

Status of Funded Activities CONTRACT #13-NDRH-001 for Community Development Block Grant, National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) Housing Grant. Locally known as the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Program  
April 2, 2018

In January 2016, the State was awarded \$95.7 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) National Disaster Resiliency Competition grant funds. Per the award, the City of Dubuque is to receive \$8.4 million for a comprehensive Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program (BBHH) to help residents address residual impacts from the flooding experienced within the Bee Branch Watershed. The City also received \$23.3 million for storm water infrastructure improvements associated with the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project. All construction must be complete by June 30, 2021.

The Bee Branch Watershed flood prone area qualifies as the most impacted and distressed area and the improvements represent unmet recovery needs (MID-URN). The flood prone properties include census tracts 1, 4, 5, 6, and 11.02, representing about 35% of Dubuque's population. Approximately 69% of the people in the flood-prone, at-risk area are at less than 80% median income. This is where the most vulnerable populations live, and the areas most impacted by 2011 flooding. Therefore, to be eligible for the program you must live in the eligible area and be below the 80% area median income threshold, which meets the HUD CDBG National Objective benefiting low to moderate income persons.

The contract outlines a budget of \$8,427,665.00 for housing improvements and \$472,500.00 for costs associated with administering the grant. Per the contract, the City will contribute \$400,000.00 in leverage from homes that also received Lead/Healthy Homes repairs.

**Project Status**  
as of March 21, 2018

The City of Dubuque contracted with ECIA for grant administration as the local council of government (COG) for the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency program. ECIA completed the general environmental review for the project and completes individual environmental reviews for each approved property unit prior to bidding and construction.

The IEDA contract calls for 320 Housing Units to receive repairs related to damage caused by water intrusion or to reduce vulnerability in the future to water intrusion. Eligible units may be owner or tenant occupied. To date: (79) unit applications have been approved, of which (47) individual project units have been publicly bid and (37) of those projects awarded to General Contracting firms. (8) unit projects have been completed. Another (29) projects are currently in progress. With over (300) inquiries for applications and another (60) applications in process for approval, many more completed units are expected throughout the calendar year.

The project has integrated a home advocacy component for each family that participates in the program. The City contracted with the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) to provide these

services. The goal for this piece of the project is to assist families in overcoming adverse events and have a network of resources available as needed. The advocates have formed a community resource group that meets quarterly to discuss challenges and successes in outreach and case management. The group has non-profit, education, social, energy, financial, economic and medical (and many more) sectors at table. As of January 2018 the advocates have completed intakes on approximately (65) families and referred participants to over 30 community agencies. Over (200) individual family needs have been discovered through the relationship built between advocate and family. Of the completed projects, advocates spent on average 27.38 hours with each family.

The IEDA initiated Amendment 1 to the contract in July of 2017 recommending the addition of language revisions to the contract per HUD request. This amendment was accepted by City Council at that time. HUD representatives were onsite in Dubuque September 2017 to monitor IEDA and the City of Dubuque. There were minor items that required follow-up and were already being addressed by staff.

**Budget Status**

As of March 21, 2018

The CDBG-NDR CONTRACT #13-NDRH-001 for the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program funding is as follows:

**Program Delivery Budget:**

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$8,427,665.00	\$405,964.36	\$8,021,700.64

**Administrative Budget:**

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$472,500.00	\$316,455.35	\$156,044.65

**Lead and Healthy Homes Leverage:**

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$400,000.00	\$25,295.00	\$374,705.00

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>\$9,300,165.00</b>	<b>\$747,714.71</b>	<b>\$8,552,450.29</b>	

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