

# **Business Disaster Recovery Programs**

## **Relocation Assistance Program Guidelines**

### Purpose

This program provides relocation assistance to Cedar Rapids businesses located in the NW 1<sup>st</sup> Corridor who are now on the “wet side” of the proposed levee. These businesses repaired their businesses prior to their knowledge of the levee location and will be reimbursed for the gap between the insurance proceeds/pre-flood property value and the actual cost to repair their business post disaster. In-home businesses are not eligible for the funds.

### Definitions

- “*Business*” means a corporation, a professional corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, a sole proprietorship, or a nonprofit corporation serving public purpose.
- “*Department*” or *IDED*” means the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

### Eligible Business for Expanded Program

- Relocation Assistance Program provides financial assistance to a business that was located in the 500-year floodplain at the time of the flood and as a result of the adoption of the FEMA flood map moved to the 100-year floodplain. This area includes parcels located in the NW/SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor.
- To apply for relocation assistance a business must have been open and operating at the time of the 2008 natural disaster(s) and is operating at the time of the application.
- Repairs were made to the property after the 2008 natural disaster and the business can document these repairs have been paid in full.
- Eligible location has accepted and closed the CDBG Property Acquisition Program.
- Lease agreement to be provided, if business rents location.
- Common ownership must be in place both pre-disaster and active post disaster.

### Ineligible Business for Relocation Assistance Program

- Start-up businesses or home based businesses are not eligible.

### Eligible Relocation program activities; maximum amount of assistance

- The award per application is limited to eligible receipts minus any duplication of benefits. The list of eligible expenses is included in the program application.

#### Duplication of Benefits

- Business has completed and submitted the required Consent and release Form, Subrogation Agreement, and Duplication of Benefits Affidavit.

#### Distribution of funds to administrative entities

- Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis, based on amount needed for business applications approved and forwarded to IDED.
- An administrative entity shall award funds to an eligible business in the form of a grant for relocation assistance.
- An eligible business must apply to the Iowa Department of Economic Development by June 1, 2011.
- Application period may be terminated if funds are not sufficient.