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Governor Culver Adds Lucas County to Disaster Proclamation

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today added Lucas County to a disaster proclamation in response to recent flash flooding. The disaster proclamation issued last week also includes the following counties: Black Hawk, Fayette, Jasper, Lyon and Shelby.

The proclamation authorizes the implementation of the State Individual Assistance (IA) Grant Program to assist eligible residents of those counties. The State’s IA Program provides up to $5,000 in reimbursements for damages incurred for individuals and families whose income is less than 200 percent above federal poverty level. That means individuals making $21,660 or less may qualify, and a family of four making $44,100 or less may qualify.

Time is running out for families and individuals in some counties to apply for the State IA 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.

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 (DHS) website. Visit the DHS website and click Storm Help, or call 1-866-434-4692.

The following 31 counties are also 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.

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