

CHAPTER 1069

FEDERAL EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE — GRANT AUTHORIZATION — CONTINGENT FUND

H.F. 2308

AN ACT relating to a proclamation of disaster emergency and the disaster aid contingent fund.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 29C.6, subsection 17](#), paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. When the president of the United States has declared a major disaster to exist in the state or any other emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, and upon the governor's determination that financial assistance is essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of local and state government adversely affected by a major disaster or emergency that cannot be otherwise adequately met from other means of assistance, accept a grant by the federal government to fund the financial assistance, subject to terms and conditions imposed upon the grant, and enter into an agreement with the federal government pledging the state to participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized to local government and eligible private nonprofit agencies in an amount not to exceed ten percent of the total eligible expenses, with the applicant providing the balance of any participation amount. If financial assistance is granted by the federal government for state ~~disaster-related~~ disaster or emergency financial assistance-related expenses or serious needs, the state shall participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the total eligible expenses. If financial assistance is granted by the federal government for hazard mitigation, the state may participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized to a local government in an amount not to exceed ten percent of the eligible expenses, with the applicant providing the balance of any participation amount. If financial assistance is granted by the federal government for state-related hazard mitigation, the state may participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized, not to exceed fifty percent of the total eligible expenses. If state funds are not otherwise available to the governor, an advance of the state share may be accepted from the federal government to be repaid when the state is able to do so.

Sec. 2. [Section 29C.20, subsection 3](#), Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3. If the president of the United States, at the request of the governor, has declared a major disaster to exist in this state, or any other emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, the executive council may make financial grants to meet ~~disaster-related~~ disaster or emergency funding-related necessary expenses, serious needs, or hazard mitigation projects of local governments and eligible private nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the major disaster or emergency if those expenses or needs cannot otherwise be met from other means of assistance. The amount of the grant shall not exceed ten percent of the total eligible expenses and is conditional upon the federal government providing at least seventy-five percent for public assistance grants and at least fifty percent for hazard mitigation grants of the eligible expenses.

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