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IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY AND
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Dear Committee Chairs;

Attached to this letter, please find the Annual Report on the activities in 2008 for the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program. This report is presented to the Government Oversight Committee and Fiscal Committee in accordance with Code of Iowa Chapter 29C.20A(4).

This report has been developed by the staff of the Iowa Department of Human Services and the Iowa Department of Public Defense, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

David L. Miller
Administrator

2008 Annual Report

Iowa Disaster Aid Individual Assistance

During the 2007 Session, the Iowa General Assembly passed two bills creating a reimbursement based grant assistance program to assist Iowans during times of disaster. Senate File 305 created the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) on a short-term emergency basis while House File 896 established the program as a permanent part of the Code of Iowa. The program was further amended during the 2008 Session to increase the eligibility limits and the maximum award amount.

This legislation created a disaster aid individual assistance fund for the use of the executive council. The fund may be used to make financial grants of up to \$1 million in a fiscal year following a Governor's Disaster Proclamation to meet the needs of individuals affected by the disaster. The Iowa Department of Human Services administers the fund. Grants are provided to individuals as reimbursement for expenditures incurred related to the disaster event. The individual reimbursement grant is capped at \$5,000.00 per household. Specifics on the program can be found in the 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 \$20,800. 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 \$42,400.

In 2008, Governor Culver signed three Disaster Emergency Proclamations that activated IIAGP. 254 grant assistance applications were received with 48 qualifying for assistance during 2008. The average reimbursement grant provided for all events during 2008 was \$1,421.25. A total of \$68,227.74 of state-only dollars was provided in grant assistance to Iowans during 2008.

For the five instances where the Program processed applications, you will find details on these efforts detailed below. The information will provide detail on:

- The type of incident and date of declaration
- Number of impacted Counties
- Categories of eligible expenses
- Number of requests and amount requested for each category
- Number of approved requests and approved funding amounts
- Average amount disbursed
- Average amount of temporary housing reimbursed and average number days reimbursed
- Listing of declared counties

Individual Assistance Funding

May 2008 Severe Storms (Disaster ID 2008501) - Became Federal disaster #1763

Declared Counties: Adams, Adair, Allamakee, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Boone, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clayton, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fremont, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Kossuth, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Mitchell, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscatine, Page, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Scott, Shelby, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth, and Wright.

| Category | Total Requests | Amount Requested | Total Approved | Total Amount Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Kitchen Equipment | 98 | \$ 45,231.55 | 7 | \$ 3,265.00 |
| Kitchen Food | 104 | \$ 9,554.54 | 5 | \$ 380.00 |
| Bathroom | 95 | \$ 7,592.05 | 5 | \$ 270.00 |
| Bedroom furnishings | 102 | \$ 42,765.38 | 12 | \$ 3,900.38 |
| Bedroom Clothing | 107 | \$ 31,427.11 | 13 | \$ 2,762.00 |
| HVAC | 35 | \$ 54,004.00 | 5 | \$ 8,349.20 |
| Water Heater | 69 | \$ 27,625.56 | 8 | \$ 3,393.32 |
| Dehumidifier | 62 | \$ 9,532.44 | 12 | \$ 1,774.00 |
| Sump Pump | 52 | \$ 9,877.51 | 11 | \$ 1,973.94 |
| Infant Car Seat | 15 | \$ 600.00 | 1 | \$ 40.00 |
| Electrical Mechanical | 67 | \$ 19,752.52 | 10 | \$ 2,520.24 |
| Vehicle | 40 | \$ 16,541.18 | 1 | \$ 267.50 |
| Home Structure | 50 | \$ 44,569.31 | 5 | \$ 3,702.00 |
| Home Interior | 84 | \$ 67,415.23 | 14 | \$ 11,040.06 |
| Temporary Housing | 63 | \$ 54,262.76 | 3 | \$ 793.88 |
| Total | 219 | \$ 440,751.14 | 27 | \$ 44,431.52 |

Average Total Paid: \$ 1,645.61

Average Food Replacement Amount: \$ 76.00

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| Average Temporary Housing: | Amount | Days |
| | \$ 264.63 | 5.29 |

**Individual Assistance Funding
September 2008 Flooding (Disaster ID 2008901)**

Declared Counties: Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa and Van Buren

| Category | Total Requests | Amount Requested | Total Approved | Total Amount Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Kitchen Equipment | 1 | \$ 150.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 |
| Kitchen Food | 0 | \$ - | 0 | \$ - |
| Bathroom | 2 | \$ 159.73 | 1 | \$ 69.73 |
| Bedroom furnishings | 3 | \$ 861.52 | 3 | \$ 861.52 |
| Bedroom Clothing | 3 | \$ 852.52 | 3 | \$ 852.52 |
| HVAC | 2 | \$ 2,519.90 | 2 | \$ 2,519.90 |
| Water Heater | 3 | \$ 1,169.93 | 3 | \$ 1,169.93 |
| Dehumidifier | 2 | \$ 299.44 | 2 | \$ 299.44 |
| Sump Pump | 0 | \$ - | 0 | \$ - |
| Infant Car Seat | 0 | \$ - | 0 | \$ - |
| Electrical Mechanical | 5 | \$ 1,227.23 | 5 | \$ 1,190.18 |
| Vehicle | 1 | \$ 500.00 | 1 | \$ 500.00 |
| Home Structure | 2 | \$ 1,050.00 | 2 | \$ 1,050.00 |
| Home Interior | 6 | \$ 4,762.54 | 6 | \$ 4,762.54 |
| Temporary Housing | 0 | \$ - | 0 | \$ - |
| Total | 18 | \$ 13,552.81 | 11 | \$ 13,425.76 |

Average Total Paid: \$ 1,220.52

Average Food Replacement Amount: \$ -

Average Temporary Housing: Amount Days
\$ - 0