

FEMA approves disaster loan for the City of Mapleton

DES MOINES – The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) today announced that the City of Mapleton has been granted a Community Disaster Loan (CDL) to assist the town in recovering from a devastating tornado.

“Community Disaster Loans are a valuable tool to help communities maintain essential services in the aftermath of a disaster,” said Patrick Hall, the state coordinating officer (SCO) for the disaster. “We are committed to helping every Iowa community affected by disaster recover as quickly as possible, and look forward to continuing our work with the people of Mapleton.”

The amount of the loan approved for Mapleton is \$295,571.00.

Community Disaster Loans are administered by FEMA and can be made to any local government in need of financial assistance to perform essential services. CDL applicants may include fire and police departments that provide critical community services during and in the immediate aftermath of disasters, as well as school boards, district court offices, and local governments.

The state (HSEMD) can make the request to activate the FEMA Community Disaster Loan program after a Presidential Disaster Declaration is made. An evaluation is conducted by FEMA with local government officials to determine eligibility.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was made for severe storms, flooding and tornadoes that occurred April 9-10, 2011, and included six Iowa counties: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Pocahontas and Sac. A tornado touched down the evening of April 9 in Monona County, and created a substantial amount of damage in Mapleton.

Following the declaration of a major disaster, interested applicants may request assistance through the Governor’s authorized representative. For more information about Community Disaster Loans, visit www.mrms.fema.gov/government/grant/fs_cdl.shtm .

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