NIFA Workforce Housing Forum
Innovative Recovery Roundtable

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Thank You to NIFA!!!

Many thanks to Tim Kenny, Robin Ambroz, and the staff at NIFA for their generous award of funds to hire a Disaster Recovery Coordinator for our 14-county region.

The ability to provide disaster recovery assistance in our region would not be possible without their contribution to our area.
All 14 counties declared disaster areas — 3 counties receiving individual FEMA assistance
Disaster Recovery Needs - Housing

- Village of Lynch – 1/3 of houses impacted by floods, from minor to major
- City of Sargent – numerous houses impacted by high water and flood
- Village of Anselmo – one house evacuated, numerous impacted by high water
- Village of North Loup – damages unknown
- Other Communities – unknown
- Some families are trying to repair and rebuild, some have been displaced and want to come back, some will not come back
Damage Survey Activity

• Need to gather information on housing impacted from communities
  - Windshield Assessments
  - Community Inquiries

• Need to address potential mold contamination (education and rehabilitation)

• Can rehabilitation help existing homes?

• Is there a need to rebuild out of floodplain?

• How can we provide Long-Term Recovery Planning Assistance?
Mold Concerns
Potential Funding Resources - Housing

- Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
- Nebraska Department of Economic Development – NAHTF
- Nebraska Department of Economic Development – CDBG
- HUD
- ??? USDA

• We are also searching for private funding to assist with disaster housing needs
Village of Lynch – Disaster Housing Grants

• NDED Disaster Housing Grant Application Deadline – July 31, 2019
• NDED Awarded $500,000 on September 9, 2019
• Acquisition of vacant lots
• Demolition of blighted structures
• 3 new modular homes for rent
• 6 existing homes for rehab (owner and renter occupied)

• $50,000 – Nebraska Preparedness Partnership (NEMA)
• $25,000 – Nebraska Bankers Association
• $25,000 – Nebraska Farm Bureau

• Total project - $600,000

Many thanks to all providers!!!
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