

605—14.4 (418) Flood mitigation project eligibility.

14.4(1) An eligible applicant is a governmental entity as defined in rule 605—14.2(418).

14.4(2) Eligible project types include construction and reconstruction of levees, embankments, impounding reservoirs, conduits, or other means that are necessary for the protection of property from the effects of floodwaters and may include the deepening, widening, alteration, change, diversion, or other improvement of watercourses if necessary for the protection of such property from the effects of floodwaters. A project may consist of one or more phases of construction or reconstruction that are contracted for separately if the larger project, of which the project is a part, otherwise meets the requirements of this subrule.

14.4(3) For the project to be eligible for flood mitigation funding from the sales tax increment fund, the project, or an earlier phase of the project, is required to have been approved to receive federal financial assistance under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or other federal programs providing assistance specifically for hazard mitigation. Prior to submission of an application, a governmental entity shall request a report from the Iowa department of revenue that provides recent historical data on sales tax revenue and trends in sales tax revenue growth. If a project is eligible for state financial assistance under Iowa Code section 29C.6(17), such project is ineligible for flood mitigation funding under this chapter. The federal award must be in an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the total project cost or \$30 million, whichever is less.

14.4(4) For the project to be eligible for flood mitigation funding from the flood mitigation fund or sales tax increment fund, the governmental entity shall provide a local match of at least 50 percent of the total cost of the project less any federal financial assistance. The sales tax increment shall fund a maximum of 50 percent of the total project cost. The federal share of the total project cost shall be a minimum of 20 percent of the total project cost or \$30 million, whichever is less. The local match, when combined with the federal share, shall fund a minimum of 50 percent of the total project cost. The governmental entity shall provide funding for the local match.

14.4(5) The project must result in nonpublic investment in the governmental entity's area, as defined in Iowa Code section 418.11(3), of an amount equal to 50 percent of the total cost of the project. For purposes of this subrule, "nonpublic investment" means investment by nonpublic entities consisting of capital investment or infrastructure improvements occurring in anticipation of or as a result of the project during the period of time between July 1, 2008, and ten years after the board approves the project.

14.4(6) A governmental entity shall not seek approval from the board for a project if the governmental entity previously had a board-approved project or if the governmental entity was part of a governmental entity as defined in rule 605—14.2(418) that had a board-approved project.