

Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1517-DR]

Nebraska; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Nebraska (FEMA-1517-DR), dated May 25, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 8, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Nebraska is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of May 25, 2004:

Buffalo, Butler, Douglas, Fillmore, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Johnson, Kearney, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Sarpy, Saunders, and Seward Counties for Individual Assistance.

Adams, Clay, Dodge, Jefferson, Thayer, Washington, Webster, and York Counties for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance.

Cass, Gage, Lancaster, and Saline Counties for Categories C through G under the Public Assistance program (already designated for Individual Assistance, and debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program).

Blaine, Boone, and Cuming Counties for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individual and

Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs; 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1517-DR]

Nebraska; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Nebraska (FEMA-1517-DR), dated May 25, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective June 1, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1519-DR]

Ohio; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Ohio (FEMA-1519-DR), dated June 3, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 3, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated June 3, 2004, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Ohio, resulting from severe storms and flooding beginning on May 18, 2004, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Ohio.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and the Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Public Assistance is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing

Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Brad Gair, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Ohio to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Athens, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Noble, Perry, and Summit Counties for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the State of Ohio are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4529-N-08]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request Affordable Communities Initiative

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* June 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Mark D. Menchik, HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, *Mark_D_Menchik@omb.eop.gov*. Fax: (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency review and processing under the Paperwork Reduction Act, an information collection package with respect to HUD's Affordable Communities Award, a non-monetary award designed to acknowledge and honor those jurisdictions or communities that are expanding affordable housing opportunities by reducing regulatory barriers and creating an environment supportive of the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing.

In June 2003, HUD announced a new initiative, America's Affordable Communities Initiative (Initiative). The Initiative focuses on breaking down regulatory barriers that impede the production or rehabilitation of affordable housing. As part of this initiative, HUD is examining federal, state and local regulations to identify those regulations that present significant barriers to the production or rehabilitation of affordable housing. HUD is currently reviewing its own regulations to identify regulatory barriers to affordable housing that HUD can and should change. HUD's intention is to lead by example. Another effort of the Initiative includes providing incentives to state and local governments to remove regulatory barriers. As part of HUD's FY2004 SuperNOFA, HUD included, as a policy priority, the removal of regulatory barriers. An applicant that meets the criteria of a policy priority is eligible to receive higher points. The removal of regulatory barriers will not only be a

policy priority in HUD's FY2004 SuperNOFA but in other FY2004 NOFAs published independently from the SuperNOFA.

This non-monetary award announcement is designed to present an additional incentive to states, local, and tribal governments to become active in removing barriers to affordable housing to the extent feasible. This award will serve to publicly recognize jurisdictions or communities that have taken a leadership role in reexamining their existing regulatory systems and have taken the necessary steps to promote the construction and development of affordable housing.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Affordable Communities Award.

Office: Office of the General Counsel.

OMB Control Number: 2510—

Description of the need for the information and proposed use:

The information presented by applicants for the award will be used to select the award winners. The information presented by the applicants also should provide the Initiative with good examples of how regulatory barriers are removed and affordable housing made possible or increased in communities across America.

Form Number: No form number.

Members of affected public: States and local jurisdictions (cities, counties and towns, townships and incorporated municipalities).

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: