

# Senate Study Bill 1221

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a disaster aid local government assistance grant  
2 program and fund.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29C.20B DISASTER AID LOCAL  
1 2 GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND.  
1 3 1. A disaster aid local government assistance grant fund  
1 4 is created in the state treasury under the control of the  
1 5 executive council. Moneys in the fund may be expended  
1 6 following a governor's proclamation of a disaster emergency.  
1 7 From moneys in the grant fund, the executive council may award  
1 8 financial assistance in the form of grants to meet  
1 9 disaster-related expenses of governmental subdivisions  
1 10 adversely affected by a disaster where the effect of the  
1 11 disaster or action on the governmental subdivision is the  
1 12 immediate financial inability to meet the continuing  
1 13 requirements of local government. The aggregate total of  
1 14 grants awarded during a fiscal year shall not be more than  
1 15 three million five hundred thousand dollars. However, within  
1 16 the same fiscal year, additional moneys may be authorized by  
1 17 the executive council pursuant to section 29C.20, subsection  
1 18 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6), or as otherwise provided  
1 19 by law to meet additional needs of governmental subdivisions  
1 20 receiving grants under this section. Grants awarded under  
1 21 this section shall be administered by the homeland security  
1 22 and emergency management division of the department of public  
1 23 defense.  
1 24 2. The amount of a grant shall be made at the discretion  
1 25 of the executive council and, if made, shall not exceed  
1 26 seventy-five percent of the documented disaster-related  
1 27 expenses incurred by a governmental subdivision. An applicant  
1 28 for a grant shall sign an affidavit agreeing to refund any  
1 29 part of the grant that is duplicated by any other assistance,  
1 30 such as but not limited to insurance or assistance from the  
1 31 federal emergency management agency.  
1 32 3. The homeland security and emergency management division  
1 33 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to create the Iowa  
1 34 disaster aid local government assistance grant program for  
1 35 purposes of awarding and administering grants from the  
2 1 disaster aid local government assistance grant fund. The  
2 2 rules shall specify the eligibility of applicants and projects  
2 3 eligible for funding. The rules shall be based on the public  
2 4 assistance program created within the federal Robert T.  
2 5 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L.  
2 6 No. 93-288, as amended.  
2 7 4. The executive council shall authorize moneys in the  
2 8 disaster aid local government assistance grant fund to be used  
2 9 to reimburse the homeland security and emergency management  
2 10 division for actual expenses associated with the  
2 11 administration of the grants.  
2 12 5. The homeland security and emergency management division  
2 13 shall submit an annual report, by January 1 of each year, to  
2 14 the legislative fiscal committee and the legislative  
2 15 government oversight committee concerning the activities of  
2 16 the grant program in the previous fiscal year.  
2 17 EXPLANATION  
2 18 This bill creates a disaster aid local government  
2 19 assistance grant fund in the state treasury for use by the  
2 20 executive council. The bill provides that from moneys in the

2 21 grant fund, the executive council may award financial  
2 22 assistance in the form of grants to meet disaster-related  
2 23 expenses of governmental subdivisions adversely affected by a  
2 24 disaster where the effect of the disaster or action on the  
2 25 governmental subdivision is the immediate financial inability  
2 26 to meet the continuing requirements of local government. The  
2 27 aggregate total of grants awarded from the disaster aid local  
2 28 government assistance grant fund during a fiscal year shall  
2 29 not be more than \$3.5 million. The bill provides that, within  
2 30 the same fiscal year, additional moneys may be authorized by  
2 31 the executive council from other funds to meet additional  
2 32 needs of governmental subdivisions receiving financial  
2 33 assistance from the disaster aid local government assistance  
2 34 grant fund. The bill requires the homeland security and  
2 35 emergency management division of the department of public  
3 1 defense to administer awarded grants. The bill provides that  
3 2 the amount of the grant shall be at the discretion of the  
3 3 executive council and, if made, shall not exceed 75 percent of  
3 4 the documented disaster-related expenses incurred by the  
3 5 governmental subdivision. The bill requires the homeland  
3 6 security and emergency management division to adopt  
3 7 administrative rules specifying the eligibility of applicants  
3 8 and projects eligible for funding. The bill requires the  
3 9 executive council to authorize moneys in the disaster aid  
3 10 local government assistance grant fund to be used to reimburse  
3 11 the homeland security and emergency management division for  
3 12 actual expenses associated with the administration of the  
3 13 grants. The bill includes annual reporting requirements.  
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