

Iowa Department of Public Defense
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

Snow Brief – February 2011



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Public Assistance (PA) Program

- Authorized by the Stafford Act, as amended, the PA program provides grants to State and local governments, recognized tribal governments, and certain private non-profit entities to alleviate suffering and hardship resulting from major disasters and emergencies declared by the President.
- Based upon a partnership between applicants, the State, and FEMA
 - ✓ **Applicants** – identify damages, document costs, manage the projects, and help formulate projects.
 - ✓ **State** – disburses the funds, provides technical assistance to applicants, and administers the grant.
 - ✓ **FEMA** – manages the PA program, generally formulates projects, approves funding, provides technical assistance, and ensures compliance with laws and regulations.

Eligible Applicants

- State Government Agencies
- County Governments
- Municipal Governments
- Municipal Authorities
- School Districts
- Taxing Districts
- Indian Tribes
- Certain Private Non-profits

Category B

Emergency Protective Measures

- Emergency Protective Measures are those activities undertaken by a community before, during, and following a disaster that are necessary to do one of the following:
 - eliminate or reduce an immediate threat to life, public health, or safety;
 - or, eliminate or reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to improved public or private property through cost-effective measures.
- Generally, those prudent actions taken by a community to warn residents, reduce the disaster damage, ensure the continuation of essential public services, and protect lives and public health or safety are eligible for assistance.

Category B

Emergency Protective Measures: Snow Assistance

Snow removal assistance may be eligible for Public Assistance provided that:

- The snowfall is a record, or near record, amount using National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data; and,
- the response is beyond the State and local government capabilities; and,
- the action is necessary to save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect improved property.

Category B

Emergency Protective Measures:

Snow Assistance

Means assistance for all eligible activities under Category B, emergency protective measures related to a snowstorm, including;

snow removal, de-icing, salting, snow dumps, and sanding of roads and other eligible facilities, search and rescue, sheltering, and other emergency protective measures.

See Public Assistance Guide, FEMA 322,
(http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/pag07_t.shtm)

Category B

Emergency Protective Measures: Snow Assistance

Snow removal assistance may be eligible for Public Assistance provided that:

- Snow removal assistance is eligible **for a 48-hour period** to address the most critical emergency needs.
- The 48-hour period may begin at a time other than when the storm actually began.
- Each applicant designates the beginning of its 48-hour period.
- All snow plowing, salting, sanding, and related emergency work performed during the 48-hour period are eligible.
- Policy requires we use 1-, 2- or 3-day snow fall records. If a county meets or exceeds one of those amounts, they may be eligible for snow removal costs.

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Emergency Protective Measures: Snow Assistance

To receive a Presidential Declaration two monetary thresholds must be met:

- Statewide damages must first meet, or exceed
 $\$1.30/\text{capita} = \3.804 million
- Each county must also meet their threshold of
 $\$3.27/\text{capita}$

