

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

IOWA COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL

DES MOINES – Iowans have an opportunity to review and comment on Iowa's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Disaster Supplemental Community Needs Assessment and CSBG Disaster Supplemental Allocation Formula.

The Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 was signed into law on June 6, 2019. The Act provides \$25 million in additional funds to the CSBG program. The funds are to address the consequences of Hurricane Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and 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 was declared. The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services is allocating the additional funds to states, territories, and tribes based on an assessment of need.

A Presidential disaster declaration for Iowa counties (DR-4421-IA) was signed by the President on March 21, 2019. Ten counties were designated adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for federal Individual Assistance: Fremont, Harrison, Louisa, Mills, Monona, Muscatine, Pottawattamie, Scott, Shelby, and Woodbury Counties. The disaster declaration incident period was from March 12, 2019 through June 15, 2019.

Iowa's CSBG disaster supplemental funds will be allocated to Iowa's community action agencies and used for disaster-related services and benefits for the low-income individuals and communities affected in the 10 Iowa counties that were covered under the President's disaster declaration (DR-4421-IA). The four community action agencies eligible for this additional funding include: Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Community Action of Southeast Iowa, West Central Community Action, and Community Action Agency of Siouxland. The community action agencies will have until September 30, 2021 to expended their allocation of funds.

The Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Community Action Agencies (DCAA) administers Iowa's CSBG Program and is authorized by Iowa law to contract and distribute Iowa's CSBG disaster supplemental funds to Iowa's community action agencies.

The CSBG Disaster Supplemental Needs Assessment and CSBG Disaster Supplemental Allocation Formula will be available for review at the DCAA, on the DCAA's website (<https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/csbg/csbg-resources>) and at the four community action agencies: Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Community Action of Southeast Iowa, West Central Community Action, and Community Action Agency of Siouxland through April 2, 2020. The review and comment period is from March 19, 2020, through April 2, 2020. All comments must be in writing and must be received by the DCAA before April 3, 2020, to be considered:

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