

I-JOBS Funding to Help with Disaster Relief

The I-JOBS program has allocated \$5 million to help Iowans whose homes were damaged or destroyed last summer due to flooding and tornadoes. The initiative will help speed the state's recovery from the disasters while providing jobs to help the state's economy recover from the national recession.

The eleven Entitlement Cities and the Councils of Governments that have been administering the state's Jumpstart Program were eligible to apply for the funds. The funding has been allocated as follows:

- Southern Iowa COG - \$275,000

- Eastern Central Iowa COG, \$691,072
- Iowa Northland Regional COG, \$181,357
- North Iowa Area COG, \$225,000
- Southwest Iowa Planning Council, \$48,362
- Cedar Falls, \$120,905
- Cedar Rapids, \$2,297,617
- Des Moines, \$162,715
- Iowa City, \$797,972
- Waterloo, \$200,000

Homeowners may apply for Disaster Damage Housing funds through their area's Council of Government or Entitlement City.

The funds may be used for interim mortgage assistance, down payment assistance on a replacement home, or rehabilitation assistance. Homeowners who have already applied for Jumpstart do not need to re-apply.

The I-JOBS program will invest \$830 million over the next two years to create and retain jobs, strengthen the economy, recover from last year's disasters, and improve Iowa's infrastructure. The bonds to fund the program will be repaid from gaming revenue, not tax increases.