

EMBRACE IOWA: 2008 IOWA DISASTER FUND GRANT APPLICATION SEPTEMBER 2008

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The Embrace Iowa: 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund is administered by the 2008 Iowa Disaster Collaborative, a volunteer committee formed to lead a private sector fundraising initiative for the unmet needs for assistance as a result of natural disasters in Iowa in 2008.

Grant funding is now available to respond to the immediate-, short- and long-term needs of the victims, responding social service agencies, and communities located in counties with a 2008 State of Iowa disaster declaration. It is desired that funds be used to leverage additional support from other sources including funds from public sector programs.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

The 2008 Iowa Disaster Collaborative requests that a local advisory group* be formed to make recommendations for funding through this application process. This local advisory committee is responsible for determining needs, both immediate and long-term, and to prioritize the best use of Embrace Iowa: 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund dollars while avoiding duplication of funding from other available sources.

*The 2008 Iowa Disaster Collaborative recognizes that local communities have set up differing organizational structures to coordinate and manage immediate response, recovery and rebuilding efforts. These include, Long-Term Recovery Committees, Disaster Recovery Coalitions, Recovery and Reinvestment Coordinating Teams, and Community Foundation Advisory Committees, to name just a few. While it is not the intent of 2008 Iowa Disaster Collaborative to duplicate these existing structures, it is the goal to ensure that all parties involved in disaster recovery are convened, and that the local advisory committee include members of the local and/or host community foundation(s), United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, local city officials, economic or community betterment organizations, small business service providers, and/or similar groups active in disaster recovery.

The *Lead Organization/Community Foundation*, as noted on the cover sheet, is the lead or convening member of the local advisory committee, ideally the local community foundation, wherever possible. The *Nonprofit Organization*, as noted on the cover sheet, is that organization responsible for program and fiscal oversight of the Embrace Iowa: 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund dollars.

Dollars from this fund can be dispersed to organizations/local government agencies who meet the following requirements:

- A. Umbrella or intermediary organizations re-granting for the purposes deemed priority.
- B. Nonprofit organizations a) directly victimized by the natural disasters (loss of space/facilities) and/or b) the larger community of nonprofit organizations affected by the disaster.
- C. Programs directly operated by nonprofit, community and religious organizations or by for-profit organizations engaged in charitable purposes.

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USE OF FUNDS

Dollars contributed will be used to fund the following:

- Immediate Victim Relief: Including food, housing and health and human services for individuals.
- Immediate Capacity Building: Including staff or infrastructure necessary to assist victims with basic needs, employment or other critical needs.
- Small Business Recovery: Including job retention efforts, bridge financing, leveraging new loans, clean-up and recovery, and rebuilding efforts.
- Mid-to Long-term Recovery: Including rebuilding and supporting vital services that strengthen families or create economic self-sufficiency.
- Long-Term Rebuilding: Including activities focused on community/economic development planning initiatives.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 8, 2008**. Distributions will range between \$500,000 and \$1 million. Funds are currently distributed approximately every 30 days.

All funds must be used as presented in the application. Proposed changes to the use of funds must be agreed upon in writing. If the local Embrace Iowa 2008 Disaster Advisory Committee identifies an alternate funding source once the funds have been allocated, it is incumbent to notify the 2008 Iowa Disaster Collaborative in writing in order to negotiate a reallocation of those funds to an unmet need within the parameters of the Fund.

A report on the use of funds will be required. Reports will require financial accounting as well as impact statements.

INSTRUCTIONS

All applications for funding should be submitted in 12 point font, single-spaced with 1 inch margins. The application should consist of a cover sheet, proposal narrative, budget and attachments, if necessary.

I. Complete Cover Sheet

II. Proposal (maximum of 5 pages narrative plus budget)
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A. Natural Disaster Description

1. Briefly describe the nature of the disaster in your area.
2. How many disaster victims in your community/county? Please list the source(s) of data.

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B. Local Advisory/Recovery and Rebuilding Committee

1. Briefly describe the local advisory committee formed to identify disaster-related needs, coordinate services and support service providers. List the organizations represented and member names.
2. Please include a resolution by the local advisory committee authorizing the *Nonprofit Organization*, as named on the cover sheet of the application, to receive Embrace Iowa: 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund dollars.

C. Purpose of Request and Anticipated Results

1. Describe the most pressing issue or unmet needs (individual or public) in your community/county which have been collaboratively identified. Provide any concrete evidence that justifies these conclusions about unmet needs.
2. Describe the size and/or severity of the issue or need. If applicable, provide demographic information (youth, adult, elderly, minority, low income etc.) and geographic information regarding the community/county or population served.
3. What specifically are you asking the Embrace Iowa: 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund to support?
4. Discuss the anticipated results for the request. (How will you know the project has been successful? What will change as a result of the funding?)
5. Indicate what process will be implemented and/or what impact information will be collected to measure and demonstrate success.
6. It is the desire of Embrace Iowa that grantees be mindful of community sustainability in terms of the potential risk for future flooding. If funds are intended to be used for buildings, these buildings should be rebuilt in areas deemed appropriate for rebuilding and not in areas targeted for by-outs.
7. Provide a timeline for implementing the request.

D. Financial Information

1. Please provide a projected budget including all other sources from which you are requesting /receiving funding for this project including amounts.
2. If you have pursued, or are currently pursuing other sources of funding, what is the status of these other sources?
3. Do you know of any public funds available for these activities now or in the future?