

Three Counties Added to Presidential Disaster Declaration

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver has received word that three Iowa counties have been added to a July Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Two counties – Appanoose and Wapello – have been added to the declaration for Individual Assistance, and another county – Pocahontas – is eligible for Public Assistance.

A fourth county, Henry County, was also added to the declaration for Public Assistance on Sept. 9.

Individual Assistance

Individual Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Public Assistance funds are available to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations (including rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities) for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities.

The 34 counties eligible for federal Individual Assistance are: Appanoose, 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, Wapello, Warren, Webster, and Wright.

The deadline for individuals to apply for Individual Assistance is Oct. 13, 2010. Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the 34 designated counties may immediately begin registering for assistance online 24/7 at 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 are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, local time, until further notice. 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.

Public Assistance

There are now 59 counties eligible for federal Public Assistance funding. Applicants in 32 of the counties have until Sept. 27, 2010, to request Public Assistance: Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Buena Vista, Butler, Cherokee, Clay, Davis, Decatur, Franklin, Howard, Humboldt, Iowa, Lee, Lyon, Madison, Marion, Mills, Monroe, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Ringgold, Shelby, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Wayne, Webster and Wright.

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Applicants in 26 of the counties have until Oct. 9, 2010, to request Public Assistance: Black Hawk, Boone, Buchanan, Calhoun, Clarke, Clayton, Dallas, Delaware, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Guthrie, Hamilton, Henry, Ida, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Keokuk, Lucas, Mahaska, Polk, Sioux, Story and Washington.

Funding to Date

As of the close of business on Sept. 16, more than \$15.8 million has been approved for Housing Assistance and approximately \$1.7 million has been approved for Other Needs Assistance for affected Iowans. Other Needs Assistance may include grants for medical, dental, and funeral expenses; furniture, clothing and certain appliances; vehicle costs; and other eligible expenses. Additionally, the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved more than \$3.7 million for home and business loans.

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