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IOWA INDIVIDUAL
DISASTER ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM

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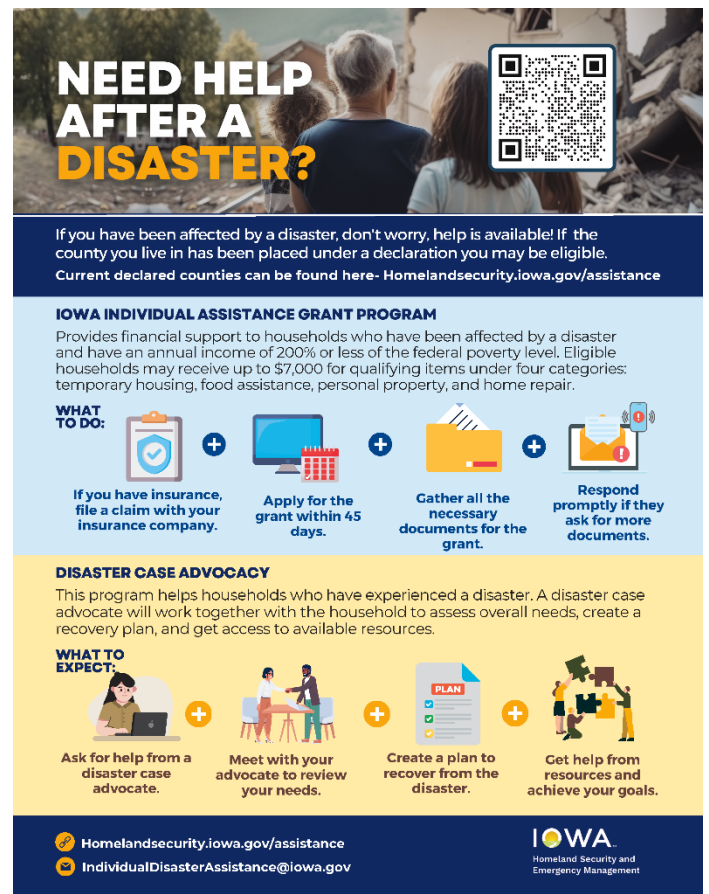
Introduction

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) is pleased to submit this annual report for the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) to the Legislative Fiscal Committee and the Government Oversight Committee. Iowa Code § 29C.20A(5) requires HSEM to submit an annual report by January 1 of each year, detailing the activities of the IIAGP during the previous fiscal year.

As part of the State of Iowa's government alignment efforts, the administration of the IIAGP was transferred to HSEM on July 1, 2023. A full-time program coordinator was hired to provide support for the IIAGP and Disaster Case Advocacy (DCA) programs. The tracking and reporting measures were streamlined with the goal of enhancing communication and quality improvement.

On June 30, 2023, HSEM launched a new webpage for the IIAGP and DCA program (homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance). The new webpage offers a number of useful features, including application deadlines, the option to submit an online application, and program information. These new measures were implemented to enhance accessibility and ensure that all Iowans have access to the IIAGP.

The online application process yielded 2,293 submissions in the first year and is available on a platform that can be translated into 160 languages. Additionally, the fillable PDF version of the application was translated into Arabic, French, Spanish, and Swahili. A program flyer was created with translations available in Arabic, Burmese, Chin, Dari, English, French, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Marshallese, Pashto, Spanish, and Swahili.



NEED HELP AFTER A DISASTER?

If you have been affected by a disaster, don't worry, help is available! If the county you live in has been placed under a declaration you may be eligible. Current declared counties can be found here- [Homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance](https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance)

IOWA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM
Provides financial support to households who have been affected by a disaster and have an annual income of 200% or less of the federal poverty level. Eligible households may receive up to \$7,000 for qualifying items under four categories: temporary housing, food assistance, personal property, and home repair.

WHAT TO DO:

- If you have insurance, file a claim with your insurance company.
- Apply for the grant within 45 days.
- Gather all the necessary documents for the grant.
- Respond promptly if they ask for more documents.

DISASTER CASE ADVOCACY
This program helps households who have experienced a disaster. A disaster case advocate will work together with the household to assess overall needs, create a recovery plan, and get access to available resources.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Ask for help from a disaster case advocate.
- Meet with your advocate to review your needs.
- Create a plan to recover from the disaster.
- Get help from resources and achieve your goals.

[Homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance](https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance)
IndividualDisasterAssistance@iowa.gov

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IIAGP and DCA Program Flyer

Program Overview

The IIAGP is a state-funded grant program that offers financial assistance to disaster-impacted households whose income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Per Iowa Code § 29C.20A(3), for disasters declared after July 1, 2024, eligible households can receive up to \$7,000 for qualifying expenses in one of four categories: temporary housing, food assistance, personal property, and home repair. For disasters declared before July 1, 2024, eligible households may receive up to \$5,000 for these same categories. To process an application, supporting documentation is required.

The IIAGP is activated when the governor issues a proclamation of disaster emergency for the affected counties. This proclamation activates the IIAGP. Applicants must apply within 45 days of the governor's proclamation.

During SFY 2024, HSEM had a contract with the Iowa Community Action Association (ICAA) to implement the IIAGP. The ICAA subcontracted with 16 community action agencies across the state to facilitate the implementation of the program at the local level.

Iowa Code § 29C.20A(1) authorizes grant awards to the IIAGP for no more than \$1 million during a fiscal year. Additional funds may be specifically authorized by the executive council to meet additional needs. ICAA is compensated up to 10 percent of funds disbursed up to their contract maximum of \$1 million dollars.

Disaster Events

In State Fiscal Year 2024, Iowa experienced nine disaster events that activated the IIAGP.

- August 4, 2023 – Severe Weather
- April 16, 2024 – Severe Weather
- April 26, 2024 – Severe Weather
- May 6, 2024 – Severe Weather
- May 20, 2024 – Severe Weather
- May 31, 2024 – Severe Weather
- June 3, 2024 – Severe Weather
- June 12, 2024 – Severe Weather
- June 21, 2024 – Flooding

Three Presidential Disaster Declarations were approved for disasters that occurred in April, May, and June 2024. Federal Individual Assistance (federal IA) was activated for the counties included in these declarations.

Consequently, the IIAGP was deactivated for the affected counties and individuals since federal IA was available. Individuals affected by disasters who lived in counties not eligible for federal IA continued to receive support through the IIAGP.

Over the course of the 2024 fiscal year, a total of 66 counties received proclamations of disaster emergency from the governor, activating the IIAGP in response to nine separate disaster events. Additionally, more counties were activated in SFY 2025 for the June 21, 2024 disaster event, which will be included in the SFY 2025 report.

County	Number of IIAGP Activations	County	Number of IIAGP Activations	County	Number of IIAGP Activations	County	Number of IIAGP Activations
Adair	1	Des Moines	2	Kossuth	3	Poweshiek	1
Adams	1	Dickinson	2	Lee	2	Ringgold	1
Allamakee	2	Dubuque	2	Lyon	1	Scott	1
Black Hawk	1	Emmet	3	Marion	2	Shelby	2
Buena Vista	2	Fayette	2	Marshall	1	Sioux	2
Butler	1	Floyd	1	Mills	3	Story	1
Carroll	1	Franklin	1	Montgomery	1	Tama	1
Cass	2	Hancock	2	Monona	1	Union	2
Calhoun	1	Hardin	1	Muscatine	1	Warren	1
Cedar	1	Harrison	4	O'Brien	5	Washington	1
Cerro Gordo	2	Henry	1	Osceola	1	Webster	2
Cherokee	1	Humboldt	2	Page	1	Winnebago	1
Clarke	2	Iowa	1	Palo Alto	2	Woodbury	2
Clay	3	Jackson	1	Plymouth	1	Worth	1
Clinton	1	Jasper	1	Pocahontas	1	Wright	2
Crawford	1	Johnson	2	Polk	2		
Dallas	1	Keokuk	1	Pottawattamie	4		

Additionally, the following six counties were activated in SFY 2024 for the June 29, 2023 event that occurred in SFY 23:

