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Michael Marshall
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol Building
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Carmine Boal
Chief Clerk of the House
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Dear Mr. Marshall and Ms. Boal:

Enclosed please find the annual report on the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP).

This report was prepared for the Government Oversight Committee and Fiscal Committee in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 29C.20A (5).

This report is also available on the Department of Human Services website at <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/Partners/Reports/LegislativeReports/LegisReports.html>.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis Harbison
Policy Advisor

Enclosure

cc: Governor Terry E. Branstad
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2012 Annual Report

Iowa Disaster Aid Individual Assistance

During the 2007 Session, the Iowa General Assembly created a reimbursement-based grant assistance program to assist Iowans during times of disaster.

This legislation created a Disaster Aid Individual Assistance Fund for the use of the Executive Council. Grants may be provided to qualifying individuals and families following a Governor's Individual Assistance Disaster Proclamation. The fund may be used to make financial grants of up to \$1 million in a fiscal year and may be increased if the need exists. The Iowa Department of Human Services administers the fund. Grants are provided to individuals or families for losses or damages to property related to the disaster event. Grants are capped at \$5,000.00 per household. Specifics on the program can be found in Iowa Administrative Code Section 441, Chapter 58.

To be eligible for assistance, an individual must have a self-declared annual income that is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline. The income eligibility limit for a single person is presently \$22,340. For families, the household income must be less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level based on the number of members in the household. For a family of four the income figure is \$46,100.

In FY 2012, Governor Branstad signed one Disaster Emergency Proclamation that activated IIAGP. This event was in the counties of Fremont and Union. The average reimbursement grant provided for 2012 calendar year events was \$2,816.24. A total of \$61,957.26 of state-only dollars was provided in grant assistance to Iowans during this event.

You will find details on this effort below. The information will provide detail on:

- The type of incident and month of declaration
- Fiscal year of the incident
- Impacted counties
- Number of approved applicants
- Total grant dollars expended

Date/Type of Incident	Fiscal Year	Impacted Counties	Number of Approved Applicants	Total Grant Dollars
April 2012 Tornados	2012	Fremont and Union	22	\$61,957.26