

**29D.2 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Authority*” means the Iowa finance authority created in [section 16.1A](#).
2. “*Cost*” means all costs or indebtedness incurred by a loan recipient and determined by the department as reasonable and necessary for carrying out all work necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of a project.
3. “*Department*” means the department of homeland security and emergency management.
4. “*Director*” means the director of the department of homeland security and emergency management.
5. “*Eligible entity*” means a person that is eligible under the STORM Act to receive a loan under the program.
6. “*Fund*” means the natural hazard mitigation revolving loan fund created in [section 29D.4](#).
7. “*Loan recipient*” means an eligible entity that has received a loan from the fund.
8. “*Municipality*” means a city, county, sanitary district, state agency, or other governmental body or corporation, or any combination of two or more governmental bodies or corporations acting jointly, in connection with a project.
9. “*Private entity*” means a corporation, limited liability company, trust, estate, partnership, association, or any other legal entity or a legal representative, agent, officer, employee, or assignee of such entity. “*Private entity*” does not include any of the following:
  - a. An individual, municipality, or city utility as that term is defined in [section 362.2](#).
  - b. A public water supply system as defined in [section 455B.171](#).
  - c. A qualified entity as defined in [section 384.84, subsection 2](#).
10. “*Program*” means the natural hazard mitigation financing program created in [section 29D.3](#).
  11. a. “*Project*” means an activity or set of activities, in accordance with the limitations set forth in the STORM Act, that mitigate the impact of natural hazards, including but not limited to:
    - (1) Drought and prolonged episodes of intense heat.
    - (2) Severe storms, including tornadoes, windstorms, and severe winter storms.
    - (3) Wildfires.
    - (4) Earthquakes.
    - (5) Flooding.
    - (6) Shoreline erosion.
    - (7) High water levels.
    - (8) Storm surges.
  - b. “*Project*” may include but is not limited to any of the following:
    - (1) The construction, repair, or replacement of a nonfederal levee or other flood control structure, provided that the administrator of the federal emergency management agency, in consultation with the United States army corps of engineers, if appropriate, requires an eligible entity to determine that such levee or other flood control structure is designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with sound engineering practices and standards equivalent to the purpose for which such levee or structure is intended.
    - (2) Zoning and land use planning changes.
    - (3) Establishing and enforcing building codes.
12. “*Safeguarding tomorrow through ongoing risk mitigation Act*”, or “*STORM Act*”, means the federal Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. No. 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5121 et seq.

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