

State of Iowa - Iowa Economic Development Authority

Amendment #3 to Action Plan for Disaster Recovery Appropriations Act 2013 P.L. 113-2

Overview

This substantial amendment pertains to the modification of two elements of the State of Iowa’s National Disaster Resiliency Grant, by reducing the land owner contribution to the watershed management practices from 25% to 10%, and to clarify the number of housing units completed for resiliency rehabilitation from 320 units to a range of 275-320 units. These modifications will not require any budget adjustment to the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) funds in accordance with Public Law 113-2, Disaster Appropriations Act, 2013 (approved January 29, 2013) (Appropriations Act). These funds were made available under grant number B-13-DS-19-0001.

Background

There have been 2 prior Non-Substantial Amendments and this is the first Substantial Amendments to grant number B-13-DS-19-001. HUD awarded these Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) funds in accordance with Public Law 113-2, Disaster Appropriations Act, 2013 (approved January 29, 2013) (Appropriations Act) to the State of Iowa in 2016 in accordance with Iowa’s Phase II application, Alternative #2. In the Phase II application the State of Iowa outlined an owner match of 25% for watershed management practices, and a total of 320 housing resiliency rehabilitations.

Purpose

The purpose of this Substantial Amendment is to modify two elements of the State of Iowa’s NDR Grant:

1. Based on extensive landowner outreach, communication with Watershed Management Authorities, and discussions with Iowa Watershed Approach partners it has become apparent that the 25% land owner contribution for watershed management practice installation is a hurdle to the successful completion of this grant, and a deterrent to participation. The State of Iowa requests to reduce the land owner contribution to 10% of the cost of the practice estimate. This continues to demonstrate commitment and land stewardship while more accurately reflecting the viability of this type of program based on the economics of agriculture in Iowa.
2. Based on the housing rehabilitation that has been completed to-date, considering the scope of resiliency work, the availability of contractors and the increased costs of the resiliency rehabilitation, it is clear that costs differ significantly from unit to unit and meeting a specific unit amount is not practicable. The State of Iowa in coordination with the City of Dubuque is proposing to amend the metric of housing units to be completed from 320 units to a range of 275-320.

The NDR Grant modifications are as follows:

Activity	Original NDR Application	Proposed Change
Watershed Management Practices: Land Owner Contribution	25%	10%
Housing Resiliency Rehabilitations	320 units	275-320 units