

**12A.12 NATURAL RESOURCES.**

Subdivision 1. **Facility and natural resource damage.** As used in this section, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources. 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.

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; public waters.** The commissioner may use appropriations for expenditures in the disaster area, including removing flood debris from public waters and installing and repairing flood warning gauges.

Subd. 3a. **Dam renovation and removal.** The commissioner may use appropriations to provide cost share for renovating or removing publicly owned dams in the disaster area under sections 103G.511 and 103G.515.

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; 2011 c 67 s 7-9; 2012 c 187 art 1 s 9