

**CSBG DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
(IOWA)**

**PURPOSE:** On March 21, 2019, Iowa’s Governor requested an expedited major disaster declaration due to severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding. The events were of the severity and magnitude that the need for supplemental federal assistance was determined to be necessary.

Under the major disaster declaration (DR-4421-IA) signed by the President on March 21, 2019, ten Iowa counties were designated adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for federal Individual Assistance: Fremont, Harrison, Louisa, Mills, Monona, Muscatine, Pottawattamie, Scott, Shelby, and Woodbury counties. The disaster declaration incident period was from March 12, 2019 through June 15, 2019.

Iowa will receive approximately \$160,000 in CSBG disaster supplemental funds to address the consequences of the disaster. The supplemental funds must be allocated to Iowa’s community agencies (CAAs) that serve the counties affected by the disaster, and used to provide community-level disaster recovery services to low-income communities and disaster-related services and benefits to income eligible individuals.

This community needs assessment report uses data on community needs directly related to the disaster. The State CSBG Office, Iowa Community Action Association (ICAA), and CAAs will use the data in this report to create a formula for allocating the supplement funds to the CAAs that serve the counties affected by the disaster. The State CSBG Office will ensure that the allocation formula is an objective formula based on the community needs assessment data.

The four CAAs that serve the counties affected by the disaster include:

- Community Action of Eastern Iowa (Muscatine and Scott counties)
- Community Action of Southeast Iowa (Louisa county)
- West Central Community Action (Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Shelby counties)
- Community Action Agency of Siouxland (Woodbury county)

**DATA SOURCES:** 1) U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The FEMA data is from OpenFEMA for Presidential disaster declaration DR-4421-IA as of 2/4/2020.

2) Iowa Community Action Association (ICAA), Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP)

IIAGP is Iowa’s disaster assistance program. The IIAGP is activated when Iowa’s Governor issues a disaster proclamation for disasters affecting Iowa counties. The IIAGP offers disaster assistance grants to eligible households affected by the disasters. ICAA and Iowa’s Community Action Agencies (CAA) administer IIAGP. The IIAGP data is from ICAA IIAGP reports for Presidential disaster declaration (DR-4421-IA) as of 1/30/2020.

**DATA:** FEMA

1. FEMA: Iowa households affected by the disaster and registered for FEMA Individual Assistance (by County):

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>VALID REGISTRATIONS</u>
Fremont	521
Harrison	176
Louisa	86
Mills	457
Monona	73
Muscatine	35
Pottawattamie	284
Scott	320
Shelby	79
<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>504</u>
STATE TOTAL	2,535

- FEMA: Iowa households affected by the disaster and registered for FEMA Individual Assistance (by Community Action Agency):

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA

355 Muscatine (35) and Scott (320)  
14.00% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHEAST IOWA

86 Louisa (86)  
3.39% Percentage of State Total

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

1,590 Fremont (521), Harrison (176), Mills (457), Monona (73), Pottawattamie (284), and Shelby (79)  
62.72% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SIOUXLAND

504 Woodbury (504)  
19.88% Percentage of State Total

IIAGP

- IIAGP: Total FEMA household cases (by County):

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES</u>
Fremont	181
Harrison	13
Louisa	11
Mills	57
Monona	0
Muscatine	0
Pottawattamie	0
Scott	63
Shelby	1
<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>15</u>
STATE TOTAL	341

- IIAGP: Total FEMA household cases (by Community Action Agency):

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA

63 Muscatine (0) and Scott (63)  
18.48% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHEAST IOWA

11 Louisa (11)  
3.23% Percentage of State Total

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

252 Fremont (181), Harrison (13), Mills (57), Monona (0), Pottawattamie (0), and Shelby (1)  
73.90% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SIOUXLAND

15 Woodbury (15)  
4.40% Percentage of State Total

- IIAGP: FEMA household cases closed with household needs reported as MET

(by County):

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL CLOSED w/ NEEDS MET</u>
Fremont	69
Harrison	4
Louisa	5
Mills	18
Monona	0
Muscatine	0
Pottawattamie	0
Scott	47
Shelby	1
<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>11</u>
STATE TOTAL	155

4. IIAGP: FEMA household cases closed with household needs reported as MET  
(by Community Action Agency):

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA

47 Muscatine (0) and Scott (47)  
30.32% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHEAST IOWA

5 Louisa (5)  
3.23% Percentage of State Total

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

92 Fremont (69), Harrison (4), Mills (18), Monona (0), Pottawattamie (0), and Shelby (1)  
59.35% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SIOUXLAND

11 Woodbury (11)  
7.10% Percentage of State Total

5. IIAGP: FEMA household cases closed with household needs reported as NOT MET  
(by County):

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL CLOSED w/ UNMET NEEDS</u>
Fremont	37
Harrison	9
Louisa	1
Mills	8
Monona	0
Muscatine	0
Pottawattamie	0
Scott	16
Shelby	0
<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>4</u>
STATE TOTAL	75

