Iowa Governor's Disaster Proclamations — as of June 29, 2018

When a Governor's Disaster Proclamation is made in an Iowa county, the Iowa Individual Assistance (IA) Grant Program can be activated at the request of local officials to help those Iowans adversely affected. The IA Grant Program provides grants of up to $5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Claims must be submitted within 45 days of the proclamation.

State resources may be activated and deployed to assist with the ongoing disaster at no cost to local jurisdictions. State resources include equipment, personnel, technical assistance/guidance, supplies, and essential services to provide assistance in the form of debris removal, traffic control, levee patrol, security, vaccines, transportation, and other emergency response and recovery capabilities. Residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to report damage to help local and State officials better understand the damage sustained. Report damage through the form provided by the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Should the disaster go beyond the capabilities of the State, the governor would then make a request for federal assistance through a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Current County Disaster Proclamations — June 2018

Counties with Presidential Disaster Declarations Related to Flooding — 1993-2017

The Iowa Flood Center

- In 2009, the Iowa Legislature established the Iowa Flood Center, in Iowa Code chapter 466C.

- The Center has completed new floodplain maps for 85 of Iowa's 99 counties; has developed a library of flood-inundation maps for many Iowa communities; and has developed a network of stream sensors to better monitor stream flow.

- The Iowa Flood Information System (IFIS) provides information on current flood conditions to the public in real-time.

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