Iowa Flood Disaster — As of April 1, 2019

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was made March 23, 2019, for Iowa counties severely impacted by flooding, making federal grant assistance available to homeowners, renters, businesses, public entities, and select nonprofit organizations through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

- Federal Public Assistance was made available for 56 eligible counties.
- Additional assistance was made available for five of these counties through the Individuals and Households Program, which provides direct services to eligible individuals regardless of income for 18 months after the disaster.
- Twenty counties are eligible for additional assistance for permanent work through the Public Assistance Program, to help with the replacement or repair of disaster-damaged facilities such as roads, bridges, and public buildings.
- Statewide Hazard Mitigation Assistance is available to minimize the impact of future disasters.

The Governor's Disaster Proclamations made March 14 through March 25, 2019, activated State resources to assist with ongoing flooding at no cost to local jurisdictions as well as individual assistance to low-income residents.

- Two additional counties not covered under the Presidential Declaration are eligible for State Individual Assistance.
- The five counties covered under the federal Individuals and Households Program are not covered under State assistance to avoid duplication of benefits.

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Current County Disaster Proclamations

The Iowa Flood Center
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