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Important Information

2008 Flood Resource Center
www.flood2008.iowa.gov

SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor's 6th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Oct. 5-7, 2009**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. More information to follow as the date gets closer. See you there!

HSEMD Will Administer New Community Disaster Grants

Included in the \$56 million Rebuild Iowa Bill signed by Governor Culver on Feb. 2 is \$22 million to help cities and counties recover from the tornadoes and floods that struck Iowa in 2008. The funds will be available for a broad range of recovery efforts including: assistance to nonprofit organizations, public purchase of land and accompanying structures, repair, replacement or upgrade of public infrastructure damaged by disaster, increased costs associated with revaluing property due to natural disaster, small business assistance, and assistance for replacing or rehabilitating housing.

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) will administer the dollars
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Photo by FEMA/Susie Shapira.

Nearly \$1 Billion Obligated from JFO for Disaster Assistance in Iowa

Partners at the Joint Field Office have obligated about \$997 million in funding for Iowa governments and residents as a result of the tornadoes and flooding that impacted the state last spring and summer.

As of Feb. 2, \$997.6 million in disaster assistance has been approved for

homeowners, renters, businesses, government and non-profit entities in the following categories:

Housing Assistance, \$119.9 million

Grants for rental assistance to homeowners and renters who cannot or

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Mitigation & Recovery Plans Due

For Disaster 1763 declared counties, updated Mitigation and Recovery Plans or a completed Recertification Form are due to HSEMD by close of business on Feb. 9, 2009. There can be no exceptions to this date as it is a federal requirement.

Grant Contact Changes

Because of the hiring freeze, it does not look like HSEMD will be allowed to fill the three positions assigned for management of HSEMD grants. As a result, **Doug Rossell** has been loaned to the Grants Bureau temporarily. He will take over as the point of contact for any questions associated with FFY 2006-07 HSGP. Direct to Doug any of your FFY 2006-07 HSGP requests for reimbursement, scope of work changes or budget changes. Doug can be reached at **515.725.3217** or Douglas.Rossell@iowa.gov. **Lynda Wessel** remains the point of contact for all other Homeland Security/FEMA non-disaster grants ('08-'09 HSGP, '08-'09 EMPG, '09 EOC, '08-'09 IECGP, etc.) along with any other general grant questions you might have.

Planning Requirement Set

The planning requirement for all counties this year is ESF 10. If the ESF format is unavailable by the deadline (close of business on Aug. 1, 2009), an updated Annex P will be considered sufficient.

2009 Scholarship Application Available

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Scholarship Commission has announced that applications for scholarships for the 2009-10 school year are now being accepted. Eligible individuals will be full-time students working towards a degree in emergency management, disaster management or a related field. The application deadline is May 15, 2009. The application with instructions is posted at www.iaem.com/resources/scholarships/application.htm.

Questions about the program may be directed to Scholarship Program Director **Dawn Shiley-Danzeisen** at **703.538.3542** or shiley@iaem.com.

Weather Briefs

The National Weather Service has created a Web page to help emergency managers self-brief before severe weather. Go to www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/em-briefing.php and click "EM Briefing" on the left side of the page. Ω



Nearly \$1 Billion Obligated for Disaster Assistance

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should not live in their disaster-damaged homes and grants to homeowners to make an owner-occupied structure livable.

Other Needs Assistance, \$16 million

Grants for those affected with eligible, disaster-related funeral, dental and medical expenses.

Small Business Administration, \$259 million

Loans to renters, homeowners and businesses of all sizes.

Public Assistance, \$558.3 million

Reimbursement for government-related, eligible expenses in the area of emergency response measures, debris removal and repair or restoration of disaster-damaged public infrastructure. Certain non-profit organizations providing essential services also may be eligible for reimbursement under this program. Ω

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and will work with the cities and counties declared under disaster DR-1763. Each of the cities and counties will receive a prorated amount based on the FEMA Individual Assistance and Small Business Administration loans granted in that jurisdiction. Every city and county will receive at least \$2,000.

