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IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY AND
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DAVID L. MILLER, ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Committee Chairs;

As part of this letter, please find the Annual Report on the activities in 2009 for the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program. This report is presented to the Government Oversight Committee and Fiscal Committee in accordance with Code of Iowa Chapter 29C.20A(4).

This report has been developed by the staff of the Iowa Department of Human Services and the Iowa Department of Public Defense, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Miller".

David L. Miller
Administrator

2009 Annual Report

Iowa Disaster Aid Individual Assistance

During the 2007 Session, the Iowa General Assembly passed two bills creating a reimbursement based grant assistance program to assist Iowans during times of disaster. Senate File 305 created the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) on a short-term emergency basis while House File 896 established the program as a permanent part of the Code of Iowa. The program was further amended during the 2008 Session to increase the eligibility limits and the maximum award amount.

This legislation created a disaster aid individual assistance fund for the use of the executive council. The fund may be used to make financial grants of up to \$1 million in a fiscal year following a Governor's Disaster Proclamation to meet the needs of individuals affected by the disaster. The Iowa Department of Human Services administers the fund. Grants are provided to individuals as reimbursement for expenditures incurred related to the disaster event. The individual reimbursement grant is capped at \$5,000.00 per household. Specifics on the program can be found in the Iowa Administrative Code, Section 441, Chapter 58.

To be eligible for assistance, an individual must have a self-declared annual income that is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline. The income eligibility limit for a single person is presently \$21,660. For families, the household income must be less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level based on the number of members in the household. For a family of four the income figure is \$44,100.

In FY 2009, Governor Culver signed two Disaster Emergency Proclamations that activated IIAGP. 11 grant assistance applications qualified for assistance during FY 2009. For the remainder of calendar year 2009 the IIAGP was activated three additional times with 145 applications qualifying for assistance. The average reimbursement grant provided for all five events was \$1,471.08. A total of \$213,308.77 of state-only dollars was provided in grant assistance to Iowans during these events.

For the four instances where the Program processed applications, you will find details on these efforts below. The information will provide detail on:

- The type of incident and date of declaration
- Fiscal year of the incident
- Impacted counties
- Number of approved applicants
- Total grant dollars expended

Date/Type of Incident	Fiscal Year	Impacted Counties	Number of Eligible Applicants	Total Grant Dollars
September 2008/Severe Weather	2009	Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa, Van Buren	11	\$23,049.54
June 2009/Severe Weather, Flood	2009	Adair	0	\$0.00
July 2009/Severe Weather	2010	Black Hawk	1	\$1,045.00
August 2009/Severe Weather	2010	Hardin, Sac, Webster	124	\$147,083.73
September 2009/Severe Weather	2010	Benton, Henry, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Washington	20	\$42,130.50