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## **Gov. Reynolds issues disaster proclamation including the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and Iowa Disaster Case Advocacy program**

Gov. Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation April 17<sup>th</sup> for six counties in response to severe storms on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The governor's proclamation activated the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) and the Iowa Disaster Case Advocacy (IDCA) program.

West Central Community Action had 1 county declared a disaster including: Cass County.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) may provide up to \$5,000 of assistance, reimbursement and/or vendor voucher, for covered items to households at or below 200% of the federal poverty level or a maximum annual income of \$51,640 for a family of three. Application must be made through your local community action office. You may be eligible for repair or replacement of items damaged by severe storms. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of proclamation to submit a claim (June 3, 2024).

The Iowa Disaster Case Advocacy (IDCA) program is to address serious needs to overcome disaster-related hardship, injury or adverse conditions. Disaster case advocates work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance and referrals. There are no income eligibility requirement for Disaster Case Advocacy and there is no direct financial assistance provide by Disaster Case Advocacy. Disaster Case Advocacy closes 180 days from the disaster proclamation (October 14, 2024).

Additionally, individuals affected by the storms/flooding are encouraged to report their damage/losses to their county Emergency Management office.