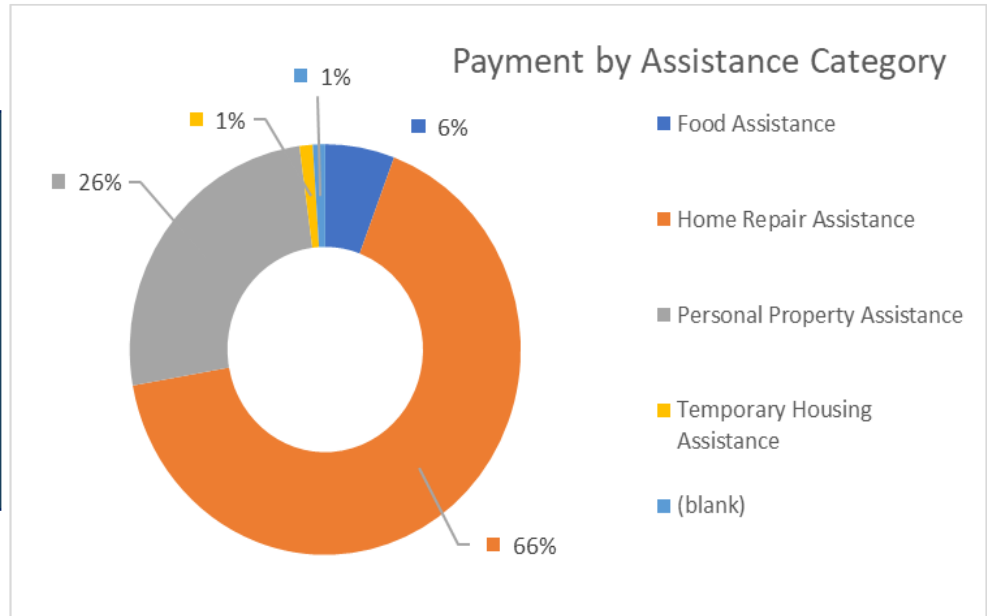
County	Number of IIAGP Activations
Appanoose	1
Davis	1
Lucas	1
Monroe	1
Ringgold	1
Union	1

Program Outcomes

Households Served

During SFY 2024, 2,435 applications were received for IIAGP. This represents a notable increase compared to previous years, largely attributable to the availability of the online IIAGP application. Of the applications received, 353 disaster-impacted households were assisted financially by the IIAGP.

Assistance Category	Payment Amount	% of Total Payment
Food Assistance	\$48,508	6%
Home Repair Assistance	\$570,891	67%
Personal Property Assistance	\$217,447	26%
Temporary Housing Assistance	\$9,228	1%
Grand Total	\$846,074	100%

**IIAGP Payments
by Assistance
Category**

In addition, 2,079 applications were received, reviewed, and ultimately determined to be ineligible or denied for the program. Of the applications deemed ineligible, 1,330 (64%) were eligible for federal IA under the approved Presidential Disaster Declarations for disasters that occurred in 2024. As a result, the IIAGP was deactivated and any applications deemed ineligible were not processed. Applicants were informed of the availability of federal IA and assisted with the application process through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For applicants affected by the flooding on June 21, much of the communication and FEMA application assistance was provided during SFY 2025.

Expenditures

The following report covers expenditures for:

- Declared disasters from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- Expenses from March 2023 through June 2023 proclaimed disasters that were expended in SFY 2024.

Proclamation Date	Disaster Number	Counties	Total Expenditure
March 31, 2023	1971	Appanoose, Cedar, Clinton, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Grundy, Jackson, Johnson, Keokuk, Linn, Lucas, Mahaska, Monroe, Wapello, and Washington	\$47,552.73
April 24, 2023	1973	Allamakee, Clayton, Dubuque, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott	\$14,852.41
May 7, 2023	1974	Benton, Iowa, Jasper, Marshall, Muscatine, Poweshiek, and Story	\$270,650.27
May 12, 2023	1975	Pocahontas	\$6,200.95
May 28, 2023	1976	Scott	\$132,444.64
June 29, 2023	3501-01	Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Lee, Lucas, Monroe, Ringgold, Union, and Wapello	\$280,036.60
August 4, 2023	3502-01	Des Moines, Lee, and Sioux	\$158,655.45
April 16, 2024	3503-01	Allamakee, Cass, Des Moines, Fayette, Henry, and Lee	\$1,762.96
April 26, 2024	3504-01	Clarke, Crawford, Harrison, Mills, Polk, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, and Union	\$6,044.49
May 6, 2024	3505-01	Clarke, Marion, O'Brien, and Pottawattamie	\$4,862.37
May 20, 2024	3506-01	Adair, Adams, Black Hawk, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Clay, Clinton, Dallas, Dubuque, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Humboldt, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Keokuk, Kossuth, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Montgomery, Muscatine, O'Brien, Page, Palo Alto, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Scott, Shelby, Story, Tama, Union, Warren, Washington, Webster, and Wright	\$132,035.44
May 31, 2024	3507-01	Kossuth and O'Brien	\$802.99
June 21, 2024	3510-01	Allamakee, Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Floyd, Hancock, Harrison, Humboldt, Johnson, Kossuth, Lyon, Mills, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Pottawattamie, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Woodbury, Worth, and Wright	\$2,172.45
		Total:	\$1,058,073.75

Activities for SFY 2025

In SFY 2025, HSEM will implement program and process improvement changes developed during SFY 24. Following a review of the administrative cost allocation for the contracting entity, contracted entities in SFY 2025 shall determine administrative cost compensation based on one of the following options:

- 1) Direct costs and indirect costs, or
- 2) Direct costs plus up to 15% of the funds disbursed. Any compensation must not exceed the contract maximum of \$1,000,000.

