

# Project Factsheet for: Flood Recovery - Cedar Rapids Critical Public Facilities Mission

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## Project Location Information

**Location:** Cedar Rapids, IA  
**River Basin(s):** Iowa / Cedar  
**State(s):** IA  
**Congressional District(s):** IA-2



## Status

Construction of the Cedar Rapids temporary admin facility is complete and in full use.

Construction of the Cedar Rapids temporary Transit Facility is complete and in full use.

Construction of the temporary fire station is complete. Final inspection will occur sometime during the first part of February 2009.

The city continues to express their gratitude for the excellent service provided by FEMA and the Corps of Engineers.

## Description

The June 2008 flood event that ravaged several states in the Midwest was especially devastating to the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On June 13, 2008, the Cedar River reached a record 31.12 feet, exceeding the previous flood of record (18.05 ft) set back in 1993. Once the waters began to recede and damages were assessed it was clear that Federal assistance would be needed to help the City recover.

A presidential declaration issued for the State of Iowa allowed for FEMA to mission assign the Corps of Engineers as the lead agency for Emergency Support Function #3 (Engineering & Technical Assistance), to execute several tasks in accordance with the National Response Framework. It was quickly realized that the City of Cedar Rapids would need temporary facilities constructed to ensure city service organizations were able to continue providing critical services to their citizens.

When the Cedar Rapids school district admin building was severely damaged, the city requested assistance from FEMA to provide temporary facilities to house their staff while repairs were underway. The Corps provided a response team to provide a scope of work and administer the contract for the construction of 34 modular units to provide temporary workspace and classrooms to the school district until their permanent facility is repaired.

The city's transit facility was also inundated by the record flood, threatening the city's ability to continue providing bus services. The Corps executed construction of four climate controlled modular units that are currently being used by the transit authority as waiting areas for travelers and bus drivers. Additionally, restrooms and office space was constructed. This construction has allowed the city to maintain bus operation while repairs to their permanent facility are underway.

Finally, the Corps recently completed construction of six modular units inside a warehouse that will be used by the Cedar Rapids Fire Department as a temporary fire station while their permanent facility undergoes reconstruction. The modular units will provide sleeping quarters, a fitness room, lounge and storage facility for the fire department. Since the units were constructed within a warehouse, emergency vehicles are also temporarily staged at the site.

## Summarized Financial Data

Federal Cost	\$
Non-Federal Cost	\$
Total Cost	\$
Federal Allocations through FY 2004	\$

Scheduled Federal Allocation for FY 2005	\$
Balance to Complete	\$

#### Authority

SI - Special Interest -- Public Law 93-288; National Response Framework

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