

# House Study Bill 55

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a disaster aid individual assistance grant fund.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29C.20A DISASTER AID INDIVIDUAL  
1 2 ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND.  
1 3 1. A disaster aid individual assistance grant fund is  
1 4 created in the state treasury for the use of the executive  
1 5 council. Moneys in the fund may be expended following the  
1 6 governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency. The  
1 7 executive council may make financial grants to meet  
1 8 disaster-related expenses or serious needs of individuals or  
1 9 families adversely affected by a disaster which cannot  
1 10 otherwise be met by other means of financial assistance. The  
1 11 aggregate total of grants awarded shall not be more than one  
1 12 million dollars during a fiscal year. However, within the  
1 13 same fiscal year, additional funds may be specifically  
1 14 authorized by the executive council to meet additional needs.  
1 15 2. The grant funds shall be administered by the department  
1 16 of human services. The department shall adopt rules to create  
1 17 the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance grant program.  
1 18 The rules shall specify the eligibility of applicants and  
1 19 eligible items for grant funding. The rules shall be adopted  
1 20 no later than January 1, 2008. The executive council shall  
1 21 use grant funds to reimburse the department of human services  
1 22 for its actual expenses associated with the administration of  
1 23 the grants.  
1 24 3. The amount of a grant shall not exceed twenty-five  
1 25 percent of one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty  
1 26 level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income  
1 27 guidelines published by the United States department of health  
1 28 and human services. Expenses eligible for grant funding shall  
1 29 be limited to personal property, home repair, and temporary  
1 30 housing assistance. An applicant for a grant shall sign an  
1 31 affidavit committing to refund any part of the grant that is  
1 32 duplicated by any other assistance, such as but not limited to  
1 33 insurance or assistance from community development groups,  
1 34 charities, the small business administration, and the federal  
1 35 emergency management agency.

2 1 EXPLANATION  
2 2 This bill, in new Code section 29C.20A, creates a disaster  
2 3 aid individual assistance grant fund for the use of the  
2 4 executive council. The fund may be used to make financial  
2 5 grants of up to \$1 million in a fiscal year following a  
2 6 governor's disaster proclamation to meet the needs of  
2 7 individuals affected by the disaster. The fund will be  
2 8 administered by the department of human services, which shall  
2 9 adopt appropriate rules. In addition, the executive council  
2 10 shall use grant funds to reimburse the department of human  
2 11 services for its expenses in administering the fund. Grants  
2 12 are limited to 25 percent of 130 percent of the federal  
2 13 poverty level and may be used only for replacement of personal  
2 14 property, home repair, and temporary housing assistance.  
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