

## **Culver Rolls Out “Iowans Helping Iowans” Program to State’s Flood Victims Affected Iowans Are Urged to Register with FEMA as First Step in Application Process**

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today rolled out the “Iowans Helping Iowans” flood assistance program, meant to help families and businesses get back on their feet after this summer’s floods and tornados. Up to \$7.5 million will be provided for homeowner assistance, up to \$7.5 million for business assistance, and up to \$5 million for unmet needs totaling up to \$20 million.

“Right now, there are many Iowans with unmet needs and we are going to help them,” Culver said Monday. “We are going to be certain all Iowans have the resources they need to rebuild.”

“Iowans Helping Iowans” means the state will come together to use state resources to assist people who have been hit hard by several flooding incidents in the past four months.

“Iowans Helping Iowans” primarily focuses on housing and business recovery.

### **Who is eligible for Iowans Helping Iowans program:**

Anyone affected by the natural disasters in a county that has been Presidentially-declared for Individual Assistance is eligible for the “Iowans Helping Iowans” program. This includes the following 32 counties: Black Hawk, Cherokee, Clayton, Decatur, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, Mahaska, Marion, O’Brien, Osceola, Polk, Ringgold, Sioux, Story, Taylor, Union, Warren, Webster, and Wright.

Homeowners must first register with FEMA and be awarded some form of FEMA housing assistance to be eligible for “Iowans Helping Iowans”. Businesses must first be approved for a disaster-related loan by eligible lender, including conventional lenders, to be eligible for “Iowans Helping Iowans.”

### **State Assistance is still available for those currently not in Presidentially Declared Disaster areas:**

As of today, residents in 10 counties are covered by disaster proclamations and may register for state Individual Assistance from storms in June, July and August: Appanoose, Boone, Buchanan, Calhoun, Dickinson, Johnson, Keokuk, Monona, Shelby and Washington.

Individuals in these counties should call the State Individual Assistance Program at 1-866-434-4692 or visit [www.dhs.iowa.gov](http://www.dhs.iowa.gov) and click on the Storm Help link.

**Additional assistance for farmers:**

In addition, agricultural producers who sustained losses from recent flooding and severe weather may be eligible to apply for assistance through their local Farm Service Agency office. Visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA) and select the State Offices link at the top of the page for more information.

**Federal Assistance:**

Anyone who sustained losses in the designated counties may also be eligible for federal support and are encouraged to immediately begin registering for assistance online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time). Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves, details on insurance coverage, and any other information to help substantiate losses.

For more information on “Iowans Helping Iowans”, please [click here](#).

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