



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: October 21, 2009
To: City Council
From: Jeff Davidson, Director of Planning and Community Development
Re: Update: Flood-related activities

Staff continues to review Jumpstart applications for disbursing State Jumpstart 2 and State Jumpstart 3 funding. A total of 65 flood-impacted residential households have been assisted with State Jumpstart funding and 18 households with Federal Jumpstart funding.

Staff participated in a disaster recovery teleconference on Wednesday, October 21 with staff from the Iowa Department of Economic Development and the Rebuild Iowa Office.

Staff is still urging FEMA staff to complete the duplication of benefits review so that the HMGP homeowners can arrange a closing date.

Planning staff have been meeting with other City departments to jointly review the I-Jobs grant agreement and to begin implementing the Fire Station #4 and the Wastewater Treatment relocation projects.

Planning and public works staff attended a joint meeting on October 20th with Coralville and University of Iowa officials to discuss flood recovery projects in the area.

Planning staff have been working with staff from the Iowa Finance Authority to finalize the I-Jobs grant agreement for the UniverCity Neighborhood Partnerships program.

The Business Rental Assistance Program continues. We have had 50 applications for \$797,000. To date, checks totaling nearly \$692,000 have been distributed to 41 applicants.