May 19, 2020

Congresswoman Cynthia Axne
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
330 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: COVID-19 Summary Report for Federal Programs

Dear Congresswoman Axne:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 11, 2020 concerning the use of federal funding to support COVID-19 related response, mitigation and recovery efforts in Iowa. I appreciate your efforts to support Iowa’s interests in Congress.

To address the individual points you raise, please see the following:

1. Total funding amount Iowa has received thus far from the federal government.
   a. Summary of funding received – see attached
   b. Funding broken down by department – we have only received funding to reimburse costs related to emergency protective measures.
   c. Where funding was spent – all funding received by Iowa thus far directly related to COVID-19 response has been spent on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) virus testing, and other immediate supply and equipment needs of eligible state and local government entities and non-profits. You will find my department has an impeccable historical record of audit accountability for federal funding and we continue to strive for transparency where appropriate in all of our procedures.

2. HSEMD does not currently have assistance programs available to individuals. Federal Individual Assistance was not authorized for Iowa except for Crisis Counseling. Iowa has submitted a crisis counseling application, but has not received a response from FEMA as of this date.

3. Attached you will find our standard reporting document that includes all COVID-19 federal appropriations/programs administered by, or through, the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD). This accountability includes Stafford Act appropriations for Public Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Direct
Federal Assistance (DFA) as well as COVID-19 specific supplemental appropriations through the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program.

4. While Iowa has implemented various state or federal grant programs to assist businesses, communities and individuals, HSEMD does not administer this funding.

5. As referenced above, Iowa has a crisis counseling application pending with FEMA. Based on this application, we have estimated the future federal obligation on the attached report. We expect to hear the status of this award obligation within the next week.

6. We have an open request pending with FEMA asking the state receive a 100% federal cost share under the Stafford Act declaration for COVID-19.

As you may be aware, not all appropriated federal funding has been obligated by the federal government. Thus, there will still be a period of time where FEMA continues to consider new obligations to Iowa under their Stafford Act authorities. In addition, a COVID-19 supplemental was authorized for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and funding has been announced but is not yet obligated by FEMA. FEMA continues to publish updated funding related guidance that will have a bearing on how funding can be utilized.

The majority of COVID-19 related federal appropriations are not administered by HSEMD. Your letter referenced the direct funding of $1.25 billion from federal treasury to the State of Iowa. This CARES Act funding is not administered by, or directed through, my department. In Iowa, this funding is administered by the Iowa Department of Management (DOM). For this federal treasury funding authorization and many others, I am not able to provide first hand detailed financial data or supporting documentation. Subsequently, I have shared this correspondence with DOM officials for their awareness.

I hope this letter appropriately addresses the questions outlined in your letter. If you have further questions, please let me know. As always, we appreciate the support of the delegation in advocating for federal funding support of state and local response and recovery efforts.

Sincerely,

V. Joyce Flinn
Director and Homeland Security Advisor
Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Attachments:
1) HSEMD COVID-19 Report
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<td>Direct Federal Assistance / FEMA Mission #2633-225099 — FEMA-4483-DR-IA</td>
<td>$37,500</td>
<td>HSEMD</td>
<td>FEMA/DHS</td>
<td>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shall provide facility assessments, planning, engineering, design, contracting and construction support to address medical facility shortages arising from COVID19 situation in the State of Iowa</td>
<td>April 21, 2020 / May 20, 2020 None -- FEMA mission</td>
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<td>Direct Federal Assistance / FEMA Mission #2633-240842 — FEMA-4483-DR-IA</td>
<td>$2,918,250</td>
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<td>Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will provide acute care (ICU) beds and necessary, for residents/patients from the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, IA</td>
<td>April 29, 2020 / May 25, 2020 None -- FEMA mission</td>
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