

# Grantee: Nebraska

## Grant: B-19-DF-31-0001

### January 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2022 Performance

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<b>Grant Number:</b> B-19-DF-31-0001	<b>Obligation Date:</b>	<b>Award Date:</b>
<b>Grantee Name:</b> Nebraska	<b>Contract End Date:</b> 07/07/2027	<b>Review by HUD:</b> Reviewed and Approved
<b>Grant Award Amount:</b> \$108,938,000.00	<b>Grant Status:</b> Active	<b>QPR Contact:</b> No QPR Contact Found
<b>LOCCS Authorized Amount:</b> \$108,938,000.00	<b>Estimated PI/RL Funds:</b>	
<b>Total Budget:</b> \$108,938,000.00		

## Disasters:

### Declaration Number

FEMA-4420-NE

## Narratives

### Disaster Damage:

After record low temperatures that created frost depths approximately two feet deep and ice on rivers and creeks in winter of 2018-2019, Winter Storm Ulmer, a bomb cyclone – or “winter hurricane,” a term given to a rapidly intensifying storm – roughly equivalent in power to a Category 2 hurricane, moved across Nebraska between March 12 and 15, 2019. Recorded wind gusts during the cyclone approached 80 mph in many parts of the state and contributed to blinding blizzard conditions that closed highways and stranded motorists. Many roads and bridges, and other infrastructure, were damaged such that they were “out of service” or impassable for a considerable amount of time, causing remarkable disruption.

The bomb cyclone also brought heavy snow, blizzard conditions, rainfall, and above-freezing temperatures into much of the interior of the US. This part of the country already had significant snowpack on the ground due to above-average precipitation during the 2018-2019 winter season. Nebraska experienced its worst flooding event in 50 years between March and July 2019. As temperatures warmed in April and May 2019, the heavy snow and excessive rainfall from the 2018-2019 winter season contributed to rapid melting of ice and snow, resulting in flooded rivers and ice jams that breached levees, damaged infrastructure, and destroyed thousands of homes and businesses. The eastern side of the state was particularly impacted by flooding, resulting in fatalities, evacuations, and search and rescue missions. In many areas, the flood damage was exacerbated by thick river ice breaking off in an atypically severe manner. Bridges were washed away by flooding or rendered impassable due to accumulated ice chunks.

### Recovery Needs:

Grantees who receive an allocation through the CDBG-DR program are required to conduct an Unmet Needs Assessment (UNA) to assist in the identification and prioritization of critical unmet needs following a disaster and to identify long-term recovery efforts that will mitigate against future disasters. For DR-4420, the State of Nebraska’s UNA identified \$269,043,934 in unmet need, specifically \$55,637,821 in unmet housing need, \$196,163,422 in unmet infrastructure need, and \$17,242,691 in economic revitalization need. Throughout the State, recovery efforts have been taken and continue to be initiated for public and private housing and infrastructure facilities. Local jurisdictions reported having completed repairs on homes that were damaged or destroyed as well as repairing infrastructure facilities. However, additional need remains. As a result of the UNA process, Nebraska will establish five programs (funding opportunities) to assist in its disaster recovery:

1. Infrastructure Match Program
2. Affordable Housing Construction Program
3. Homeowner Assistance Program
4. Risk Awareness Planning Program
5. Housing Resilience Planning Program

Nebraska’s CDBG-DR program and funding opportunities are not designed or intended to create Program Income nor establish revolving loan funds (RLFs).

Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) & Vulnerable Populations: Nebraska will prioritize activities under the housing programs that benefit LMI households, persons experiencing homelessness, and individuals requiring supportive housing, as identified in 24 CFR 91.315(e).

### Recovery Needs:

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Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas: HUD requires that 80% of CDBG-DR funds be allocated and spent in HUD-defined MID areas. HUD originally identified the MID areas as being the entirety of Sarpy County, zip code 68025 (Fremont,



Inglewood, and Woodcliff) in Dodge County, and zip codes 68064 and 68069 in Douglas County (Valley and Leshara). Based on the UNA, Nebraska expanded the HUD-defined MID to include all of Dodge County and Douglas County. As a result, Dodge, Douglas, and Sarpy counties will be the target for 80% of available CDBG-DR funding.

**Infrastructure Needs:** As the UNA and HUD's early assessments both indicate, DR-4420 generated catastrophic impacts to infrastructure, resulting in significantly higher losses in that category than economic and housing needs. Infrastructure damage was widespread, with 84 out of 93 counties impacted, reporting damage to roads, bridges, levees, dams and many other critical infrastructure facilities. To address the extensive infrastructure needs within the state, the state is prioritizing CDBG-DR funding under DR-4420 for infrastructure recovery.

