



Disaster Recovery (DR2) Funds:

Eighty-two of Indiana's 92 counties were declared federal disaster areas in 2008. (See attached map) The State of Indiana released an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery and a subsequent "Substantial Amendment" to the plan. The State's original Action Plan provided approximately \$95 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding to meet community and economic needs of the affected residents. The State's "Substantial Amendment" to the Action Plan added an additional \$253,340,079. The funding is being administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

The State's "Substantial Amendment" has added funding for the following projects:

Storm Drainage Improvements: Approximately \$25,000,000 is available for storm drainage improvements. Grants will be awarded in a competitive round. An applicant can apply for up to \$1,000,000.

Wastewater and Drinking Water System Improvements SRF/USDA: Approximately \$50,000,000 is available for wastewater and drinking water improvements projects that have been approved by the Indiana State Revolving Fund and/or the USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs. Grant applications will be accepted and awards made until funding is no longer available. Grant amounts will be determined at the discretion of OCRA.

Wastewater and Drinking Water Small Projects: \$30,000,000 is available for small wastewater and drinking water improvement projects. Grants will be awarded in a competitive round. An applicant can apply for up to \$1,000,000.

Dam and Levee Improvements: \$25,000,000 is available to address damaged and failing dams and levees. The dam or levee must be owned by a local unit of government or a not-for-profit organization. Grant applications will be accepted and awards made until funding is no longer available. Grant amounts will be determined at the discretion of OCRA.

Waterway Debris Removal Program: \$15,000,000 is available to remove debris from waterways. Grant applications will be accepted and awards made until funding is no longer available. Grant amounts will be determined at the discretion of OCRA.

Clearance/Demolition Program: \$6,000,000 is available to address the clearance/demolition of deteriorated buildings. Grants will be awarded in a competitive round. An applicant can apply for up to \$500,000.

Time Line:

Specific grant deadlines will not be announced until early December for the remaining funding; however some of the specifics have been outlined in the initial round of funding. Based on information provided in the original Disaster Recovery Funding, we have developed a possible timeline for the Disaster Recovery 2 Amended funds.

OCRA's Draft Plan Published:	September 21, 2009
Draft Plan's Comment Period:	September 21-28, 2009
OCRA DR2 Grant Workshop	December 2009 - March 2010
Open non-competitive Rounds:	Approximately January 2010
Competitive Applications Due:	April - July 2010



Preliminary Requirements:

The Disaster Recovery 2 Amended funds are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, very similar to the Indiana Office of Community of Rural Affairs's (OCRA) Community Focus Funds (CFF). Therefore, a number of issues must be resolved before a Disaster Recovery 2 Amended application can be submitted.

Environmental Review: An environmental review must be completed prior to submitting a Disaster Recovery 2 Amended application. The Chief Elected Official (CEO) of the Applicant must certify that the environmental review has been completed. In addition, the Chief Elected Official (CEO) of the Applicant must certify that all applicable local, state and federal agencies have been contacted in writing and appropriate correspondence has taken place.

Preliminary Engineering: All necessary preliminary engineering must be completed prior to submitting a Disaster Recovery 2 Amended application. The Chief Elected Official (CEO) of the Applicant must certify that all preliminary architectural and/or engineering services necessary to complete the environmental review process have been completed and the Applicant is prepared to immediately proceed with final architectural and/or engineering services upon award of the Disaster Recovery 2 grant by IOCRA.

Permits: All necessary permits must be identified prior to submitting a Disaster Recovery 2 Amended application. The Chief Elected Official of the Applicant must certify that all local, state and federal permits necessary to complete the project have been listed in the Disaster Recovery 2 application document and certify that such permits will be secured in sufficient time for the Applicant to complete the project within eighteen (18) months following grant award.

Site Control: Any land acquisition of easements must be obtained prior to submitting a Disaster Recovery 2 Amended application. The Applicant's Legal Counsel and Project Engineer or Architect, respectively, must mutually certify that the acquisition activities have been completed respective to all interests in real property which are related or involved with the commencement and completion of DR2-assisted activities in accordance with the federal Uniform Relocation and Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970.

Financial: If the project goes over the maximum grant amount or the program requires a match, the application must show proof that the local funds have been secured by the applicant. The Chief Elected Official (CEO) of the Applicant must certify that all non-DR2 sources of funding necessary to carry out the project as listed in the project application have been secured and are available for expenditure immediately upon full execution of the DR2 grant award.