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Governor Culver Adds Fayette County to Disaster Proclamation

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today added Fayette County to a disaster proclamation in response to recent flash flooding. The proclamation was issued on Friday for Black Hawk, Jasper and Lyon counties.

The disaster proclamation authorizes the implementation of the State Individual Assistance Grant Program to assist eligible residents of those counties. The state’s Individual Assistance Program provides up to $5,000 in reimbursements for damages incurred for individuals and families whose income is less than 200 percent above the poverty level.

Application information for residents in counties where the State Individual Assistance Grant Program has been made available is posted on the Department of Human Services Web site. For more information on the state's Individual Assistance Program, visit the Department of Human Services’ website and click on Storm Help, or call 1-877-937-3663.

Reminder: The following 31 counties are already under state disaster proclamations from earlier June storms: Buena Vista, Butler, Clay, Davis, Emmet, Hamilton, Howard, Humboldt, Jefferson, Kossuth, Lee, O’Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Van Buren, Webster, Cherokee, Decatur, Franklin, Hancock, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Polk, Ringgold, Sioux, Taylor, Union, Wapello, Warren, and Wright.

Time is running out for families and individuals in some counties to apply for the State Individual Assistance Grant Program. Applications must be received within 45 days after a proclamation has been made. The earliest proclamation was issued on June 22. Applicants are reminded that this is a reimbursement program, so it is important when applying for grants to send original receipts for costs of recovering from storms and flooding. Call 1-877-937-3663 with any questions.

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