Feb. 1 or 2, 2011

1-Day Snowfall Amounts

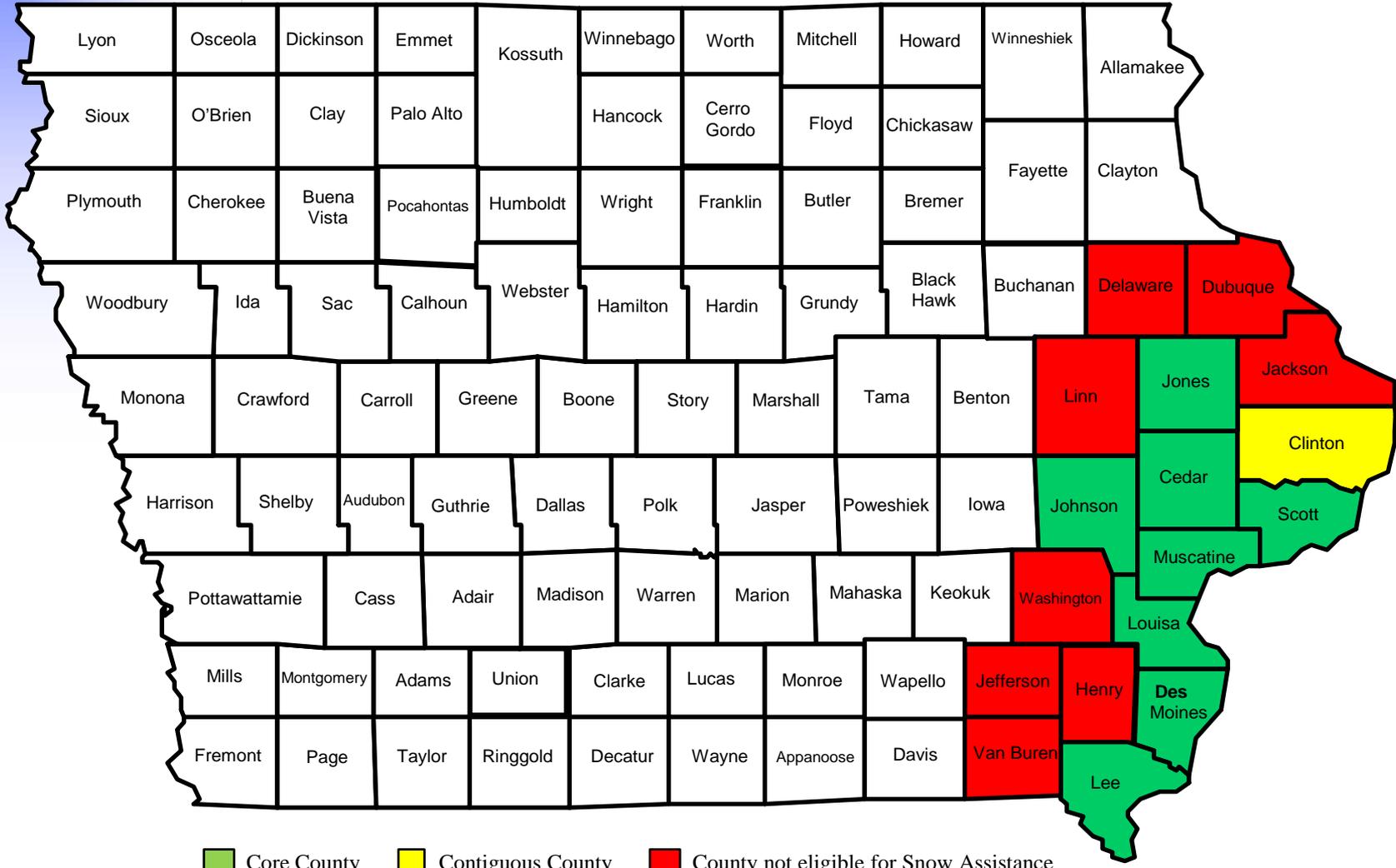
Potentially Contiguous Counties	1-Day Snowfall Total	Cedar 1-Day 17.5	Des Moines 1-Day 12.2	Johnson 1-Day 14.5	Jones 1-Day 14.0	Lee 1-Day 14.0	Louisa 1-Day 15.0	Muscatine 1-Day 15.0	Scott 1-Day 18.7
Clinton	14.0	No			Yes				No
Delaware	7.8				No				
Dubuque	10.6				No				
Henry	8.6		No			No	No		
Jackson	7.0	No			No				
Jefferson	10.0								
Linn	10.9	No		No	No				
Van Buren	0.2					No			
Washington	14.0			No			No		

Feb. 1 & 2, 2011 2-Day Snowfall Amounts

Potentially Contiguous Counties	2-Day Snowfall Total	Cedar 2-Day 18.5	Des Moines 2-Day 12.2	Johnson 2-Day 14.8	Jones 2-Day 15.0	Lee 2-Day 14.0	Louisa 2-Day 15.0	Muscatine 2-Day 16.0	Scott 2-Day 18.7
Clinton	15.0	No			Yes				No
Delaware	9.9				No				
Dubuque	13.6				No				
Henry	9.2		No			No	No		
Jackson	7.0	No			No				
Jefferson	12.0								
Linn	11.2	No		No	No				
Van Buren	0.2					No			
Washington	14.2			No			No		

State Public Assistance

Potential Snow Assistance Counties – Feb. 1-2, 2011



■ Core County
 ■ Contiguous County
 ■ County not eligible for Snow Assistance