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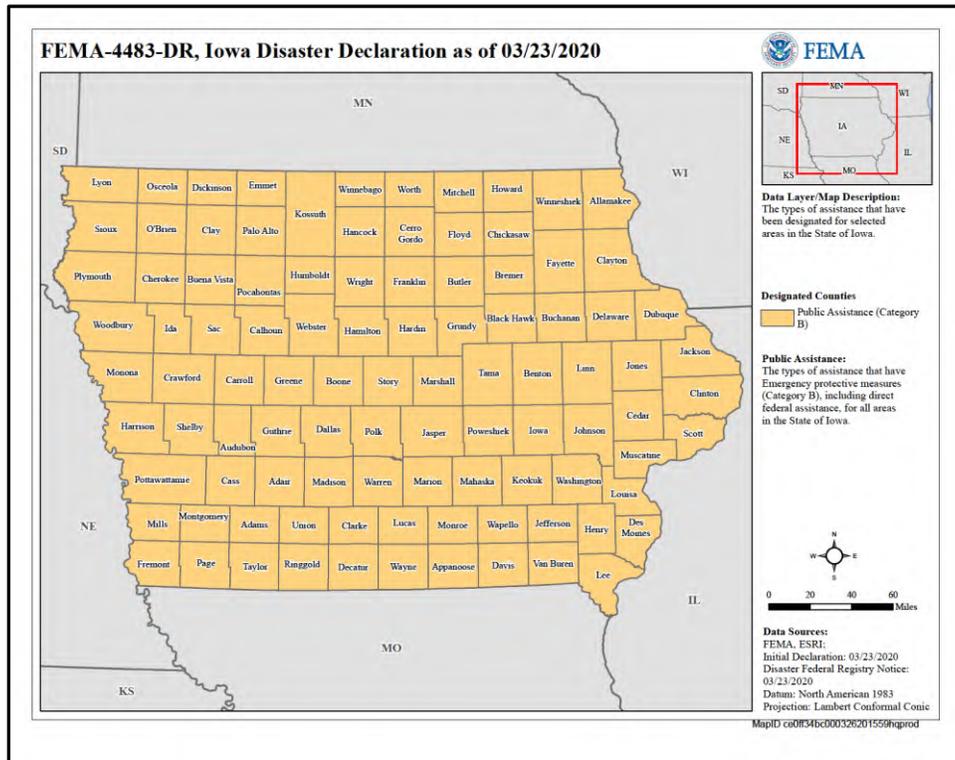
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## COVID-19 RESPONSE: IOWA DISASTER DECLARATION, FEMA-4483-DR

**Funding.** On April 4, 2020, the [Federal Emergency Management Administration](#) (FEMA) notified Governor Kim Reynolds that it has obligated over \$44.0 million to the State of Iowa for reimbursement of costs related to the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding was allocated to the State under the [Presidential Disaster Declaration](#) approved by President Trump on March 24, 2020. The President's action makes federal funding available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under public assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19, at a federal cost share of 75.0%.

The funding of \$44.0 million amounts to 75.0% of the federal share of the total cost, with the State expected to cover the remaining 25.0%. However, the State of Iowa has requested FEMA cover 100.0% of the eligible costs, which total approximately \$59.0 million. The map pictured below displays that all of Iowa's 99 counties are eligible to receive public assistance under FEMA-4483-DR.

### County Eligibility, FEMA-4483-DR



Source: [www.fema.gov/disaster/4483](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4483)

**Purpose.** Funding provided by FEMA-4483-DR must primarily be used to reimburse the State of Iowa for costs it has incurred in March and April to implement emergency protective measures. Emergency

protective measures have included the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gowns, masks, and face shields to support the response efforts of hospitals and clinics, local governments, and certain nonprofit entities. The funding will also allow the State to purchase more PPE as needed. As the COVID-19 response continues, the State may submit additional costs to FEMA for further reimbursement.

**Additional Information.** Additional information is available at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4483](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4483).

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