## Iowa Flood Disaster — As of April 1, 2019

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was made March 23, 2019, for Iowa counties severely impacted by flooding, making federal grant assistance available to homeowners, renters, businesses, public entities, and select nonprofit organizations through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

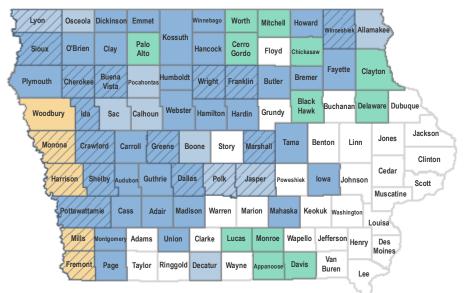
- Federal Public Assistance was made available for 56 eligible counties.
- Additional assistance was made available for five of these counties through the <u>Individuals and Households</u>
   Program, which provides direct services to eligible individuals regardless of income for 18 months after the disaster.
- Twenty counties are eligible for additional assistance for <u>permanent work</u> through the Public Assistance Program, to help with the replacement or repair of disaster-damaged facilities such as roads, bridges, and public buildings.
- Statewide Hazard Mitigation Assistance is available to minimize the impact of future disasters.

The Governor's Disaster Proclamations made March 14 through March 25, 2019, activated State resources to assist with ongoing flooding at no cost to local juridisdictions as well as individual assistance to low-income residents.

- Two additional counties not covered under the Presidential Declaration are eligible for State Individual Assistance.
- The five counties covered under the federal Individuals and Households Program are not covered under State assistance to avoid duplication of benefits.

lowa residents are asked to <u>report damage</u> to help local and State officials better understand the damage sustained. More information about the 2019 lowa floods can be found here: <u>floods2019.iowa.gov</u>

## **Current County Disaster Proclamations**



lowa Counties Currently
Under Presidential Disaster
Declaration

12 lowa Counties Currently Under Governor's Disaster Proclamation

## Disaster Assistance Eligibility

- Additional "Permanent" Assistance
  Under Federal Public Assistance
- State Individual
- Federal Public
- Federal Public Assistance and State Individual Assistance
  - Federal Public Assistance and Federal Individuals and Households Assistance

## The Iowa Flood Center

- In 2009, the Iowa Legislature established the Iowa Flood Center in Iowa Code chapter 466C.
- The Center has completed new floodplain maps for 85 of lowa's 99 counties; has developed a library of flood-inundation maps for many lowa communities; and has developed a network of stream sensors to better monitor stream flow.
- The <u>lowa Flood Information System (IFIS)</u> provides information on current flood conditions to the public in real time.

