

## Governor Culver Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration for Des Moines, Lee Counties

DES MOINES – The Governor has requested a Major Disaster Declaration for damages sustained in Des Moines and Lee counties following severe weather, flooding and flash flooding on May 12-13, 2010. The Presidential Declaration would provide funding under the [Public Assistance Program](#) to rebuild damaged infrastructure for public and certain non-profit agencies.

“The continued rains and severe weather across southern Iowa are only complicating the flood damage sustained last month,” Governor Culver said. “I am looking forward to working with our federal partners as we begin the recover process in Des Moines and Lee counties. I ask for this process to proceed with all due speed.”

An assessment by Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and local emergency management staff found that the severe weather caused an estimated \$4.8 million in Public Assistance Program eligible damages in Des Moines and Lee Counties. Below is an assessment of the damages covered under the Public Assistance Program.

<b>Des Moines County</b> <b>Total estimated damages: \$3,950,238</b>						
<b>Categories</b>						
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>
\$345,074	\$328,049	\$1,143,275	\$1,746,600	\$63,834	\$221,700	\$101,705

<b>Lee County</b> <b>Total estimated damages: \$858,976</b>						
<b>Categories</b>						
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>
\$74,919	\$21,800	\$448,249	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$307,008

Here is a snapshot of the categories:

- **Category A:** Removal of debris, including clearance of trees, woody debris, and building wreckage; sand, mud, silt, and gravel; and other disaster-related material on public property.
- **Category B:** Measures taken before, during, and after a disaster to save lives and protect public health and safety.

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- **Category C:** Roads, bridges, and associated features, such as shoulders, ditches, culverts, lighting and signs.
- **Category D:** Water control facilities, including drainage channels, pumping facilities, and the emergency repair of levees. Permanent repair of flood control works is the responsibility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- **Category E:** Buildings including their contents and systems.
- **Category F:** Utility distribution systems, such as water treatment and delivery systems, power generation facilities and distribution lines, and sewage collection and treatment facilities.
- **Category G:** Public parks, recreational facilities and other facilities, including playgrounds, swimming pools and cemeteries.

The declaration request first goes to the FEMA Regional Office in Kansas City. It then will be forwarded to FEMA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where it will be reviewed before going on to the White House and the federal Office of Budget and Management.

Following recent severe storms and heavy rainfall, the Governor is continuing to review damage information from local officials. If damages warrant, Governor Culver may request additional assistance.

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