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SUBJECT: City of Duluth and DEED Partner to Seek Federal Disaster Funding

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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth and the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) are partnering to pursue a National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) grant being offered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. DEED has selected the City of Duluth to partner on this grant application and to be the pilot project for the region and state concerning natural disaster resilience development due to the impact of the 2012 flood. The application is a two-step process and is also being submitted in partnership with Ecolibrium3. Grant amounts can range between \$1 million and \$500 million.

The first phase of the application process requires that the City identify unmet recovery needs for homeowners. The City of Duluth understands that not everyone who needed flood assistance may have received it and some are still living with damages today.

The City is pursuing this grant to ensure households with limited resources that were impacted by the 2012 flood have the opportunity to receive assistance to make repairs to their homes and take steps to prevent future water damage in the event of another flood or severe storm. The City needs the public's help to identify 20 or more houses located within the Central Hillside and the Miller Hill Mall areas and others located further west such as Irving, Morgan Park and Fond du Lac neighborhoods, that still have outstanding damages as a result of the 2012 flood. Duluth residents who fit these circumstances are encouraged to submit information online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/June2012Flood

If selected in the first phase of the grant process, the City and DEED will work with the community and local organizations to identify additional flood impacted projects for funding in the second phase of the application to help ensure a more resilient community which can handle bigger disasters and recover more quickly after natural disasters. The grant allows for funding to be used for projects related to housing, infrastructure, economic development, and the environment.

The application, the survey, and presentation about this grant can be found at www.bigwatermn.com

Questions about this application can be directed to Keith Hamre, Director of Planning and Construction Services, (218) 730-5297.

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