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Governor Branstad Launches Individual Disaster Assistance Grant Program

DES MOINES – Gov. Terry E. Branstad today launched the Iowa individual disaster assistance grant program in wake of the recent storm damage in Buena Vista, Monona, Pocahontas and Sac counties. The program provides grants up of to \$5,000 for households with incomes of up to 200 percent of federal poverty levels, or a maximum of \$37,000 annual income for a family of three.

The governor reminds applicants that original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery.

This year, for the first time, the grant program allows local authorities to establish a voucher system to help people who do not have the up-front funds to begin repairs. Iowans can check with county emergency management coordinators to learn the status of local voucher programs.

Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and for the expense of temporary housing. The grant application and instructions are available at the "Storm Help" link on the front page of the Department of Human Services website at www.dhs.iowa.gov. Applications must be received within 45 days.

For more information, please visit www.Governor.iowa.gov.

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