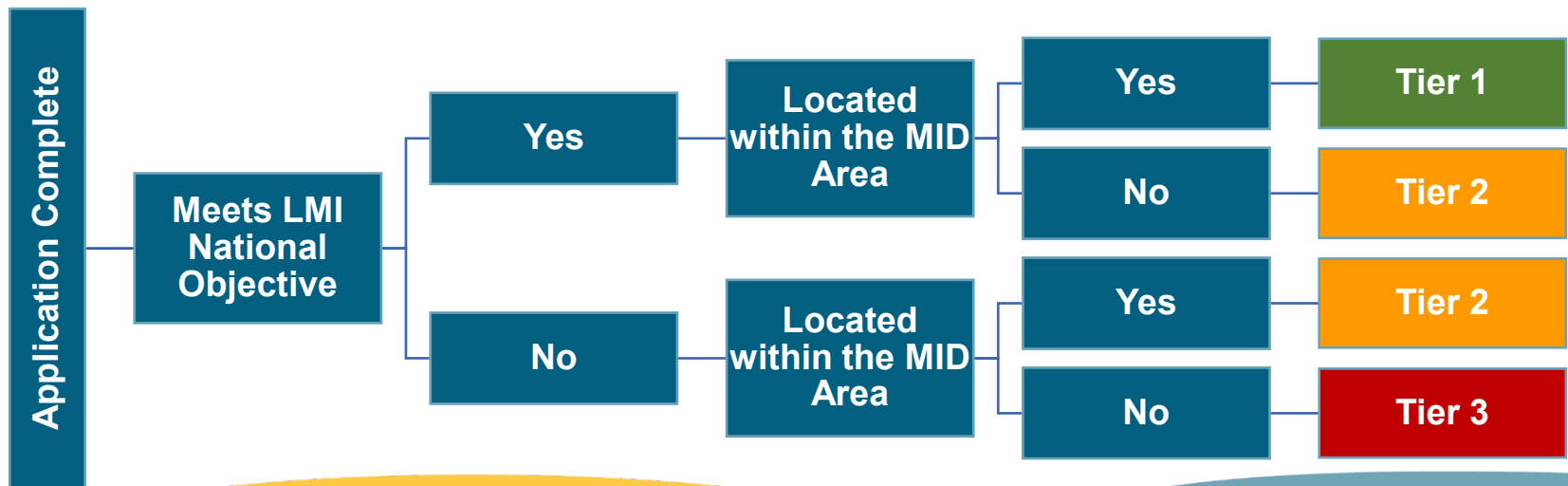
75% of funding is allocated  
for the FEMA PA Match

25% of funding is  
allocated for the  
FEMA HMGP Match



# APPLICATION TIERING

- Applications will be classified in three tiers:
  - **Tier 1:** Project is in HUD-identified MID **and** meets the LMI National Objective.
  - **Tier 2:** Project is in HUD-identified MID **or** meets the LMI National Objective.
  - **Tier 3:** Project is not located in the HUD-identified MID and does **not** meet the LMI National Objective.





# INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH PROGRAM: SUBRECIPIENT GUIDE

## Eligible Entities

Eligible entities are Recipients of FEMA-PA and HMGP funds, and may include:

- Local governments
- Public schools (K-12)
- Universities
- Natural Resource Districts
- Other local program Applicants eligible to receive federal recovery funds, including eligible private non-profit organizations

## Eligible Activities

Eligible activities that may be funded under the Infrastructure Match Program include:

- Acquisition of Real Property
- Public Facilities and Improvements
- Code Enforcement
- Clearance
- Public Services
- Planning

Note that all activities must exhibit a tieback to DR-4420.

## NOFA Process

**The State will pre-identify recipients of FEMA-PA and/or HMGP funds who may be eligible for Match.**



**The State will release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to eligible Applicants.**



**Eligible Applicants will work with DED to accept or decline the funding opportunity.**

# HOUSING PROGRAMS







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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Affordable Housing Construction Program (AHCP) funds construction and rehabilitation of both multi-family and single-family homes for LMI families.

