

# DR-4420 ACTION PLAN - Summary

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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 Nebraska's 93 counties, and four tribal areas, with the worst damage located in the eastern part of the state.

To support long-term recovery, Nebraska has been awarded 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.

These CDBG-DR funds provide unprecedented support for disaster recovery. At least 80% of the programmatic funds will be spent in the areas that HUD defined as Most Impacted and Distressed (MID): **Dodge, Douglas, and Sarpy counties**. At least 70% of funds will benefit low- and moderate-income households.

Nebraska's DR-4420 **Action Plan** describes:

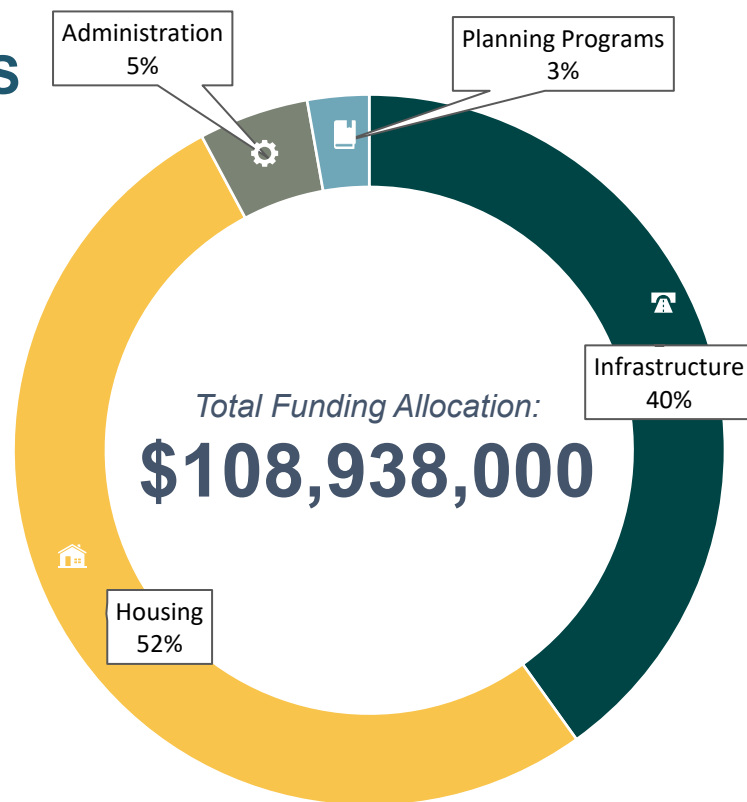
- The State's **unmet needs**
- The **programs and budget** (method of distribution) that will be implemented to support disaster recovery
- How the programs and activities will meet the **requirements of HUD**

The current Action Plan, as amended, is available, in English and Spanish languages, at:  
[https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/cdbg\\_dr/](https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/cdbg_dr/)

## NEBRASKA'S UNMET NEEDS

CDBG-DR grant funding is used to address disaster-related unmet needs (those that are not met by other funding sources). Nebraska's unmet needs from the impacts of DR-4420 totaled nearly \$270 Million, as determined by the State in conjunction with the affected communities and detailed in the Action Plan. With the award of \$108.9 Million, Nebraska is working to address our communities' most pressing needs related to housing, infrastructure, and the economy.

The figure on the right illustrates the State's Method of Distribution to address unmet needs in the core sectors.



# NEBRASKA'S CDBG-DR PROGRAMS & BUDGETS



## INFRASTRUCTURE

\$43,691,100 (40.11% of total grant)

### *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, must pay a portion (10-25%) 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, and other infrastructure gap-funding needs remain unmet.

Under the Match Program, Nebraska uses HUD CDBG-DR funds to support communities in meeting match requirements for PA and HMGP Projects, and other eligible gap funding needs.



## HOUSING

\$56,800,000 (52.14% of total grant)

### *Affordable Housing Construction Program*

Nebraska will implement three funding opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The first subprogram, AHCP-LIHTC is delivered in partnership with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), where Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and Collaborative Resources Allocation for Nebraska (CRANE) Program funding may be leveraged.

The second subprogram, AHCP-Homeownership Production Program (HPP) makes funding available to construct new single-family housing.

The third subprogram, AHCP-Small Rental, will fund smaller rental construction projects where LIHTC is not a funding source.



## PLANNING

\$3,000,000 (2.75% of total grant)

CDBG-DR makes available funding for eligible planning costs, which may include, but may not be limited to:

### *Risk Awareness and Resilience Planning*

To reduce the risk of private levee failure and other flood risks and vulnerabilities.

### *Housing Resilience Planning*

To support local jurisdictions and economic development districts in developing plans for housing recovery, resilience, and affordability.

The resulting plans will support communities in identifying and leveraging both CDBG-DR and other resources and strategies for housing recovery, resilience, and affordability.

*Additional funding (5% of the total grant award) has been allocated for grant administration.*

## WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

The State of Nebraska recognizes the importance of public participation in the process of disaster recovery, particularly for those most vulnerable to the impacts of the disaster. Our Citizen Participation Plan encourages community feedback, and the Action Plan provides a record of comments received during the public comment periods.

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