



## Memorandum

To: Projects, Programs, and Operations Subcommittee  
From: Lori Ann Laster, Stormwater Management Engineer  
Date: February 28, 2023  
RE: Delegation of Authority for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program

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As a result of the 2019 winter storms and subsequent flooding, a federal disaster declaration was issued for Nebraska. This declaration made FEMA funding available for repairs to public infrastructure and for mitigation grants. Funding was also allocated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. Part of the CDBG-DR funds are dedicated to an Infrastructure Match Program.

The Infrastructure Match Program utilizes CDBG-DR funding to provide the required local match funds required for FEMA grants. The District is eligible to apply for these funds to cover District costs for three Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) projects (buyouts) and the Public Assistance grants awarded for repairs to District property.

If the Infrastructure Match Program applications are approved the District could be eligible for up to \$850,000 (the 25% local share) for the HMGP projects and \$102,018.45 (the 5% local share) for the Public Assistance projects.

The applications for CDBG-DR funding require signature from an organization's CEO, in this case our Board Chair. However, the board can vote to delegate signatory authority to appropriate staff members. Staff is requesting the board delegate the signatory authority to the General Manager for the purposes of these applications. This will allow staff more flexibility with application submission rather than needing to coordinate meetings with the Board Chair for signatures.

**Management recommends that the General Manager be authorized to execute and file applications for the Infrastructure Match Program and be authorized to represent and act for the Papiro-Missouri River Natural Resources District in all dealings with the State of Nebraska for all matter pertaining to this grant.**

