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Governor Culver Adds Buchanan, Clayton, Dickinson and Jackson Counties to Disaster Proclamation

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today added Buchanan, Clayton, Dickinson and Jackson counties to a disaster proclamation due to recent flash flooding. Dubuque County was declared on Friday. Delaware and Jones counties were added Saturday.

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. That means individuals making \$21,660 or less may qualify, and a family of four making \$44,100 or less may qualify.

Governor Culver has spent the last three days in Northeastern Iowa talking to local officials and residents about flooding issues and mitigation.

"The State Individual Assistance Grant Program is a way for the state to help these folks get back on their feet," Culver said. "It's been incredible to see people's spirits so high despite many Iowans losing their homes and everything in it. We were very fortunate to come out of this disaster without the loss of life. That is a testament to the dedication of our public safety and emergency personnel who had a matter of minutes to evacuate their communities. Now we turn our focus to getting the resources these flood victims need to rebuild their lives."

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' website. Visit the DHS [website](#) and click "Storm Help," or call toll-free **1-866-434-4692**.

The following 37 counties are also under state disaster proclamations for State Individual Assistance from earlier storms in June and July: Black Hawk, Buena Vista, Butler, Clay, Davis, Emmet, Fayette, Hamilton, Howard, Humboldt, Jasper, Jefferson, Kossuth, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Van Buren, Webster, Cherokee, Decatur, Franklin, Hancock, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Polk, Ringgold, Shelby, Sioux, Taylor, Union, Wapello, Warren, Wright and Dubuque. A proclamation for state resources only was issued on July 20 for Appanoose County.

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