



**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (NDHHS)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
FROM MARCH 24, 2020 - APRIL 23, 2020**

On June 6, 2019, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 was signed into law. This provided \$25 million in disaster supplemental funds to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program for nationwide distribution. The funds will be made available to states, territories, and tribes (authorized under the CSBG Act) to address the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019, in those areas for which a presidential disaster has been declared. The Office of Community Services (OCS) will allocate the funds to states, territories, and tribes based on assessment of need. States, in turn, will issue grants to CSBG eligible entities to support disaster recovery activities for individuals and families with low incomes. Consistent with the general purposes of CSBG and the specific appropriation instructions, this funding will support a range of locally identified services and strategies focused on the needs of people with low-income and disaster-related needs. These funds will support ongoing community recovery after the conclusion of emergency response efforts.

The State of Nebraska may be eligible to receive a total of approximately \$433,188 as a result of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019. OCS will be allocating the funds in a three-stage process: Stage 1) initial planning, needs assessment and cost documentation grants; Stage 2) interim recovery efforts; and Stage 3) longer term recovery efforts. This three-stage process will allow for necessary adjustments during the implementation and for funds to be expended by eligible CAA's through September 30, 2022.

In order to receive the disaster supplemental funds, states, territories, and tribes must have received a presidential disaster declaration (for one of the aforementioned disasters) for which Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Assistance (IA) was authorized and for which households have registered for IA assistance. IA is money or direct assistance from FEMA for individuals, families, and businesses in an area whose property has been damaged or destroyed, and whose losses are not covered by insurance. The registration numbers for IA assistance was utilized by OCS in creating a formula for distribution of CSBG disaster funds to states.

In order to determine funding allocations for the eligible CAA's, the Nebraska State CSBG Office obtained the number of approved IA applications for each county that experienced a qualified presidentially declared disaster from FEMA. The number of approved IA applications for the counties served by each of the CAA's were totaled in order to determine the percentage of available funding that will be allocated to each of the CAA's. Attachment 1 (below) displays a chart with the proposed funding allocations per participating eligible CAA. If an eligible CAA opts not to participate, the disaster supplemental funds that the CAA was eligible to receive will be redistributed to the other eligible CAA's based on the percentage formula. Ten percent of the total funds received will be maintained by the Nebraska State CSBG Office for administrative costs. The Nebraska State CSBG Office will reallocate unused administrative funds to the participating eligible CAA's based on the percentage formula.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by 11:59 pm CST on April 23, 2020:
via email to DHHS.CSBGMailbox@nebraska.gov or
via mail to Matt Thomsen at NDHHS, 1033 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

ATTACHMENT 1:

Nebraska Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Disaster Supplemental Aid Distribution Plan						
Participating Eligible Community Action Agencies	Approved Individual Assistance Applications	Disaster Aid Allocation Percentage	Stage One Aid Allocation	Stage Two Aid Allocation (Projected)	Stage Three Aid Allocation (Projected)	Total Aid Allocation (Projected)
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership (CNCAP)	476	14.40%	\$12,960	\$30,618.90	\$12,562.26	\$56,141.16
Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership (ENCAP)	1160	35.20%	\$31,680	\$74,846.22	\$30,707.74	\$137,233.96
Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska (MID)	342	10.40%	\$9,360	\$22,113.66	\$9,072.74	\$40,546.40
Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP)	1168	35.40%	\$31,860	\$75,271.48	\$30,882.22	\$138,013.70
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (SENCA)	150	4.60%	\$4,140	\$9,781.04	\$4,012.94	\$17,933.98
TOTALS	3296	100.00%	\$90,000	\$212,631.30	\$87,237.90	\$389,869.20

** The amounts above do not include the administrative costs maintained by the Nebraska State CSBG Office.*