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Important Resources

2008 Flood Resource Center
www.flood2008.iowa.gov

Apply for assistance
FEMA Registration
1-800-621.3362

Volunteer
Iowa Concern Hot Line
1-800-447-1985

www.flood2008.iowa.gov
(*Volunteer Opportunities* link in Navigation box)

Donate
Embrace Iowa 515.447.4222
www.embraceiowa.org

Safeguard Iowa Partnership
www.flood2008.iowa.gov
(*Donations* link in Navigation box)

Iowa's Recovery Begins

Clean-up continues and recovery has begun following the tornadoes, flooding, and severe weather that devastated Iowa this spring and summer.

Seventy-eight Iowa counties have received Presidential Disaster Declarations, making citizens, businesses, and government entities eligible for assistance. Sixty-two counties were designated for individual assistance, which allows homeowners, renters, business owners and non-profit organizations to recover from the effects of severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that began May 25 and continues.



Flooding in Cedar Rapids.

Seventy-seven counties were designated for Public Assistance. Public Assistance funds pay the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities. See a list of counties included in the Presidential Disaster Declaration on page 4.

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Nearly \$154 Million in Aid Approved

The Presidential Disaster Declaration for Iowa made assistance available for Iowa homeowners, renters, businesses, and government and non-profit entities.

As of July 9, \$153.9 million has been approved in the following categories:

Housing Assistance	\$84.5 million
Other Needs Assistance	\$9.0 million
Small Bus. Admin. Loans	\$53.5 million
Public Assistance obligated	\$6.9 million

Application Deadline Extended

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has extended the filing deadline to apply for federal individual assistance to September 27, 2008.

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Governor Culver Unveils “Rebuild Iowa” Plan

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On June 27, Governor Chet Culver and Lt. Governor Patty Judge unveiled the Rebuild Iowa plan, a bipartisan recovery initiative to help Iowans recover from the recent disasters. As part of the plan, Governor Culver announced the creation of the Rebuild Iowa Commission, which will be chaired by Iowa National Guard Adjutant General Ron Dardis. The 15-member bi-partisan commission will be assessing the impact of the disaster on the state and recommend initial steps in recovery to the Governor and Legislature. The Commission will also develop a comprehensive long-term vision for rebuilding Iowa and make recommendations for strategies to achieve that vision. In addition, the Commission will advise on the state’s ongoing recovery efforts at the federal, state, and local levels and assess progress towards meeting the rebuilding vision.

The Governor also established the Rebuild Iowa Office, which will coordinate the work of state agencies, maximize federal assistance, secure efficient delivery and strategic application of state and federal resources, and support the Rebuild Iowa Commission.

Prior to seeking a Presidential Disaster Declaration, Governor Culver designated 86 Iowa counties as

state disaster areas. Counties designated by the Governor are: Adair, Adams, Allamakee, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clayton, Crawford, Clinton, Dallas, Delaware, Dubuque, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fremont, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Jefferson, Keokuk, Kossuth, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Mitchell, Monona, Montgomery, Muscatine, Mahaska, Madison, Mills, Monroe, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Scott, Story, Shelby, Tama, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Webster, Winneshiek, Worth, Wright, Washington, Wayne, and Winnebago.



Aerial view of flooded area near Burlington.



Flooding in Des Moines' Birdland Park neighborhood.

Individuals, Businesses, Government, Non-Profits May Apply for Aid

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Affected residents may apply for Individual Assistance, which includes assistance for temporary disaster housing and for the repair of disaster-damaged homes, returning them to livable condition. Residents may also be eligible for Other Needs Assistance programs for serious, disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by insurance or other assistance programs.

Homeowners, renters, private non-profit organizations and businesses of all sizes may also be eligible for low-interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration.

Public Assistance funds pay the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing of damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities. A series of applicant briefings were held for local officials to explain the application process. See page 5 for more on Public Assistance funding.

How to Register for Assistance

Individuals may register for assistance online at www.fema.gov anytime or by calling toll-free **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or (TTY) **1-800-462-7585** for those with hearing or speech impairments. Representatives are available from **6 a.m.-11 p.m., seven days a week**.

Applicants may also call those numbers to check on the status and update their applications or report any additional damage.

After registering, applicants may visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to get information on assistance programs. To find a DRC, go to www.flood2008.iowa.gov, and click on the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center Locator link near the top of the page. It is best to register with FEMA prior to visiting a Disaster Recovery Center.

The deadline for registration for federal Individual Assistance is September 27.

Special Needs Assistance

Senior citizens and those with disabilities who need help filling out forms, managing finances, or need information on home repairs, loans, medical needs and transportation may call the FEMA registration number above.

Iowa Individual Assistance Program

Iowa's Individual Assistance Grant Program is for low-income residents in counties covered under a Governor's Proclamation of Disaster (Iowa's program is automatically superceded when the President declares a county to be eligible for the federal Individual Assistance program.)

