

## **Opportunities the City of Cedar Rapids have had to pay for Flood Protection:**

### **1. \$38 million - Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to create jobs.**

Instead, the City used this opportunity to apply for the following:

- a. \$35 million for a new Convention Center – *U.S. Cellular Center already rehabbed.*
- b. \$3 million to the Chamber of Commerce for a new building – *not flooded.*

### **2. \$3.5 million – Insurance payment received from TrueNorth for the fire at a flooded building at Sinclair.**

Instead, the City used it to buy a downtown hotel – *already rehabbed.*

### **3. \$118 million allocated to State - I-Jobs I: Infrastructure Competitive Grants Program.**

Instead, the City Applied For & / or Supported per City Resolution, July 22, 2009:

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Downtown Parking Structure	\$10,000,000	declined
2	Anaerobic Biogas System Improvements	\$ 1,540,063	declined
3	6 <sup>th</sup> Street SW Reconstruction	\$ 3,309,375	approved
4	U.S. Cellular Center Improvements & Event Center ( <i>new Convention Center</i> )	\$15,000,000	approved
5	Acquisition of Flood-Blighted Downtown Properties	\$ 380,250	approved
6	Façade Improvement Incentive Program (FACE: Façade in the Arts, Culture & Entertainment District)	\$ 750,000	declined
7	Multigenerational Community Life Center ( <i>new-neighbors didn't want</i> )	\$ 4,000,000	declined
8	Cedar Rapids Public Library	\$ 5,000,000	approved
9	Demolition and remediation of buildings on 1100 block of 3 <sup>rd</sup> St SE (formerly Quality Chef)	\$ 300,000	declined
10	Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Commerce Center - non profit	\$ 6,000,000	declined
11	African American Museum - non profit	\$ 268,510	approved.
12	Legion Arts for the restoration of the Czech Slovak Protective Society (CSPS) - social/arts building - non profit	\$ 4,800,000	approved
13	Junior Achievement of East Iowa - non profit	\$ 2,550,000	declined
14	Indian Creek Nature Center for program "from flood to flowers" – non profit	\$ 3,552,387	declined
15	Linn County – new Administration Building	\$ 8,802,297	deferred
16	Linn County – Juvenile Center	\$ 3,690,000	approved
17	Linn County: Joint Communications Network	\$ 7,612,500	declined

**Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program TOTAL CR applied for:: \$77,555,382**

### **4. \$46.5 million allocated for State - I-Jobs I - Infrastructure Non-Competitive Grants Program**

Instead, the City requested and was awarded Per Senate File 376 (2009) +an appropriations bill:

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
1.	City of Cedar Rapids Steam Energy Solution	\$5,000,000
2.	National Czech and Slovak Museum National Czech and Slovak Museum	\$10,000,000
3.	Paramount Theater	\$5,000,000
4.	Cedar Rapids Public Library	\$5,000,000
5.	Cedar Rapids Public Works Building	\$5,000,000

**Infrastructure Non-Competitive Grant Program TOTAL CR requested from legislators: \$30,000,000**

**5. \$30 million allocated to State - I-Jobs II: Disaster Prevention Competitive Grants Program**

Instead, the City Applied For & / or Supported per City Resolution, July 23, 2010:

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Eligible</b>
1	Central Fire Station & West Side Fire Station	\$6,600,000	approved	\$6,600,000
2	Amphitheatre, phase I ( <i>new post-flood project; total project cost: \$24 mill</i> )	\$1,750,000	approved	\$1,075,000
3	Cedar River Trail & Boat Ramp & portion of RR Bridge replacement	\$ 597,300	declined	\$ 465,000
4	Cottage Grove Pkwy flood protection ( <i>to protect 20 homes, many elite leaders - not flooded 2008</i> )	\$ 610,000	deferred	\$ 490,000
5	Cedar River Greenway, west side infrastructure removal	\$ 960,000	deferred	\$ 680,000
6	Cedar Rapids Public Works Facility Expansion	\$2,998,050	deferred	\$1,699,025
7	Cedar River Storm Sewer Outlet Gate and Valve Installation	\$2,000,000	deferred	\$1,100,000

**Disaster Prevention Grant Program TOTAL City applied for: \$15,515,350**

**6. \$30.9 million allocated to State - I-Jobs II - Infrastructure Non-Competitive Grants Program**

Instead, the City requested and was awarded Per Senate File 2389 (2010):

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
1.	Former Federal Courthouse ( <i>new City Hall; rehabbed w/out bid; leased to a new LLC to rehab</i> )	\$2,000,000
2.	CR Veteran Memorial Building Post-Flood Restoration and Renovation	\$4,400,000

**Disaster Prevention Non-Competitive Grant Program TOTAL CR requested from legislators: \$6,400,000**

**7. Estimated \$90 million - Cedar Rapids' Current Local Option Sales Tax (LOST):**

**As of March 26, 2012, the amount the City has obligated or spent for flood protection: ZERO.**

- a. Instead, (in spite of FEMA telling the City to *not relocate the library*), Sept. 28, 2010 Council approved buying TrueNorth property (for the new library), assessed at \$1.5 million *for \$7.5 million*. Dec. 2010 Council approved to pay TrueNorth **\$4 million** of LOST *over and above their appraised value of \$3.5 million!*
- b. Instead, (in spite of the lower level of the Public Works facility being 90% warehouse and having only a few offices flooded) December 2011, Council approved to demolish and rebuild a larger Public Works complex, knowing they have not secured FEMA's \$17 million and knowing they will pay at minimum **\$13 million** out of LOST.

**8. Estimated \$35.4 million – Bond Debt** as of February 2012 for the renovation, interest and carrying costs of the newly-purchased hotel. (This does NOT include the bond debt for convention center or other projects.)

⇒ Funds available for the City of Cedar Rapids to apply for / spend on east/west side flood protection: **\$392,300,000.**

⇒ Funds the City of Cedar Rapids DID apply for / receive / spend elsewhere  
(while these funds were applicable to funding east/west side flood protection): **\$296,400,000.**

⇒ Funds the City of Cedar Rapids applied for / obligated / spent for east/west side flood protection:  
**ZERO**

**If flood protection is so important to Cedar Rapids,  
why didn't they use ANY of these opportunities to fund it?**