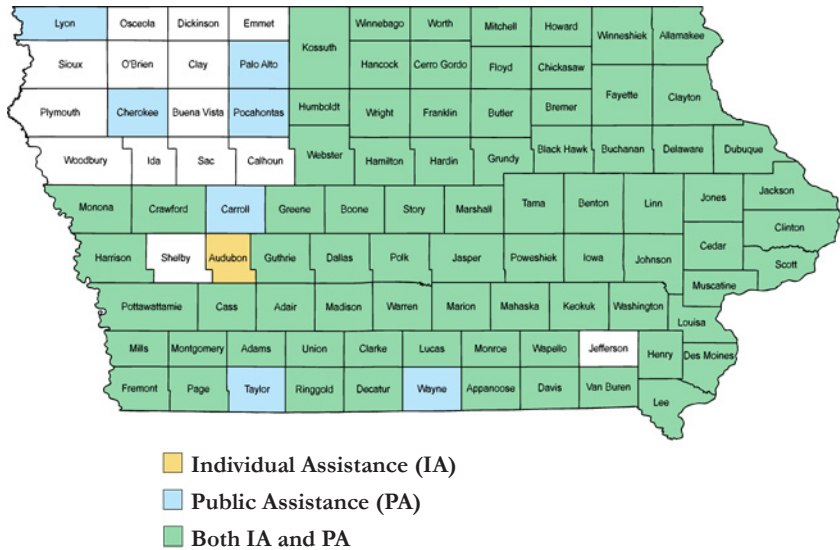
By early next week, HSEMD will send out a letter and application to every eligible mayor and board of supervisors chairperson announcing the new grant. The applications are due to HSEMD by April 1, 2009.

Here's a snapshot of the program:

Q: Who is eligible?

A: All of the counties and cities within their boundaries covered by a presidential disaster declaration under FEMA disaster DR-1763 (See Figure 1.)

Figure 1. Counties covered by Presidential Disaster Declaration in 2008



Q: What is eligible?

A: A broad range of activities:

- Nonprofit organization assistance
- Assistance for the public purchase of land and accompanying structures for purchases outside programs available from FEMA. The funds can also be used to cover the local match required under certain federal grants
- Assistance for the repair, replacement, or upgrade of public infrastructure damaged by the disaster including measures to assist in the mitigation of future damage due to natural disasters
- Assistance for increased costs associated with the revaluation and assessment of property due to a natural disaster occurring in 2008

- Small business assistance
- Assistance for the replacement or rehabilitation of housing

Q: Who will decide how the money will be spent?

A: Local policy makers will prioritize the use of the funds. Local control was one point that has been stressed during recovery and this grant will leave decisions at the local level.

The grant dollars come from the Iowa economic emergency fund and must be spent by June 30, 2010. Those receiving the grant may be audited. The legislation which created this new grant and the overall Rebuild Iowa legislation was House File 64.

By the end of next week, details on the grant will be available on the HSEMD Web site: www.iowahome-landsecurity.org

Training Opportunities

Safe Room Workshops

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) will facilitate a FEMA-sponsored Safe Room workshop. The workshops will be held in four locations throughout the state of Iowa during the week of Feb. 23–26, 2009, from noon–4 p.m. There is no cost to attend but travel, food and lodging will be the responsibility of the participant.

Bob Franke, Senior Civil Engineer with FEMA Region VII, will conduct all of the workshops. FEMA has recently published the second edition, “Design and Construction Guidance for Community Safe Rooms.” This half-day workshop will cover important topics such as costs, considerations, structural issues and operations management.

The target audience for this workshop is local governments, emergency management coordinators, architects and engineers, school districts and other interested eligible applicants.