For more information call 877-937-3663 or visit www.dhs.state.ia.us and click on the Storm Help link.

Visit the 2008 Flood Resource Center
www.flood2008.iowa.gov

78 Counties Receive Presidential Disaster Declaration

This is a listing of counties that have received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA), or both.

1. Butler County- IA/PA
2. Black Hawk County- IA/PA
3. Buchanan County- IA/PA
4. Delaware County- PA/IA
5. Adams County- IA/PA
6. Page County- IA/PA
7. Marion County- IA/PA
8. Story County- IA/PA
9. Tama County- IA/PA
10. Union County- IA/PA
11. Boone County- PA/IA
12. Cerro Gordo County- PA/IA
13. Crawford County- PA/IA
14. Dallas County- PA/IA
15. Dubuque County- PA/IA
16. Floyd County- PA/IA
17. Franklin County- PA/IA
18. Benton County- IA/PA
19. Bremer County- IA/PA
20. Fayette County- IA/PA
21. Hardin County- IA/PA
22. Johnson County- IA/PA
23. Linn County- IA/PA
24. Cedar County- IA/PA
25. Jones County- IA/PA
26. Louisa County- IA/PA
27. Muscatine County- IA/PA
28. Polk County- IA/PA
29. Winneshiek County- IA/PA
30. Allamakee County- IA/PA
31. Des Moines County- IA/PA
32. Fremont County- IA/PA
33. Harrison County- IA/PA
34. Clayton County- IA/PA



Aerial view of flooding in Coralville.

35. Grundy County- PA
36. Howard County- PA
37. Iowa County- PA/IA
38. Marshall County- PA/IA
39. Mitchell County- PA/IA
40. Ringgold County-PA
41. Worth County- PA/IA
42. Wright County- PA/IA
43. Chickasaw County-IA/PA
44. Jasper County-IA/PA
45. Mahaska County-IA/PA
46. Mills County-IA/PA
47. Monona County-IA/PA
48. Warren County-IA/PA
49. Adair County- PA
50. Hancock County-PA/IA
51. Humboldt County-PA
52. Kossuth County- PA/IA
53. Madison County-PA/IA
54. Taylor County- PA
55. Webster County- PA/IA
56. Lee County-IA/PA
57. Wapello County- IA/PA
58. Cass County-PA
59. Clinton County-PA/IA
60. Decatur County-PA/IA
61. Greene County-PA/IA
62. Guthrie County-PA
63. Hamilton County- PA/IA
64. Montgomery County-PA
65. Poweshiek County-PA
66. Scott County-IA/PA
67. Carroll County-PA
68. Jackson County-PA
69. Keokuk County-PA/IA
70. Washington County-PA/IA
71. Davis-PA/IA
72. Henry-PA
73. Lyon-PA
74. Palo Alto-PA
75. Pocahontas-PA
76. Pottawattamie—PA/IA
77. Van Buren -- PA/IA
78. Lucas -- IA

Public Assistance Helps Rebuild Public Facilities

More than \$6.9 million in federal aid has been obligated to Iowa government entities and certain non-profit entities that sustained losses from the recent flooding, tornadoes, and severe weather.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly-owned facilities and the facilities of certain private non-profit organizations.

So far, 587 eligible applications have been received, and 26 projects have been obligated. In Iowa, the FEMA share of the eligible expenses is normally 75 percent of the total cost, with 10 percent coming from state funds and local entities providing 15 percent. As of July 1, 2008, FEMA will fund 90 percent of the costs for emergency protective measures only. Governor Culver had requested 100 percent federal funding for disaster public assistance for emergency protective measures and debris removal. Iowa is awaiting a decision on the Governor's request on debris removal costs.



"Due to the widespread damage and destruction seen across our state, I had requested 100 percent funding for debris removal and emergency services. And as the assessments continue and we learn more about the magnitude of this disaster, it will take billions of dollars to help return life to normal for Iowans," said Governor Culver. "If there ever was a time we needed 100 percent reimbursement for emergency services and debris removal, this is it."

Emergency Operations Center Grant Deadline Approaches

State and local governments have an opportunity to apply for funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FY 2008 Emergency Operations Center Grant Program. The grant program is intended to address deficiencies and needs to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable EOCs. States, counties, or communities with an EOC are eligible applicants. There is a 25 percent cash or in-kind match requirement.

Kyle Karsjen has been identified as the primary point of contact for this process. Both Lynda Wessel and Tom Baumgartner can also be of assistance, if you are not able to reach Kyle.

The deadline for submitting applications to Kyle is July 21, 2008.

The link to the EOC grant information can be found in the quick links section on the HSEMD Web site at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org.

Contact Kyle at 515-725-3231 or kyle.karsjen@iowa.gov.

