

**605—11.8(29C) Discontinuance of program.**

**11.8(1)** *Deferral to federal assistance.* Upon declaration of a disaster by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §5121 through §5207 as of March 25, 2026, the Iowa individual assistance grant program administered under this chapter will be discontinued in the geographic area designated by the federal individual assistance program. Upon issuance of the presidential declaration:

- a. No more applications will be accepted.
- b. Any applications that are in process but are not yet approved will be denied.
- c. Persons seeking assistance under this program will be advised to apply for federal disaster assistance.

**11.8(2)** *Exhaustion of funds.* The program will be discontinued when funds available for the program have been exhausted. To ensure equitable treatment, applications for assistance will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been depleted. “First-come, first-served” is determined by the date the application is approved for payment.

- a. *Partial payment.* Because funds are limited, applications may be approved for less than the amount requested. Payment cannot be approved beyond the amount of funds available.
- b. *Reserved funds.* A portion of allocated funds will be reserved for final appeal decisions reversing the department’s denial that are received after funds for the program have been awarded.
- c. *Untimely applications.* Applications received after the program is discontinued will be denied.

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