Safe Room Workshops:

Monday, Feb. 23
State Emergency Operations Center
6100 N.W. 78th Avenue, Johnston

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Area Education Agency/ISU Extension
824 Flindt Drive, Storm Lake

Wednesday, Feb. 25
North Iowa Area Council of Governments
525 6th St. S.W., Mason City



Thursday, Feb. 26
Iowa City Public Library
123 S. Linn Street, Iowa City
(Conference Room E on 2nd floor)

To register for a workshop, please email **Lisa Behrends** at lisa.behrends@iowa.gov (515.251.3511) no later than Monday, Feb. 16. Space is limited in some locations, so register early. An agenda will be sent to participants prior to the workshops.

Five-Year Training Plan for County Coordinators

You may not be aware but HSEMD is currently in the second year of a five-year training plan. This plan was constructed around the State Administrative Code training requirements for county coordinators. As you may know the Iowa Administrative Code requires

county coordinators complete required training within five years of employment. All but one of these courses can be taken online from the FEMA independent study Web site. Several of these courses are known as Professional Development Series (PDS) Courses. These seven courses plus the Emergency Management Program Development Course (which took the place of the New Coordinator Orientation Course) are the courses that HSEMD will be hosting in the five-year training plan. Within five years each course will be offered a minimum of three times, some four times and others five times.

On the next page you will see the outline of the five-year plan. If you have questions please contact **David Hempen** at **515.725.3231** or David.Hempen@iowa.gov.

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Storm Spotter Training

Visit the National Weather Service's (NWS) page with links to spotter training all over Iowa.

NOEES (NWS Outreach & Education Event System) is a national site which lists all public outreach and spotter training. The listing includes all of Iowa's spotter talks and public outreach talks. Visit the site at <https://apps.weather.gov/outreach/IA.php>. In addition

to searching for activities in your area, you can subscribe to the RSS feeds for all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Spotter training slots are going fairly fast. So far, there are 21 talks scheduled. Thirty training slots are open. Please schedule your spotter talk as soon as you can. Slots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Ω



**REQUIRED COURSES FOR COUNTY COORDINATORS
(OFFERED BY HSEMD)**

	<i>YEAR</i>		
	2008 & 2011	2009 & 2012	2010 & 2013
<i>MONTH</i> Jan.	IS-230 Principles of Emergency Management	IS-139 Exercise Design	IS-240 Leadership & Influence
March	IS-139 Exercise Design	IS-242 Effective Communications	IS-241 Decision Making & Problem Solving
May	IS-235 Emergency Planning	IS-244 Developing & Managing Volunteers	IS-139 Exercise Design
July	IS-240 Leadership & Influence	IS-230 Principles of Emergency Management	IS-242 Effective Communications
Sept.	IS-241 Decision Making & Problem Solving	IS-235 Emergency Planning	IS-244 Developing & Managing Volunteers
Nov.	Emergency Management Program Development	Emergency Management Program Development	Emergency Management Program Development

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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.

We're on the Web!

www.iowahomelandsecurity.org

HSEMD Personnel Changes

Preparedness Bureau

Mike Raes moved from the Grants Bureau to the Preparedness Bureau as a program planner on Dec. 26, 2008. He began working for the division on April 18 of last year.

In his previous position, Mike worked as a budget analyst for the Homeland Security Grant and Buffer Zone Protection programs.

Mike's new duties include reviewing mitigation plans and sending them to FEMA for approval.

When he's not at work, Mike likes to read. He also enjoys attending night school. Ω



Mike Raes

Rebuild Iowa Day at State Capitol

On February 2, HSEMD participated in Rebuild Iowa Day at the State Capitol. HSEMD was among more than a dozen state and federal agencies, as well as several communities, who set up displays to detail their role in the disaster recovery process.

HSEMD staff provided information on the division's role in recovery, as well as in disaster preparedness, response and mitigation. Other agencies represented at Rebuild Iowa Day included the Rebuild Iowa Office, Iowa Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Dept. of Economic Development, Iowa Dept. of Elder Affairs, Iowa Dept. of Human Services, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources,



HSEMD's John Benson answers questions at the capital on February 2.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FEMA's ESF #14 Long-Term Community Recovery, Iowa Finance Authority, United States Department of Agriculture and Iowa Workforce Development. Ω