Flood Recovery Fund

Iowa Code Chapter 418.16 as amended and signed by Governor Reynolds on May 8, 2019, and appropriated $15 million into the fund.

A flood recovery fund has been established in the state treasury under the control of the Flood Mitigation Board. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by the general assembly and any other moneys available to, obtained by, or accepted by the board for deposit in the fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) and shall be used for the purposes of flood response, flood recovery, or flood mitigation activities within counties designated under FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program. As of May 28, 2019, these counties include Fremont, Harrison, Louisa, Mills, Monona, Muscatine, Pottawattamie, Scott, Shelby, and Woodbury. Moneys in the fund shall not supplant any federal disaster recovery moneys.

An eligible applicant is a political subdivision of the state located in a county designated under presidential disaster DR-4421-IA and also located in a county where the federal emergency management agency individual assistance program has been activated.
The flood recovery fund may be used for eligible projects identified below or for match purpose against federal awards. The flood recovery fund will not duplicate federal reimbursement of eligible costs under approved federal awards. If a federal award is approved to fund the same activities for the applicant, the federal funds approved will be used to reimburse the flood recovery fund.

Eligible project types include emergency work projects and/or permanent work projects.

Emergency work includes measures taken before, during and immediately after a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect improved public or private property. Applicants may seek reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of the disaster related to flood response activities.

Permanent work projects may be the construction and reconstruction of levees, embankments, impounding reservoirs, conduits or other means that are necessary for the protection of property from the effects of floodwaters and may include the deepening, widening, alteration, change, diversion, or other improvement of watercourses if necessary for the protection of such property from the effects of floodwaters. Projects may also include mitigation activities such as property demolition and acquisition.

Upon receipt, an HSEMD project officer will review and organize for presentation to the board. A board meeting will be scheduled for the presentation and approval, denial, or deferment of the application. It is expected that all applicants will provide a representative to speak to the board regarding their application. If approved, the HSEMD project officer will work closely with the applicant regarding the grant agreement, payment process, reporting process, and closeout.

Applicants may complete an application and submit to the HSEMD assigned below for consideration.

For additional questions please contact the HSEMD project officer assigned to your county:

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