

2023 IOWA INDIVIDUAL
DISASTER ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM
ANNUAL REPORT



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Introduction

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) submits this annual report for the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) to the Legislative Fiscal Committee and the Government Oversight Committee. Iowa Code § 29C.20A requires HSEMD to report annually, by January 1 of each year, concerning the activities of the IIAGP during the previous fiscal year.

During the entirety of State Fiscal Year 2023, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) administered the IIAGP. On July 1, 2023, administration of the IIAGP moved to HSEMD as part of the State of Iowa's government alignment efforts.

Program Overview

The IIAGP is a state-funded grant program that offers grants to disaster-impacted households whose income is at 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level. Each eligible household may receive up to \$5,000 for items that qualify under one of four categories: temporary housing, food assistance, personal property, and home repair. Supporting documentation is required. The IIAGP is activated when the governor issues a proclamation of disaster emergency turning on IIAGP for the affected counties. Applicants have 45 days from the date of the governor's proclamation to apply.

During SFY 2023, Iowa HHS contracted with the Iowa Community Action Association (ICAA) to implement the IIAGP. The ICAA subcontracted with 16 community action agencies across the state to implement the program at the local level.

Iowa Code § 29C.20A authorizes grant awards to the IIAGP for no more than \$1 million during a fiscal year. ICAA is compensated up to 10 percent of funds disbursed up to their contract maximum of \$1 million dollars.

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Disaster Events

In SFY 2023, Iowa experienced nine disaster events that activated the IIAGP.

- July 6, 2022 – Severe Weather
- July 25, 2022 – Severe Weather
- April 1, 2023 – Severe Weather
- April 4, 2023 – Severe Weather
- April 25, 2023, and April 28, 2023 – Flooding
- May 9, 2023, and May 10, 2023 – Severe Weather
- May 16, 2023 – Severe Weather
- May 29, 2023 – Partial Building Collapse
- June 30, 2023 – Severe Weather

For the above nine disaster events, the following 41 counties received governor’s proclamations of disaster emergency activating the IIAGP:

| County | Number of IIAGP activations | County | Number of IIAGP activations | County | Number of IIAGP activations | County | Number of IIAGP activations |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Allamakee | 2 | Harrison | 1 | Monroe | 2 | Winnebago | 1 |
| Appanoose | 2 | Iowa | 1 | Muscatine | 2 | Winneshiek | 1 |
| Benton | 1 | Jackson | 2 | O'Brien | 1 | | |
| Cedar | 1 | Jasper | 1 | Pocahontas | 1 | | |
| Clayton | 2 | Jefferson | 1 | Poweshiek | 1 | | |
| Clinton | 1 | Johnson | 1 | Ringgold | 1 | | |
| Davis | 2 | Keokuk | 1 | Scott | 2 | | |
| Delaware | 1 | Lee | 1 | Shelby | 1 | | |
| Des Moines | 1 | Linn | 1 | Story | 1 | | |
| Dubuque | 2 | Lucas | 2 | Union | 1 | | |
| Emmet | 1 | Mahaska | 1 | Wapello | 2 | | |
| Grundy | 1 | Marion | 1 | Warren | 1 | | |
| Hancock | 1 | Marshall | 1 | Washington | 1 | | |



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Program Outcomes

Households Served

During SFY 2023, 112 disaster-impacted households were financially assisted from the IIAGP. In addition, 453 applications were received, reviewed, and ultimately determined ineligible or denied for the program.

Expenditures

The following expenditure reporting for SFY 2023 is provided by Iowa HHS. This report covers expenditures for:

- Declared disasters from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023
- Expenses from SFY 2022 that were expended in SFY 2023 due to late invoices
- Expenses from December 2021 through June 2022 proclaimed disasters that were expended in SFY 2023

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| Proclamation Date | Disaster Number | Counties | Total Expenditure |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| December 16, 2021 | 1961 | Allamakee, Appanoose, Audubon, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Davis, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lucas, Madison, Marshall, Mills, Mitchell, Monroe, Montgomery, O'Brien, Page, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Sac, Shelby, Union, Washington, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Wright, Woodbury, and Worth | \$19,534.86 |
| March 7, 2022 | 1963 | Adair, Benton, Decatur, Jasper, Lucas, Polk, Madison, Tama, Warren, and Wayne | \$49,249.96 |
| April 13, 2022 | 1964 | Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Humboldt, Mitchell, Pocahontas, Winneshiek, and Worth | \$17,071.43 |
| May 31, 2022 | 1966 | Boone, Des Moines, Hamilton, Ida, Lyon, Webster | \$6,037.90 |
| June 10, 2022 | 1967 | Union | \$2,200.00 |
| July 6, 2022 | 1969 | Emmet, Hancock, O'Brien, and Winnebago | \$14,012.19 |
| July 25, 2022 | 1970 | Allamakee, Clayton, Harrison, Shelby, and Winneshiek | \$11,496.91 |
| April 1, 2023 | 1971 | Appanoose, Cedar, Clinton, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Grundy, Jackson, Johnson, Keokuk, Linn, Lucas, Mahaska, Monroe, Wapello, and Washington | \$92,650.94 |
| April 4, 2023 | 1972 | Marion and Warren | \$4,952.25 |
| April 25, 2023, and April 28, 2023 | 1973 | Allamakee, Clayton, Dubuque, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott | \$8,012.74 |
| May 9, 2023, and May 10, 2023 | 1974 | Benton, Iowa, Jasper, Marshall, Muscatine, Poweshiek, and Story | \$46,047.05 |
| May 16, 2023 | 1975 | Pocahontas | \$4,151.90 |
| May 29, 2023 | 1976 | Scott | \$3,373.87 |
| | | Total: | \$278,772.88 |

