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Gov. Reynolds issues disaster proclamation for counties impacted by recent severe weather

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation today for 10 counties in response to severe weather beginning July 14 and continuing, and for one county in response to severe weather beginning June 24.

The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of this severe weather and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along with the Disaster Case Management Program, for Appanoose, Bremer, Calhoun, Davis, Fayette, Lucas, Monroe, Sac, Wapello and Winneshiek counties for the July 14 severe weather, and Lucas County for the June 24 severe weather event.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Human Services website at https://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistanceprograms. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The Disaster Case Management Program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referral to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Management Program in Calhoun County, contact New Opportunities at 712-297-7721, stop in for an application at 334 Richmond St in Rockwell City or visit www.newopp.org.

The governor had previously issued disaster proclamations for Davis, Linn, Monroe, Van Buren, and Wapello counties in response to the June 24 and continuing severe weather.

Residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to report damage to help local and state officials better understand the damage sustained. Damage to property, roads, utilities and other storm-related information may be reported. This information will be collected by the lowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies. Damage may be reported at: www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.

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