

State of Iowa –2008 Second Allocation CDBG-DR Action Plan, Amendment 19, Substantial

The State of Iowa is proposing to add the Slum & Blight (S/B) national objective as an eligible activity for the Affordable Rental Housing activity type, in addition to Low-Mod Housing (LMH). This amendment is substantial in nature according to the Action Plan. It is the addition of an eligible activity (S/B) to the affordable rental housing program.

The State is proposing this amendment to end the final activity funded by the grant, 08-DRH-218 Burlington. After a fire in 2018 destroyed the conversion project funded by this grant, the State awarded funds for new construction at the site. Due to pandemic supply chain & inflationary pressures, the activity's completion has been delayed.

The building itself is complete as of August 2023; however, due to the approximately 10.6% decline in Burlington's decennial population in the 15 years since the 2008 disaster, timely lease-up of the building is challenging within the dates of the State's contract with the City of Burlington. The project area qualifies as blighted and this activity will help to alleviate slum & blight by providing for a new building with affordable housing opportunities and help to revitalize the area. No income-restriction of other aspects of the program or activity will be changed, other than adding S/B as an option for completing the national objective.

The State is making this Substantial Amendment available for public comment between August 30, 2023, and September 10, 2023 as allowed under alternative requirements provided for in FR-5256-N-01 published on February 13, 2009 which require no fewer than 7 calendar days of public comment. Comments may be emailed to Steven.Stransky@IowaEDA.com or mailed to Steven Stransky, Disaster Recovery Team Lead, Iowa Economic Development Authority, 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315.