



State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS,** On Sunday, May 25, 2008 and continuing, severe storm systems moved across portions of Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** storms have resulted in widespread flooding and destruction to areas in Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** eighty-six (86) counties have been declared disaster areas as a result of said storms; and
- WHEREAS,** thirty-eight (38) of the eighty-six (86) counties (“the State Disaster Counties”) have been declared state disaster areas as a result of said storms; and are not covered by a Presidential Declaration for Individual Assistance, and
- WHEREAS,** individuals or families adversely affected by the state-declared disaster emergency may be eligible to receive money from the disaster aid individual assistance grant fund, established by Iowa Code section 29C.20A; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa Administrative Code rule 441—58.3, one of the administrative rules implementing the disaster reimbursement grant program, requires households to submit an application along with receipts for the claimed expenses within forty-five (45) days of the disaster declaration to the county emergency coordinator; and
- WHEREAS,** strict compliance with the requirement to submit receipts for the claimed expenses will prevent, hinder, or delay distribution of funds critical to those affected by the disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chester J. Culver, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the constitution Article IV, Sections 1 and 8 and Iowa Code section 29C.6(1), do hereby declare the following measures:

1. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend that portion of Iowa Administrative Code rule 441—58.3 that requires: 1) applicants for the individual assistance grants to submit receipts for claimed expenses with their applications and 2) the application to be filed within 45 days of the State Disaster Declaration. This rule suspension applies only to counties declared state disaster areas that are not covered under a Presidential Declaration for Individual Assistance.
2. In lieu of the requirement that receipts be submitted with the application, an applicant must submit with the application a short, hand-written narrative of the disaster event and how the disaster caused the loss being claimed.
3. The county emergency management or designee shall, in making the eligibility determination required by Iowa Administrative Code rule 441—58.6(1), confirm that the address provided on the application is a valid address and is reasonably believed to be in the disaster-affected area, and confirm that disaster-related expenses were possible as a result of the current disaster.
4. The recipient of an individual assistance grant must, within thirty (30) days of expenditure, submit all receipts to DHS using the address found in Iowa Administrative Code rule 441—58.6(1)(b).

5. This proclamation is effective immediately for disasters declared between May 25, 2008 and June 25 2008, and will remain in effect through the period of time during which the Disaster Counties are declared state disaster areas.
6. This proclamation will be in effect for any applications submitted on or before August 15, 2008.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE
OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES
MOINES, IOWA THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE IN
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND
EIGHT.

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE