

Senate File 411 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 307)

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 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.