

**House Study Bill 150 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MILLER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act creating a disaster case management grant fund and  
2 program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.20B, Code 2015, is amended by  
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the  
3 following:

4 **29C.20B Disaster case management grant fund and program.**

5 1. *a.* A disaster case management grant fund is created  
6 in the state treasury for the use of the executive council.  
7 Moneys in the fund may be expended following the governor's  
8 proclamation of a state of disaster emergency or the  
9 declaration of a major disaster by the president of the United  
10 States.

11 *b.* The executive council may make financial grants to meet  
12 disaster-related case management needs of disaster-affected  
13 individuals. The aggregate total of grants awarded shall  
14 not be more than one million dollars during a fiscal year.  
15 However, within the same fiscal year, additional funds may  
16 be specifically authorized by the executive council to meet  
17 additional needs. Of the one million dollar aggregate total,  
18 fifty thousand dollars may be expended for contract entity  
19 staff support, and fifty thousand dollars may be expended for  
20 case management training and continuing training.

21 *c.* The department of human services shall work with the  
22 department of homeland security and emergency management  
23 and, as selected by the department of human services, a  
24 representative of nonprofit, voluntary, and faith-based  
25 organizations active in disaster recovery and response to  
26 establish a statewide system of disaster case management  
27 to be activated following the governor's proclamation of a  
28 disaster emergency or the declaration of a major disaster by  
29 the president of the United States for individual assistance  
30 purposes.

31 2. The department of human services shall administer  
32 disaster case management grants. The department of human  
33 services, in conjunction with the department of homeland  
34 security and emergency management, shall establish a disaster  
35 case management program and adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A

1 necessary to administer the program. The executive council  
2 shall use grant moneys to reimburse the department of human  
3 services for actual expenses associated with the administration  
4 of the grants. Under the program, the department of human  
5 services shall coordinate case management services locally  
6 through one or more contracted entities. The department  
7 of human services may implement an ongoing contract with a  
8 provider of a statewide program with local offices throughout  
9 the state to serve as the local administrative entity for the  
10 grant program to allow implementation of the program with  
11 minimal delay following a governor's proclamation of a state of  
12 disaster emergency or a declaration of a major disaster by the  
13 president of the United States.

14 3. The department of human services, in conjunction with the  
15 department of homeland security and emergency management and a  
16 representative of the Iowa voluntary organizations active in  
17 disaster, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to create  
18 coordination mechanisms and standards for the establishment  
19 and implementation of a statewide system of disaster case  
20 management. The rules adopted by the department of human  
21 services for the program shall include but are not limited to  
22 all of the following:

23 a. If a local administrative entity is under contract with  
24 the state to provide other services or is implementing a state  
25 or federal program and the contract contains a sufficient  
26 surety bond or other adequate financial responsibility  
27 provisions, the department shall accept the existing surety  
28 bond or financial responsibility provisions in lieu of applying  
29 a new or additional surety bond or financial responsibility  
30 requirement.

31 b. Authorization for the local administrative entity to draw  
32 down grant funding to pay valid claims on at least a weekly  
33 basis.

34 c. Disaster case management standards.

35 d. Disaster case management policies.

- 1 e. Reporting requirements.  
2 f. Eligibility criteria.  
3 g. Coordination mechanisms necessary to carry out the  
4 services provided.  
5 h. Development of formal working relationships with agencies  
6 and creation of interagency agreements for those considered to  
7 provide disaster case management services.  
8 i. Establishment of nonduplication of benefits policies and  
9 mechanisms for the exchange of information between agencies to  
10 ensure compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability  
11 and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191, 110 Stat.  
12 1936 (1996).  
13 j. Referral to all known available services for individuals  
14 from multiple agencies in coordinated service locations.  
15 4. By January 1 of each year, the department of human  
16 services shall submit an annual written report to the  
17 legislative fiscal committee and the general assembly's  
18 standing committees on government oversight concerning the  
19 activities of the grant program during the previous fiscal  
20 year.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill creates a disaster case management grant fund and  
25 program.

26 The bill replaces provisions relating to disaster case  
27 management with a disaster case management fund. Moneys in the  
28 fund may be used by the executive council and may be expended  
29 following the governor's proclamation of a state of disaster  
30 emergency or the declaration of a major disaster by the  
31 president of the United States. The bill allows the executive  
32 council to make financial grants to meet disaster-related  
33 case management needs of disaster-affected individuals. The  
34 aggregate total of grants awarded shall not be more than \$1  
35 million during a fiscal year; however, within the same fiscal

1 year, additional funds may be specifically authorized by the  
2 executive council to meet additional needs. Of the \$1 million  
3 aggregate total, \$50,000 may be expended for contract entity  
4 staff support, and \$50,000 may be expended for case management  
5 training and continuing training.

6 The bill requires the department of human services to  
7 work with the department of homeland security and emergency  
8 management and, as selected by the department of human  
9 services, a representative of nonprofit, voluntary, and  
10 faith-based organizations active in disaster recovery  
11 and response to establish a statewide system of disaster  
12 case management to be activated following the governor's  
13 proclamation of a disaster emergency or the declaration of  
14 a major disaster by the president of the United States for  
15 individual assistance purposes.

16 The bill requires the department of human services to  
17 administer the disaster case management grants. The bill  
18 requires the department of human services, in conjunction with  
19 the department of homeland security and emergency management,  
20 to establish an Iowa disaster case management program and adopt  
21 rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A necessary to administer  
22 the program. The executive council shall use grant moneys to  
23 reimburse the department of human services for actual expenses  
24 associated with the administration of the grants. Under the  
25 program, the bill requires the department of human services  
26 to coordinate case management services locally through one or  
27 more contracted entities. The department of human services may  
28 implement an ongoing contract with a provider of a statewide  
29 program with local offices throughout the state to serve as  
30 the local administrative entity for the grant program to allow  
31 implementation of the program with minimal delay following a  
32 governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency or a  
33 declaration of a major disaster by the president of the United  
34 States.

35 The bill requires the department of human services, in

1 conjunction with the department of homeland security and  
2 emergency management and a representative of the Iowa voluntary  
3 organizations active in disaster, to adopt rules pursuant  
4 to Code chapter 17A to create coordination mechanisms and  
5 standards for the establishment and implementation of a  
6 statewide system of disaster case management.

7 The bill includes an annual reporting requirement.