

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Davenport (Scott County) has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: City of Davenport (Scott County)

Project Title: 111281-Union Station, PA-07-IA-4421-PW-1580

Location of Proposed Work:

Union Station, located at 102 South Harrison Street, Davenport, IA (41.51981, -90.57761).

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project will perform work in the AE Zone, the area of 1% annual chance of flooding, per Davenport Flood Insurance Rate Map panel 19163C0365G, dated 03/23/2021.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

City of Davenport proposes to use FEMA Public Assistance Grant funds to complete repairs to Union Station. Project will restore interior of the facility, and mitigation will construct flood control features on the grounds. Restoration includes replacement of drywall, floor tile, cabinets, counter, wood trim, doors, carpet, and exterior brick pavers in the parking lot. Hazard Mitigation will upgrade area around visitor center with flood control features consisting of elevated earthen berm on south side of facility, and flood wall on north side of facility. This mitigation proposal will increase floodplain protection for this facility by 2.9 feet.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action):

The no-action alternative would not be appropriate because it would leave the Union Station open to future flooding. Several electronic and decorative features would not be repaired, depriving the city of some measure of use of its visitor center.

Alternative #2 (Repair In-Kind):

Repairing the facility without addressing flooding risks from the river would leave the building susceptible to future flooding events. This would require future breaks in service for the facility while repairs were made. Without additional flood control features, the time to install temporary flood barriers would take longer, further increasing the risk from rapid rise in river levels.

Alternative #3 (Mitigation):

This is the option being pursued by this grant. Work will restore the interior systems and features to restore the facility. Additionally, grounds will be modified with an elevated dirt berm on the south side of the facility, 300 linear feet by 14.75 feet wide by 11 feet. A flood wall approximately 4 feet high will be built on the north side of the facility, facing the parking lot. This will reduce the time to install temporary flood barriers in the event of future flooding, and provide dry floodproofing for the facility.

Comment Period:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. All comments received can be submitted online, via email, to FEMA at kate.stojavljevic@fema.dhs.gov. Please use the subject line: **“IA-4421-PW-1580, Davenport Union Station.”**

Interested persons may also submit comments and questions in writing, or request a map of this specific project, by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 7, 11224 Holmes Road; Kansas City, MO 64131. Written comments should be sent with the subject line **“IA-4421-PW-1580, Davenport Union Station”** to the above address within 15 days of the date of posting.

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

POSTED ON (insert date):

End of Notice