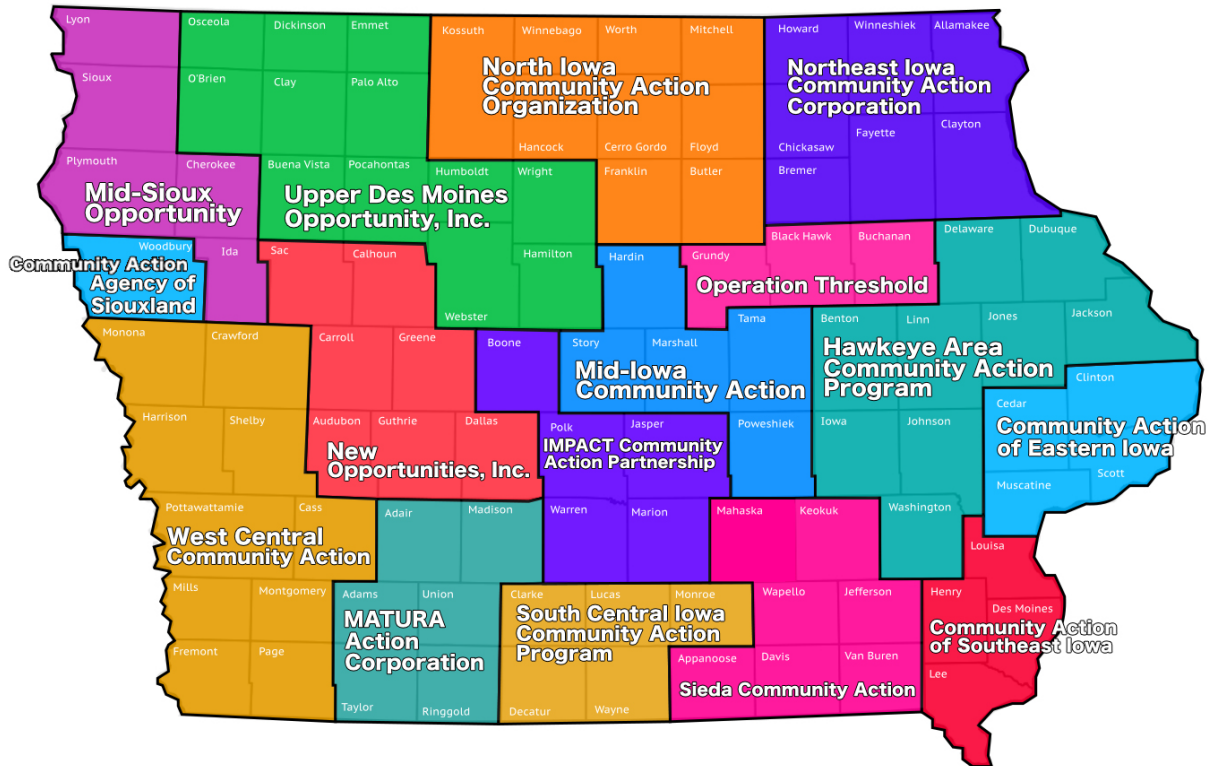
This change will provide a more accurate reflection of the administrative costs associated with the program, preventing any negative financial impact on contracted entities while they implement the program.

In SFY 2025, our primary objective is to develop a data management system for the IIAGP and DCA programs. This system will transition the programs from a manually tracked approach in spreadsheets and emails to a digital, cloud-based system, thereby improving efficiency and data management. This will facilitate more robust continuous quality control, more efficient communication, and consolidated tracking and reporting.

HSEM plans to collaborate closely with the ICAA and their subcontracted partners in SFY 2025 to identify areas for improvement in service delivery, enhance reporting and communication, and increase accessibility to the program.

Attachment – Iowa Community Action Agencies Coverage Map

Iowa Community Action Agencies



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