



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Mr. Bernard Lenz
Utilities Manager
City of La Crosse Utilities
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

SUBJECT: FEMA-4402-DR-WI

Dear Mr. Lenz:

As a result of Federal Disaster Declaration FEMA-4402-DR-WI declared October 18, 2018, funding was made available for mitigation activities through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The state received 100 pre-applications totaling over \$55 million. Wisconsin Emergency Management estimates that there will be approximately \$10 million in HMGP funds available under this disaster declaration, so the selection process was highly competitive.

The City of La Crosse applied for funding to install backflow valves in the sewer lateral lines of residential homes. With the large number of applications received and the limited funding available, this application will not be funded at this time.

Thank you for submitting a pre-application and for your interest in the HMGP. I commend you for recognizing the need to implement mitigation measures to prevent future disaster damages. I encourage you to continue addressing mitigation activities in your community.

Please contact me at (608) 242-3252, or Katie Sommers at (608) 242-3222 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Zieke
Disaster Response & Recovery Planner
Wisconsin Emergency Management

Cc: Tim Merrell, City of La Crosse Safety Coordinator
Keith Butler, La Crosse County Emergency Management Director
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