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## **Gov. Reynolds issues disaster proclamation for Dallas County**

Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation Monday for four counties in response to flooding and severe weather beginning June 14 and continuing.

The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of this severe weather in Boone, Dallas, Jasper and Polk counties and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along with the Disaster Case Management Program. Contact New Opportunities Dallas County Family Development Center for more information at 515-465-5185 or 515-478-5509.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level or a maximum annual income of \$41,560 for a family of three. You may be eligible 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. Application must be made through New Opportunities Dallas County Family Development Center. Potential applicants have until 8/16/18 to submit a claim.

The Iowa Disaster Case Management (IDCM) program is a program to address serious needs to overcome a disaster-related hardship, injury or adverse condition. 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, contact New Opportunities 515-465-5185 or 515-478-5509.

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 Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies. Report damage through the form provided by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.