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[HF 2495](#) – Hazard Mitigation Programs, Non-Disaster Matching Moneys (LSB5381HV)  
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**Description**

[House File 2495](#) relates to financial assistance granted by the federal government for hazard mitigation. The Bill states that in circumstances where Iowa Code section [29C.6](#) is not applicable, and federal assistance is granted under the [Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. No. 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.](#), or the federal [National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-325, 42 U.S.C. § 4001 et seq.](#), the State may participate in funding of the financial assistance for up to 10.0% of eligible expenses, with the local government providing a share of the local cost and the applicant providing the balance of any participation amount. State participation in funding financial assistance to a local government is contingent upon the local government having a State-approved, comprehensive emergency plan that meets the standards listed in Iowa Code section [29C.9\(8\)](#).

[House File 2495](#) further specifies that if financial assistance is granted by the federal government under the federal Acts listed above for State-related hazard mitigation, the State may participate in the funding of authorized financial assistance of up to 50.0% of the total expenses.

**Background**

Iowa Code section [29C.6](#) currently states that the State may authorize a 10.0% funding match for disaster mitigation assistance after a disaster has occurred and, in certain situations, a Presidential Disaster Declaration has been granted. The federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Act under the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) increased the amount of mitigation funding available to a state prior to a disaster occurring or a Presidential Disaster Declaration being granted. [House File 2495](#) amends current Iowa Code section [29C.6](#) to conform to federal changes under the BRIC Act.

**Assumptions**

- Local governments that receive a State match will have filed an approved, comprehensive emergency plan meeting the standards of Iowa Code section [29C.9\(8\)](#).
- Local governments and the State will provide the required matching funds of eligible expenditures totaling 15.0% and 10.0% respectively. The remaining 75.0% of eligible expenses will be provided by federal funds.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management estimates that the State may provide a funding match totaling approximately \$3.0 to \$5.0 million on an annual basis. These funds would be paid from the Economic Emergency Fund as stipulated by the [Performance of Duty](#) requirements listed in Iowa Code section [7D.29](#) as approved by the

Executive Council. As this funding may be received prior to the occurring of a disaster, it may lead to the cost-avoidance of any future disaster event. Such future cost savings cannot be estimated at this time.

**Sources**

Legislative Services Agency  
Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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