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Dear Committee Chairs;

Attached to this letter, please find the Annual Report on the activities in 2007 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,

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David L. Miller
Administrator

2007 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.

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 \$3,319.00 per household. The allowable grant amount is calculated as 25 percent of 130 percent of the annual federal poverty level for a household of one and can only be used for the replacement of personal property, home repair, and temporary housing assistance. 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 130 percent of the federal poverty guideline. The income eligibility limit for a single person is presently \$13,273. For families, the household income must be less than 130 percent of the federal poverty level based on the number of members in the household. For a family of four the income figure is \$26,845.

In 2007, Governor Culver signed six Disaster Emergency Proclamations. The IIAGP was activated for all six disaster events. Five of the six received and processed applications for grant funds. The sixth, declared on December 10th, had not generated any applications for funds as of December 27th.

757 grant assistance applications were received with 94 qualifying for assistance during 2007. The average reimbursement grant provided for all events during 2007 was \$439.52, ranging from a low average grant payment of \$339.676 for the March Winter Storm to a high of \$1,065.35 for the August Flood. A total of \$305,031.35 of state-only dollars was provided in grant assistance to Iowans during 2007.

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

- The type of incident and date of declaration
- Number of impacted Counties
- Categories of eligible expenses
- Number of requests and amount requested for each category
- Number of approved requests and approved funding amounts
- Average amount disbursed
- Average amount of temporary housing reimbursed and average number days reimbursed
- Listing of declared counties

Winter Storm, March 3, 2007
95 Counties

Category	Total Requests	Requested Amount	Approved Requests	Approved Amount
Kitchen Equipment	138	\$52,414.16	62	\$ 22,422.04
Kitchen Food	449	\$52,036.57	227	\$ 18,749.43
Bathroom	114	\$9,382.34	43	\$ 2,935.16
Bedroom Furnishings	54	\$22,014.99	24	\$ 10,053.26
Bedroom Clothing	90	\$25,122.87	34	\$ 9,087.84
HVAC	8	\$4,363.99	1	\$ 364.00
Water Heater	27	\$9,070.01	12	\$ 4,192.74
Dehumidifier	17	\$2,283.00	5	\$ 520.00
Sump Pump	9	\$1,475.11	5	\$ 525.11
Infant Car Seat	10	\$407.99	6	\$ 240.00
Electical Mechanical	153	\$41,533.93	75	\$ 17,656.14
Vehicle	123	\$46,850.45	66	\$ 24,159.69
Home Structure	142	\$109,070.33	57	\$ 36,475.00
Home Interior	109	\$60,288.79	39	\$ 22,675.78
Temporary Housing	277	\$57,689.67	153	\$ 29,669.83
Totals	643	\$494,004.20	588	\$ 199,726.02
Average Amount Paid		\$ 339.67		
Average Temporary Housing		\$ 193.92	Days 3.88	

Adair, Adams, Allamakee, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Des Moines, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fremont, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Kosssuth, Lee, Linn, Lioua, Lucas, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Mitchell, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscatine, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Sac, Scott, Shelby, Sioux, Story, Tama, Taylor Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodburry, Worth, Wright

Flooding, May 5, 2007
1 County

Category	Total Requests	Requested Amount	Approved Requests	Approved Amount
Kitchen Equipment	1	\$410.00	0	\$ -
Kitchen Food	1	\$150.00	0	\$ -
Bathroom	1	\$90.00	0	\$ -
Bedroom Furnishings	1	\$585.00	0	\$ -
Bedroom Clothing	1	\$290.00	0	\$ -
HVAC	1	\$206.26	1	\$ 206.26
Water Heater	1	\$400.00	1	\$ 400.00
Dehumidifier	1	\$150.00	0	\$ -
Sump Pump	1	\$200.00	1	\$ 200.00
Infant Car Seat	1	\$40.00	0	\$ -
Home Interior	1	\$1,350.00	1	\$ 350.00
Temporary Housing	0	\$0.00	0	\$ -
Totals	3	\$3,871.26	3	\$ 1,156.26
Average Amount Paid		\$ 385.42		
Average Temporary Housing		\$ -	Days 0	

Decatur

Tornado, June 1, 2007
3 Counties

Category	Total Requests	Requested Amount	Approved Requests	Approved Amount
Kitchen Equipment	11	\$4,631.02	2	\$ 870.00
Kitchen Food	9	\$1,100.00	2	\$ 200.00
Bathroom	11	\$1,170.00	1	\$ 120.00
Bedroom Furnishings	11	\$5,833.88	2	\$ 416.00
Bedroom Clothing	8	\$2,088.56	2	\$ 1,027.12
Water Heater	1	\$420.00	0	\$ -
Sump Pump	1	\$180.00	0	\$ -
Infant Car Seat	4	\$160.00	0	\$ -
Electical Mechanical	7	\$2,060.00	2	\$ 600.00
Vehicle	11	\$4,789.00	3	\$ 1,500.00
Home Structure	8	\$7,223.37	4	\$ 3,899.37
Home Interior	7	\$5,087.34	0	\$ -
Temporary Housing	6	\$1,320.00	2	\$ 270.00
Totals	17	\$36,063.17	13	\$ 8,902.49
Average Amount Paid		\$ 684.81		
Average Temporary Housing		\$ 135.00	Days 2.7	

Jackson, Louisa, Muscatine

Flooding, July 18, 2007

1 County

Category	Total Requests	Requested Amount	Approved Requests	Approved Amount
HVAC	1	\$426.76	1	\$ 426.76
Home Interior	1	\$3.70	1	\$ 3.70
Totals	1	\$430.46	1	\$ 430.46
Average Amount Paid		\$ 430.46		
Average Temporary Housing		\$ -	Days 0	

Clayton

Flooding, August 17, 2007
16 Counties

Category	Total Requests	Requested Amount	Approved Requests	Approved Amount
Kitchen Equipment	28	\$13,582.06	17	\$ 6,805.39
Kitchen Food	20	\$2,145.13	15	\$ 1,204.59
Bathroom	22	\$1,644.66	12	\$ 726.72
Bedroom Furnishings	31	\$13,669.35	18	\$ 6,486.03
Bedroom Clothing	30	\$8,953.93	14	\$ 3,593.70
HVAC	24	\$31,443.40	23	\$ 22,472.22
Water Heater	41	\$13,898.56	32	\$ 9,907.38
Dehumidifier	22	\$3,864.00	15	\$ 2,197.00
Sump Pump	30	\$5,182.18	23	\$ 3,362.91
Infant Car Seat	2	\$80.00	0	\$ -
Electical Mechanical	33	\$6,734.26	27	\$ 4,201.50
Vehicle	3	\$1,475.00	4	\$ 1,501.24
Home Structure	25	\$32,707.53	21	\$ 13,825.84
Home Interior	47	\$34,515.68	33	\$ 17,731.60
Temporary Housing	11	\$9,115.00	3	\$ 800.00
Totals	93	\$179,010.74	89	\$ 94,816.12
Average Amount Paid		\$ 1,065.35		
Average Temporary Housing		\$ 266.67	Days	5.33

Adair, Adams, Appanoose, Cedar, Clarke, Clinton, Davis, Decatur, Fremont, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery Page, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, Wayne