**Housing Needs:** To determine how many housing units would require funding through the CDBG-DR program, DED conducted a data analysis to review the total number of homes served through existing State housing programs. DED estimated the total remaining unmet need in both the HUD MID and state MID areas to be 252 housing units.

<b>Overall</b>	<b>This Report Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Total Projected Budget from All Sources</b>	\$0.00	\$6,196,900.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$0.00	\$6,196,900.00
<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$0.00	\$5,446,900.00
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$243,147.64	\$436,462.93
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	\$243,147.64	\$436,462.93
<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Other Funds</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

### Funds Expended

<b>Overall</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Nebraska Department of Economic Development1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

## Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Overall Benefit Percentage</b>	70.00%	.00%	.00%
<b>Minimum Non Federal Match</b>	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
<b>Overall Benefit Amount</b>	\$71,918,770.00	\$.00	\$.00
<b>Limit on Public Services</b>	\$16,340,700.00	\$.00	\$.00
<b>Limit on Admin/Planning</b>	\$21,787,600.00	\$6,196,900.00	\$436,462.93
<b>Limit on Admin</b>	\$5,446,900.00	\$5,446,900.00	\$436,462.93
<b>Most Impacted and Distressed</b>	\$87,150,400.00	\$4,957,520.00	\$.00

## Overall Progress Narrative:

### Progress Overview QPR-1 (2022 Q1), January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022

Except for the expenditure of Admin, there were no expenditures nor accomplishments to report during this period. DED cannot begin awarding applications for funding until HUD approves or resolves grant conditions. DED had projected 1) expenditures for infrastructure, housing, and planning activities to occur within the reporting period and 2) accomplishments for infrastructure activities under the Infrastructure Match (Match) Program. However, DED has made no funding awards because the content of the grant conditions does not allow for it. DED diligently continues work to meet HUD feedback.

While the program has experienced challenges to address the grant conditions, DED continues its commitment to meeting their terms and maintains regular correspondence with its HUD Grant Manager. During this reporting period, the primary challenge was addressing further requirements within the timeframe provided. Despite these challenges, during this reporting period, DED carried out three (3) outreach sessions with the public and potential subrecipients; conducted numerous meetings with stakeholder groups, including those representing vulnerable populations; coordinated with its partner the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) in receiving ten (10) applications for the joint application process for CDBG-DR assistance and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC); and received HUD approval for 1) one grant condition, 2) voucher for pre-award costs associated with the grants management system (AmpliFund), and 3) Action Plan Amendment



1 (Substantial). The changes associated with this amendment were made to improve implementation of the Affordable Housing Construction Program by more fully recognizing the role of for-profit developers in executing affordable housing projects involving Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). It also clarified eligibility requirements for non-profit applicants under the Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP), allowing for a non-profit applicant to apply under HAP and refer beneficiaries to HUD-certified agencies for housing counseling. This first amendment to the Action Plan is published on DED's CDBG-DR website.

During the next reporting period, DED expects to publish on its website the final versions of application and program guidelines and the implementation manual (CDBG-DR Manual) and deliver technical assistance to potential subrecipients through webinars, publication of program tools, and other resources. DED anticipates incurring expenditures for Housing and Infrastructure activities during Q2 2022.

## Milestones

- January 3, 2022. HUD approves DED's submission for Grant Condition B-2.
- January 10, 2022. End of the 30-day Public Comment Period for its Action Plan Amendment 1 (Substantial), December 10, 2021 through January 10, 2022.
- January 20, 2022. DED held CDBG-DR Focus Group sessions for its housing, Match, and planning programs.
- January 25, 2022. DED submission to HUD, Action Plan Amendment 1 (Substantial).
- January 31, 2022. DED submission to HUD, policies and procedures (Grant Condition A) and monitoring plan (Grant Condition D).
- February 18, 2022. NIFA 4% LIHTC pre-application due, includes CDBG-DR assistance via the Affordable Housing Construction Program.
- March 14, 2022. HUD approval of Action Plan Amendment 1 (Substantial).
- March 16, 2022. NIFA 9% LIHTC pre-application due, includes CDBG-DR assistance via the Affordable Housing Construction Program.
- March 18, 2022. NIFA 4% LIHTC full application due, includes CDBG-DR assistance via the Affordable Housing Construction Program.
- March 24, 2022. DED published the HUD-approved QPR for Q4 2021.

## Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DR-19-AD, Administration	\$243,147.64	\$5,446,900.00	\$436,462.93
DR-19-AHC, Affordable Housing Construction Program	\$0.00	\$26,000,000.00	\$0.00
DR-19-HAP, Homeowner Assistance Program	\$0.00	\$11,000,000.00	\$0.00
DR-19-HRP, Housing Resilience Planning Program	\$0.00	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00
DR-19-IMP, Infrastructure Match Program	\$0.00	\$63,491,100.00	\$0.00
DR-19-RAP, Risk Awareness Planning Program	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00

