

CHAPTER 53
FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE
H.F. 553

AN ACT relating to federal disaster assistance to state and local governments and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 29C.6, Code 1985, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 17. When the president of the United States has declared a major disaster to exist in the state and upon the governor's determination that financial assistance is essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of local and state government adversely affected by a major disaster that cannot be otherwise adequately met from other means of assistance, accept a grant by the federal government to fund such financial assistance, subject to terms and conditions imposed upon the grant, and enter into an agreement with the federal government pledging the state to participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized to local government in an amount not to exceed ten percent of the total eligible expenses, with local government providing fifteen percent. If financial assistance is granted by the federal government for state disaster-related expenses or serious needs, the state shall participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the total eligible expenses. If state funds are not otherwise available to the governor, an advance of the state share may be accepted from the federal government to be repaid when the state is able to do so.

Sec. 2. Section 29C.20, Code 1985, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. If the president of the United States, at the request of the governor, has declared a major disaster to exist in this state, the executive council may make financial grants to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of local governments adversely affected by the major disaster if those expenses or needs cannot otherwise be met from other means of assistance. The amount of the grant shall not exceed ten percent of the total eligible expenses and is conditional upon the federal government providing at least seventy-five percent of the eligible expenses.

Sec. 3. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect from and after its publication in *The New Iowa Bystander*, a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and in *The Grundy Register*, a newspaper published in Grundy Center, Iowa.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in *The Grundy Register*, Grundy Center, Iowa on May 2, 1985 and in *The New Iowa Bystander*, Des Moines, Iowa on May 10, 1985.

MARY JANE ODELL, *Secretary of State*