

**Senate File 307 - Introduced**

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**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 shall be expended if grants are awarded  
8 pursuant to section 29C.20A following the governor's  
9 proclamation of a state of disaster emergency or the  
10 declaration of a major disaster by the president of the United  
11 States.

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

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

32 2. The department of human services shall administer  
33 disaster case management grants. The department of human  
34 services, in conjunction with the department of homeland  
35 security and emergency management, shall establish a disaster

1 case management program and adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
2 necessary to administer the program. The executive council  
3 shall use grant moneys to reimburse the department of human  
4 services for actual expenses associated with the administration  
5 of the grants. Under the program, the department of human  
6 services shall coordinate case management services locally  
7 through one or more contracted entities. The department of  
8 human services shall implement an ongoing contract with a  
9 provider of a statewide program with local offices throughout  
10 the state to serve as the local administrative entity for the  
11 grant program to allow implementation of the program with  
12 minimal delay if grants are awarded pursuant to section 29C.20A  
13 following a governor's proclamation of a state of disaster  
14 emergency or a declaration of a major disaster by the president  
15 of the United States.

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

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

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

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

23                               EXPLANATION

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

26       This bill creates a disaster case management grant fund and  
27       program.

28       The bill replaces provisions relating to disaster case  
29       management with a disaster case management fund. Moneys in  
30       the fund must be expended if individual assistance grants  
31       are awarded following the governor's proclamation of a  
32       state of disaster emergency or the declaration of a major  
33       disaster by the president of the United States. The bill  
34       allows the executive council to make financial grants to meet  
35       disaster-related case management needs of disaster-affected

1 individuals. The aggregate total of grants awarded shall not  
2 be more than \$1 million during a fiscal year; however, within  
3 the same fiscal year, additional funds may be specifically  
4 authorized by the executive council to meet additional needs.  
5 Of the \$1 million aggregate total, \$50,000 may be expended for  
6 contract entity staff support, and \$50,000 may be expended for  
7 case management training and continuing training.

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

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

1 of a major disaster by the president of the United States.

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

9 The bill includes an annual reporting requirement.