Program Transition to HSEMD

With the passage of the government alignment legislation in March 2023, discussions and activities began between HSEMD and Iowa HHS to transition the administration of the IIAGP efficiently and without issue on July 1, 2023. Weekly meetings took place from March to September with additional transition discussions with the contracted entity ICAA.

HSEMD launched a new webpage for the IIAGP and Disaster Case Management program on June 30, 2023 (homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance). The webpage provided application deadlines, an online application for the first time, as well as fillable pdf applications in three additional languages of Arabic, French, and Swahili.

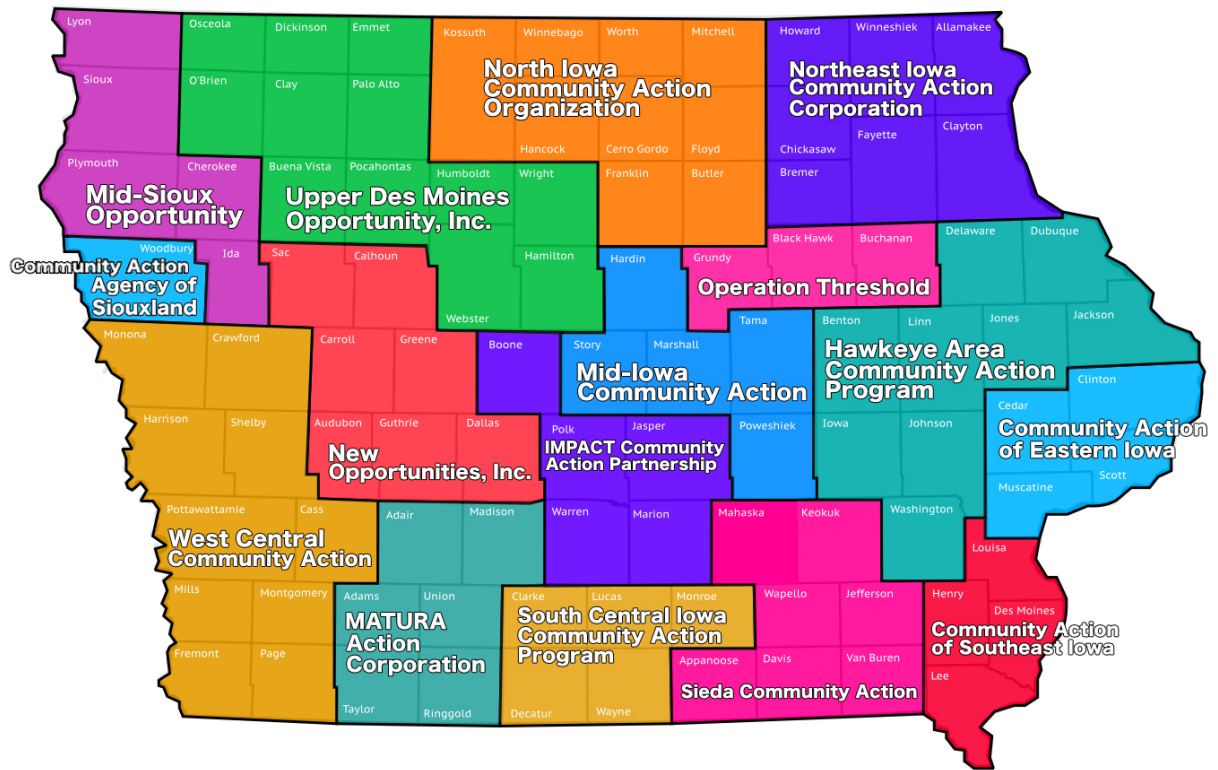
The new webpage and applications were available to be used by impacted households across southeast Iowa for the June 30, 2023, disaster proclamation for severe weather.

In SFY 2024, HSEMD intends to work closely with the ICAA and their subcontracted partners to identify gaps in service delivery, enhance reporting and communication, and increase accessibility to the program.

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Iowa Community Action Agencies



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