

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS GUIDE:

DISASTER PROCLAMATIONS: (<https://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs>)

Governor Reynolds issued disaster proclamations for the following counties: Benton, Boone, Cedar, Clarke, Clinton, Dallas, Greene, Hardin, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Linn, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, Tama, and Washington counties in response to severe storm August 10 and continuing. **The application deadline is September 25, 2020.**

IOWA INDIVIDUAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (IIAGP)

IIAGP offers grants to families whose household's annual income is at 200% or less of the federal poverty level. Each qualifying household MAY receive up to \$5,000.00. The IIAGP is activated when the Governor issues a disaster proclamation turning on IIAGP for the affected counties. Please note - if a presidential disaster declaration for Individual Assistance is issued for a county for the same event, the state program is automatically canceled for that county, as the federal program then goes into effect. The federal program does not have an income restriction.

1. **Download Application:** [Iowa Disaster Assistance Application](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-4448%20Fillable.pdf?081320201444) or go to (<https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-4448%20Fillable.pdf?081320201444>)
2. **Contact your local Community Action Agency at www.iowacomcommunityaction.org to turn in completed application.**
3. **Call 1-877-347-5678** for additional information on the Iowa Individual Disaster Assistance Program.

FOOD ASSISTANCE REPLACEMENT

Households who currently receive Food Assistance may request replacement of food destroyed because of the recent storm damage, or spoilage as a result of a power outage. As a rule, food will keep 4 hours if stored in a refrigerator, 24 to 48 hours if stored in a freezer. Households have 10 calendar days from when they discover food loss to complete the application.

- **Digital submission:** Download and complete the [application form](#), then submit a clear image of the form to: ImagingCenter5@dhs.state.ia.us.
- Forms are available at local DHS offices and are also available by mail. Completed paper forms can be submitted to local offices in person, by mail or by fax. Use our [DHS Office Locator](#) to find the one nearest you.

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DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Disaster Case Management is a time limited resource and process that involves a partnership between a disaster case manager and a household impacted by a disaster to develop and carry out a Disaster Recovery Plan. This partnership provides the client with a single point of contact to facilitate access to a broad range of resources, promoting sustainable assistance for individual's and a household's recovery. These services are client focused and provided in a manner consistent with standards for trauma-informed practice in human services.

Contact your local Community Action Agency at www.iowacommunityaction.org to find your local agency.

DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM

The Iowa Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team (DBHRT) is a trained team of volunteers who will respond to the mental health needs of Iowa residents following disasters and critical incidents. The team provides services for community providers based on local area needs and may be delivered at a disaster site in an affected community or statewide. Services may include:

- Conduct behavioral health needs assessment following a disaster
- Provide Psychological First Aid
- Provide brief crisis counseling and intervention
- Provide community outreach
- Provide public information and education
- Provide critical incident stress debriefing
- Provide behavioral health consultation for providers, communities, and individuals
- Provide screening and referral for those affected by a disaster or critical event

Local authorities may request DBHRT assistance to meet the behavioral health needs of communities in crisis by contacting the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Duty Officer. The duty officer is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at **515-725-3231**. For more information go to www.iowadbhrt.org.