



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

02-26-09

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Date: February 25, 2009
To: City Council
From: Rick Fosse, Director of Public Works
Jeff Davidson, Director of Planning and Community Development
Re: Update: Flood-related activities

Engineering and Public Works Administration

- Attended the FEMA Long Term Recovery Team Toolbox Workshop.
- Evaluated flood recovery projects for compatibility with federal funding opportunities.
- Plan review of the Iowa Avenue Sewer Siphon Project.
- Worked with FEMA on the Animal Shelter, Iowa River Power Dam, and Water Main Crossing Projects.
- Assisted Housing and Inspection Services with a regulatory issue on a temporary flood control measure that was left in place on private property.

Water:

- Replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) as residents move in.
- Working with Engineering for design and schedule on the 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)
- Updated FEMA with the status of CW 3 & CW 4 VFD's and JW 2 soft start
- Met with HRG on 2/24/09 to review Hazard Mitigation project.

Equipment

- Dept. of Homeland security picked up the last two straggler pumps yesterday.

Wastewater

Plant Maintenance Crew work this week:

- Sludge Pump Building sump controls – complete
- Install 2 air conditioners at North Admin – complete
- Filter Building, removed safety shower. Damaged water heat not needed removed – complete
- North Sludge Pump basement - Cleaned and painted sludge transfer pump #1, pump and motor base.

Additional items to complete:

- Sludge Transfer Pump #1 – sent out for bearing replacement
- Finish work on Valve Actuators in Sludge Pump Bldg. – 2 out of 5 remain to be done.
- Bar Screen gate actuator repairs – 1 out of 2 remain
- Troubleshoot and repair Recirculation Station VFD - trips out
- Complete repairs of Humus Pump Station
- Complete duct and heat exchanger clean up
- Remove old Admin Bldg. boiler
- Relocate River Street Stormwater Station controls – higher elevation
- Convert West Park Lift station to submersible pump system
- Replace Iowa Ave. Siphon system

Planning and Community Development:

- Regional FEMA is reviewing our HMGP buyout application. At this point, only 4 of 27 applications in Iowa have been passed along to FEMA.
- Staff attended the FEMA ESF-14 Recovery Tools Workshop on February 24 at the Iowa City Public Library.
- On February 24, staff attended the Long Term Recovery Committee meeting to discuss the distribution of \$129,000 in funds for "unmet needs" up to \$2500 per household for households that have an income of 300% or less of federal poverty levels. Staff also was updated on the flood recovery progress of the United Way, Crisis Center, FEMA, Community Foundation of Johnson County as well as the volunteer organizations run through the religious community.
- A member of the Housing Rehabilitation division attended environmental review training on February 26 for flood impacted residential units using CDBG funds for repair.
- Staff has issued checks to 22 households for a total of \$52,000 for mortgage/rental payment assistance. The Community Foundation of Johnson County earmarked \$57,000 for the program.
- Staff is working on setting up a State CDBG funded program to produce new single-family owner-occupied housing in Iowa City. The State allocated just over \$600,000 to be used as downpayment assistance for newly constructed homes with a maximum development cost of \$180,000. More details will be announced in early March.

Residential Jumpstart:

- Over \$400,000 of the original allocation of Jumpstart State funds has been distributed, including \$100,000 over the last week.
- This week staff distributed nearly \$160,000 for housing repair/rehabilitation as part of the Jumpstart Federal (CDBG) program.
- The deadline for applicants for the rental rehabilitation program was February 20, 2009. Iowa City received three applications to rehabilitate eight rental units. Staff from the Iowa Department of Economic Development will determine the process for Iowa City to use in order for the residential landlords to receive the \$24,999 max in repair funds for each unit.

Business Jumpstart:

- 42 applications received to date (3 ineligible, 2 decided not to pursue funds after applying)
- 34 checks distributed for a total of \$906,286
- 3 more have been approved and checks have been requested for \$56,087
- Grand total when these checks are distributed: \$962,373.



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IP4

Date: November 25, 2009
To: City Council
From: Steve Long, Community Development Coordinator *SL*
Wendy Ford, Economic Development Coordinator *WF*
Re: Flood Recovery Update; State and Federal Grant Funding Summary

The following will provide a summary of the State and Federal funding assistance we have been able to provide to flood-impacted residents and businesses in Iowa City. We have so far been able to commit funding to 81 people for residential assistance. There remain 44 people on the residential assistance waiting list. We will distribute funds to these people as additional funds become available and if the applicants can meet income guidelines, if any.

In terms of business assistance, 34 flood-impacted businesses have received State or Federal flood recovery assistance. There is currently no waiting list for business assistance funding. The business flood recovery assistance program remains open if there are additional applicants.

To summarize the individual programs:

Jumpstart State funds; initial allocation

Twenty-two households have been assisted from the initial allocation of \$686,196 in Jumpstart State funds. The funds have been used for housing repair or rehabilitation, interim mortgage assistance and down payment assistance. All of the funds have been committed.

Jumpstart State funds; second allocation

In the second allocation of \$823,435 in State Jumpstart funds, it is anticipated that 37 households will be assisted. Similar to the first allocation, the program will be used for housing repair and rehabilitation, interim mortgage assistance and down payment assistance. The second allocation has the same guidelines as the first except that there is a maximum of \$24,999 in funds available for each project and the recipient must be at or below 150% of median income.

Federal Jumpstart CDBG funds; initial allocation

Just over \$360,000 of the \$1,200,844 in Federal Jumpstart CDBG funds have been distributed to eight households and committed to nine additional households for housing repair/rehabilitation, interim mortgage assistance and down payment assistance. These funds are for households with incomes below 100% of median income.

Federal Jumpstart CDBG funds; second allocation

The City will be receiving \$1,029,000 in additional CDBG funds to be used for housing repair/rehabilitation, interim mortgage assistance and down payment assistance for households with incomes below 100% of the area median income. It is anticipated these funds will be available by March 1, 2009. We hope to assist as many of the remaining 44 residential applicants on our waiting list as possible.

Jumpstart State business funds

Of the initial \$2,200,000 allocated by the State, \$906,286 has been expended to 34 businesses. Three more are currently in the works to receive funding. The program remains open, and we do not have a waiting list. We will likely have to return unallocated funds to the State for redistribution to flood-impacted businesses in other parts of the State. We have checked, and these funds cannot be reallocated within Iowa City for residential uses.

Federal Jumpstart CDBG funds for businesses

A second allocation of \$370,000 in funds for business assistance is available if additional businesses apply for these funds.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) acquisition funds

The \$11,500,000 in HMGP funds that we have applied for is anticipated to arrive in approximately two months. The City will then begin the process of making offers, acquiring properties and commence the demolition of 40 homes in the Parkview Terrace and Taft Speedway neighborhoods.

Conclusion

We are fortunate to have been able to assist 81 persons who applied for residential assistance, and we remain hopeful that we can assist the 44 persons who remain on the residential assistance waiting list. The legislature recently approved a bill distributing funds for Community Disaster Grants, and Iowa City will be eligible to submit an application. In addition, we may want to submit an application for additional funds related to targeted disaster recovery through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. We will present options to you at the March 9 work session.

We have been able to assist 34 flood-impacted businesses and we currently do not have a waiting list for the business assistance funds. The business assistance program remains open in case there are additional applicants.

Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

cc: Michael Lombardo, City Manager
Kevin O'Malley, Finance Director
Jeff Davidson, Planning & Community Development Director