

# State Flood Assistance Available

As of Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, there are 31 counties in Iowa with state disaster proclamations. These disaster proclamations allow state resources to be deployed and authorize the implementation of the State Individual Assistance Grant Program to assist eligible residents.

The grants are a maximum \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200% of federal poverty. This is a reimbursement program and original receipts are required. Grants cover damage in specified categories that are not covered by insurance, charity, or other government programs.

Residents of affected counties can apply for grants by calling 1-877-937-3663, or by finding the application on the Department of Human Services (DHS) website: [DHS Storm Help](#).

## ***Counseling Assistance***

In addition, DHS is managing the Disaster Behavioral Health Response Service. Trained volunteers and/or DHS staff are helping with door-to-door outreach in hard-hit areas, providing information and doing rumor control. For people who may need mental health counseling, they are sharing the Iowa Concern Hotline number 1-800-447-1985, which operates 24/7 from the ISU extension service. For more information, see <http://www.iowadbhrt.org/>.

## ***Public Health Flood Precautions***

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has information on their website regarding precautions the public can take during flooding. More information on cleaning flooded basements, mold, and food salvage, as well as other helpful information is available at [www.idph.state.ia.us/EmergencyResponse/Flooding.aspx](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/EmergencyResponse/Flooding.aspx).