Iowa Floods Provide a Real-World Test for C/ACAMS

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As reported over the last few weeks, heavy rains across the Midwest have caused severe flooding and the failure of a significant number of levees along the Mississippi River system in Wisconsin and Iowa. Floodwaters continue to inundate vast expanses of farmland further downstream in Missouri and Illinois and are expected to have serious long-lasting impacts on agricultural and industrial infrastructures in addition to the significant damage already done to homes and businesses throughout the impacted states. While these floods have no doubt been a personal and economic catastrophe for millions of people, they also provided infrastructure protection specialists in the affected states with a chance to put C/ACAMS (Constellation/Automated Critical Asset Management System) to the test to support infrastructure response and recovery efforts. In particular, the State of Iowa's response efforts, as described briefly below, demonstrate some of the potential applications of C/ACAMS in a natural disaster response scenario.

It is important to note that C/ACAMS deployment in Iowa is still in its infancy. Iowa encountered a number of issues in their response efforts using C/ACAMS that are attributable to a relative lack of information in the system. This issue emphasizes the importance of building and validating a comprehensive catalog of infrastructures in order to derive the greatest possible benefits from C/ACAMS during an incident response. Below are some highlights from the Iowa After-Action Report.

- Iowa is currently in the early stages of a three-year plan to complete assessments and asset management questionnaires (AMQ) which limited the amount of infrastructure information populated in C/ACAMS. As a result, the limited information in the system was inadequate to provide much use during the response effort. Accessing the data in C/ACAMS was an additional burden and a major waste of emergency management personnel's time during crisis planning.

Iowa Recommendation: AMQ sections of C/ACAMS need to be filled out completely to ensure accurate information. This information will also provide impact information to the planning section [of Iowa's response element] that is vital to critical planning for any major event. SOPs (State/National) and information on potential flood plain impacts on facilities should be included in the write-up of the AMQ, RAAD, or initial assessment visit as well.

- The information in the system regarding the detailed chemical quantities for facilities in the flood plains was insufficient. Additional time was spent by the Iowa [Department of Natural Resources] and [Civil Support Team] building a list of chemicals which could have been retrieved with a simple data call within the system.

Iowa Recommendation: Federal data systems, including those used with CFATS and FASCAT, must be made compatible to ensure the existing data is available for use in an emergency situation.

- The C/ACAMS mapping tool was unresponsive or slow at times while attempting to map assets.

Iowa Recommendation: It is anticipated that these matters will be addressed with the addition of extra servers in the near future; however, the addition of an elevation tracking function within the system and additional instruction on the ability to map flood plains would be beneficial for this type of effort.

- There was a lack of communication between the affected states and territories. Broken or topped levees within a one state radius directly influenced the increased water levels detected in our area.

Iowa Recommendation: Provide in the C/ACAMS resource page a reliable list of POCs for each state within the system. This would promote information-sharing across the borders and enable a coordinated effort between neighboring states.

- The C/ACAMS system did not adequately identify or address hazards or threats that were non-terrorist related.

Iowa Recommendation: The addition of natural hazard threats (i.e. Floods, Tornados, Hurricanes, etc.) in C/ACAMS would be beneficial, and would allow facilities to plan through more likely threats to their facilities.

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HSEMD Mission

Lead, coordinate, and support homeland security and emergency management functions in order to establish sustainable communities and ensure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

O'Neil, Murray Receive ASIS Awards

Two of HSEMD's valued partners, Steve O'Neil and Maj. Leonard Murray, were honored in May by the Central Iowa Chapter of ASIS International.



Steve O'Neil

Cerro Gordo/Franklin County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Coordinator/Director Steve O'Neil received the Homeland Security Professional of the Year award. O'Neil has the distinction of being the first to receive the award for this newly-created category. He was recognized for his many accomplishments as a first responder, emergency management coordinator, and instructor.



Maj. Len Murray

Maj. Leonard Murray received the Local Police Officer of the Year (Large Size Department Category) award. Murray has served 29 years with the Des Moines Police Department in many capacities, including liaison to HSEMD. He is responsible for managing the federal grant funding distributed for use in supporting Iowa EOD and SWAT Task Forces throughout the state.

Murray's dedication and abilities have advanced City of Des Moines as well as regional and statewide first responder capabilities.

The awards were presented at the Third Annual Public Safety and Private Security Recognition Luncheon May 15 in Urbandale, sponsored by the Central Iowa Chapter of ASIS International.

O'Neil and Murray were nominated for the awards by HSEMD Assistant Homeland Security Coordinator and ASIS International members Vicki Morris. Congratulations to both on receiving these well-deserved awards!

Personnel Notes

Linda Roose has accepted an emergency management specialist position with the HSEMD Grants Bureau. Linda has worked for HSEMD as the project lead for the Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture and as a planner in the Preparedness Bureau in the shelter and hazard mitigation areas.

Jack Briggs has accepted a position within HSEMD's Threat Information and Protection Program (TIPP). Jack had been a planner in the Preparedness Bureau. Paul Sadler will be covering Jack's Region 5 counties until a replacement is hired for Jack's former position.

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www.iowahomelandsecurity.org