*\$26,000,000 in available funding*

## HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

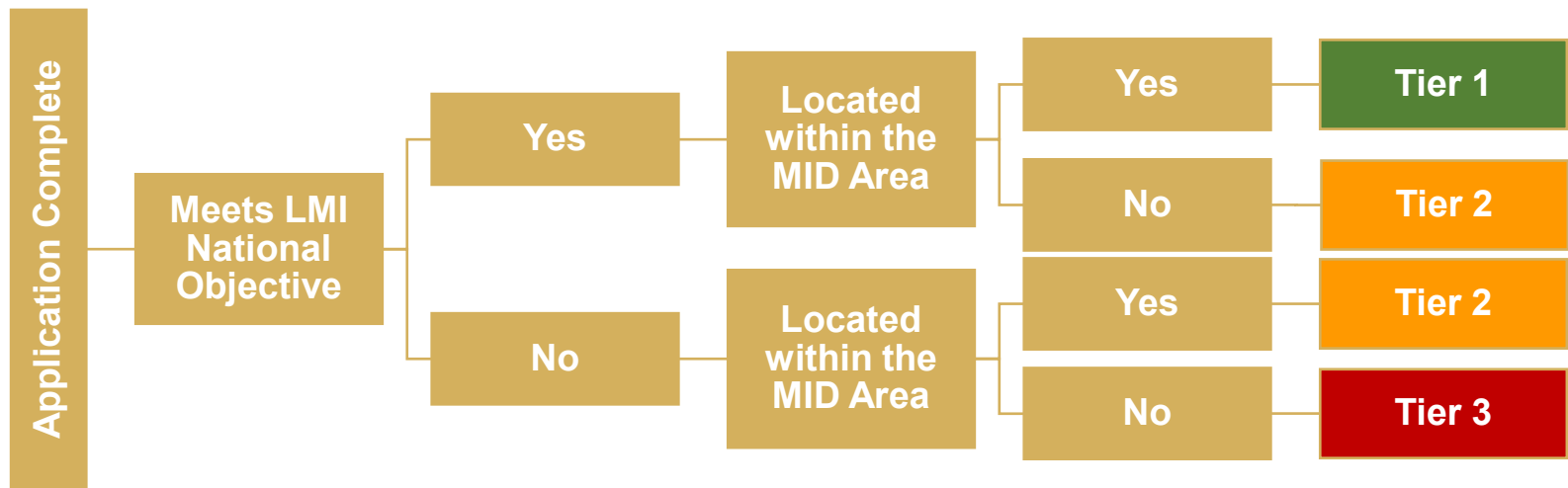
The Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) helps homeowners who lost their houses, prospective homebuyers, and renters with gap financing, principal reduction, and forgivable housing loans.

*\$11,000,000 in available funding*



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**AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING  
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# AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

There are two applications that will be used to identify and select eligible Subrecipients for the Affordable Housing Construction Program:

## JOINT LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS (LIHTC) APPLICATION

- DED is partnering with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) to offer a joint application that will be incorporated to the application for LIHTC.
- Applicants are not required to be eligible for LIHTC to be considered eligible for CDBG-DR funds.
- Funding through the joint application will support **construction** and **rehabilitation of rental housing**.

## DED-MANAGED APPLICATION

- DED is managing an independent application for CDBG-DR funds open to Subrecipients for eligible activities, including construction of **affordable single-family housing**.
- Eligible activities include:
  - Construction of **owner-occupied housing**
  - **New home construction** for sale to LMI homeowners
  - **Land acquisition**



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM: SUBRECIPIENT GUIDANCE

## Eligible Entities

Eligible entities include:

- Units of local government
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations that access and use state or federal housing grants to develop affordable housing
- Public Housing Authorities
- Developers, including both non-profit and for-profit entities\*

\*For-profit developers to be considered eligible pending approval of a substantial amendment to the Action Plan.

## Eligible Activities

Eligibility covers construction for both rental and owner-occupied housing, including activities such as:

- Construction of rental housing
- Construction of owner-occupied housing
- New construction of homes for sale to LMI homeowners
- Rehabilitation of rental housing
- Land acquisition for eligible construction activities

## Application Process

**Eligible Subrecipients apply for the Program via either the joint LIHTC application or the DED-managed application.**



**DED classifies Applicants into tiers and selects Subrecipients accordingly.**



**Subrecipients manage construction activities at the local level to implement the program.**

# HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM





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- The Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) provides **non-construction forms of assistance to LMI individuals** who lost their homes in the 2019 floods, including both homeowners and renters. Eligible activities include:
  - **Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance**
  - **Gap Financing**
  - **Housing Counseling**
- DED will distribute funds to local Subrecipients, who will be responsible for managing implementation at the local level.
- Eligible beneficiaries must contribute a least 1% of the purchase price of the home.
- Eligible beneficiaries must attend a pre-purchase homebuyer counseling class provided by a HUD-approved counseling agency.



# HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: SUBRECIPIENT GUIDE

## Eligible Entities

Eligible entities include:

- Units of local government (e.g., counties, cities, or villages)
- 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations

Subrecipients must ensure beneficiaries earn between 40% and 80% of area median income (AMI) and meet all other eligibility requirements.

## Eligible Activities

Eligible activities are limited to non-construction forms of assistance and include:

- Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance
- Gap Financing
- Housing Counseling

Eligible beneficiaries must contribute a least 1% of the purchase price of a house and attend a pre-purchase homebuyer counseling class provided by a HUD-approved counseling agency.

## Application Process

**DED releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Subrecipients apply for the Program.**



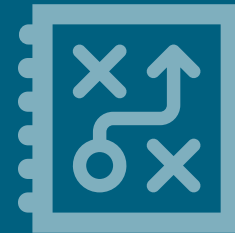
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**Subrecipients manage distribution of funds to beneficiaries at the local level.**



# PLANNING PROGRAMS





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DED will administer two planning programs with CDBG-DR funding to increase resilience throughout Nebraska:

## RISK AWARENESS PLANNING PROGRAM

Evaluate how privately-owned levees and levee-like structures affected flooding during Winter Storm Ulmer and fund community engagement and risk communication.

*Up to \$750,000 in available funding*

## HOUSING RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM

Provide funding to Subrecipients to develop plans related to housing recovery, resiliency, and affordability.

*Up to \$2,250,000 in available funding*



# RISK AWARENESS PLANNING PROGRAM

- The Risk Awareness Planning Program is a single grant administered by DED and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR).
- The contract has two phases:
  1. **Discovery and Planning:** Collect available data necessary to make an inventory and risk assessment of existing levee-like structures in Nebraska.
  2. **Outreach:** Increase awareness of risks associated with levee-like structures and create materials that communities can use to build resilience.

***No additional grants will be provided to Subrecipients.***



# HOUSING RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM: APPLICATION TIERING

DED will prioritize projects that support two or more of the following:

- Supportive housing residents
- LMI populations
- People experiencing homelessness
- HUD-identified MID areas

Applications will also be evaluated based on how they address:

- Poverty areas
- School proficiency
- Labor market engagement
- Jobs proximity
- Transportation costs
- Transit trips index
- Environmental health indicator



# HOUSING RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM: SUBRECIPIENT GUIDE

## Eligible Entities

Eligible Applicants include:

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Economic Development Districts representing HUD-identified MID areas

All Subrecipients under this program will be in the HUD-identified MID areas.

## Eligible Activities

Communities can use funding to develop a plan that incorporates one or more of the following:

- Housing Recovery
- Housing Resilience
- Affordable Housing

## Application Process

**DED releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Subrecipients apply for the Program.**



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**Subrecipients develop Housing Plans with support from DED.**



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# UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT



**Public Comment  
Opportunities**



**Review and  
Engage Online**



**Attend Focus  
Groups**

# UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT: PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- DED is currently proposing a substantial Action Plan Amendment. This will require a public comment period.
- This upcoming comment period is to be announced.





# UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT: REVIEW AND ENGAGE ONLINE

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### Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

2022 NDED-NIFA Joint Application QAP Overview on November 15 & Public Hearing on November 19. See also Housing Project Toolbox below for CDBG-DR resources. ×

The federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program provides assistance to Nebraska communities recovering from Winter Storm Ulmer (DR-4420). To help mitigate damages from flooding and other weather-related incidents in 2019, Federal monies have been allocated to be administered throughout some of the hardest-hit areas in Nebraska.

#### Quick Links

- ✓ Program Information
- ✓ Press Releases/Announcements

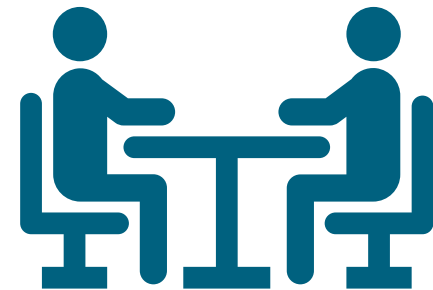
#### View Additional DED Resources

- Resources to Move Your Business
- Resources to Expand Your Business
- Resources to Start Your Business
- Resources to Grow Your Community
- Resources for Housing
- View All DED Resources

Let's get social.

# UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT: ATTEND FOCUS GROUPS

- Guide program development.
- Support understanding of issues through the eyes of stakeholders.
- Identify potential barriers and implementation challenges.
- It is estimated the first round of focus groups will begin in January 2022.





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