

**12A.12 NATURAL RESOURCES.**

Subdivision 1. **Facility and natural resource damage.** The commissioner may use state appropriations to rehabilitate and replace state facilities damaged by the disaster and to restore natural resources in the disaster area.

Subd. 2. **Flood hazard mitigation grants.** The commissioner may use state appropriations for the state's share of flood hazard mitigation grants for capital improvements to prevent or alleviate flood damage under section 103F.161 in the disaster area. The commissioner shall determine project priorities, as appropriate, based on need. These funds may also be used to buy out substantially damaged structures.

To the extent that the cost of a project funded under this subdivision in a given municipality exceeds two percent of the median household income in the municipality, multiplied by the number of households in the municipality, the commissioner may also use the appropriation for the local share of the project.

Subd. 3. **Debris removal; lakes and streams.** The commissioner may use appropriations for grants to remove debris attributable to the disaster from lakes and streams.

Subd. 4. **Waivers authorized.** The maximum grant award under section 103F.161, subdivision 2, is waived for grants for the disaster area.

**History:** 2008 c 247 s 12