6. IIAGP: FEMA household cases closed with household needs reported as NOT MET  
(by Community Action Agency):

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA

16 Muscatine (0) and Scott (16)  
21.33% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHEAST IOWA

1 Louisa (1)  
1.33% Percentage of State Total

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

54 Fremont (37), Harrison (9), Mills (8), Monona (0), Pottawattamie (0), and Shelby (0)  
72.00% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SIOUXLAND

4 Woodbury (4)  
5.33% Percentage of State Total

7. IIAGP: FEMA household cases open  
(by County):

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES OPEN</u>
Fremont	75
Harrison	0
Louisa	5
Mills	31
Monona	0
Muscatine	0
Pottawattamie	0
Scott	0
Shelby	0
<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>0</u>
STATE TOTAL	111

8. IIAGP: FEMA household cases open  
(by Community Action Agency):

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA

0 Muscatine (0) and Scott (0)  
0.00% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHEAST IOWA

5 Louisa (5)  
4.50% Percentage of State Total

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

106 Fremont (75), Harrison (0), Mills (31), Monona (0), Pottawattamie (0), and Shelby (0)  
95.50% Percentage of State Total

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SIOUXLAND

0 Woodbury (0)  
0.00% Percentage of State Total

9. IIAGP: FEMA household unmet needs report  
(Disaster-related unmet needs in Fremont and Mills counties):

Financial Hardship:

- 16 rental assistance
- 6 gas/transportation
- 5 mortgage assistance
- 3 non-specific
- 2 utility bills
- 2 food
- 1 legal fees
- 1 loan to purchase home
- 1 furnace bill

Furniture:

- 1 shelving units
- 1 non-specific
- 1 bed

Appliances:

- 9 furnace
- 2 water heater
- 1 washer/dryer
- 1 stove
- 1 fridge
- 1 freezer
- 1 AC/duct work

Waiting on Buyout:

- 4 buyout only
- 3 buyout and more

Other:

- 5 emotional care
- 2 affordable housing
- 1 winter clothing for children
- 1 retrieving items from home
- 1 help with debris pick up
- 1 farm under water/no crops

Rebuilding Assistance/Supplies:

(e.g. drywall, insulation, central air coil, floor, septic, foundation, plumbing, waterline, electrical, light fixtures, doors, and windows)

- 11 funding only
- 5 non-specific
- 4 funding and labor
- 3 labor only

10. IIAGP: FEMA disaster-related household needs summary  
(by Community Action Agency service area):

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA (Muscatine and Scott counties)

- Case management services
- Assistance in obtaining and managing flood recovery funds

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHEAST IOWA (Louisa county)

- Assistance with FEMA Individual Assistance appeals
- Connecting with the local Long-Term Recovery Group for services and assistance
- Financial support for repairs to property damage

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION (Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Shelby counties)

- Connecting with the local Long-Term Recovery Group for services and assistance
- Information and referrals to Project Recovery for mental health services
- LIHEAP energy assistance applications
- Assistance with Small Business Administration loan applications
- Financial support for bills, home repairs, drywall, food, and clothes

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SIOUXLAND (Woodbury county)

- Assistance with FEMA Individual Assistance applications
- Connecting with the local Long-Term Recovery Group and local organizations for services and assistance
- Financial support for hotel costs, home repairs, appliances, and groceries

**DISTRIBUTION AND USES:** The State CSBG Office will adhere to the requirements in Iowa’s statute to distribute Iowa’s CSBG disaster supplemental funds. Ninety-six percent (96%) of the supplemental funds will be distributed to the CAAs that serve the counties affected by the disaster, and four percent (4%) will be retained by the State CSBG Office for administration. The State CSBG Office will use the allocation formula, that will be developed with the data in this community needs assessment, to allocate the supplemental funds to the CAAs. The CAAs will use their supplemental funds to provide disaster-related services and benefits, that are consistent with the purposes of the CSBG, to low-income communities and income eligible individuals affected by the disaster.

Iowa will not use its CSBG disaster supplemental funds to:

- Purchase or improve land
- Purchase, construct, or permanently improve buildings or facilities

**CSBG DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION FORMULA  
(IOWA)**

The State CSBG Office, Community Action of Eastern Iowa (CAEI), Community Action of Southeast Iowa (CASEI), and West Central Community Action (WCCA) used the assessment data from Iowa’s CSBG Disaster Supplemental Community

Needs Assessment to develop Iowa’s CSBG disaster supplemental criteria and formula for allocating its supplemental funds to Iowa’s community action agencies (CAAs) that serve counties affected by the disaster. The following allocation formula is an objective formula based on assessed need.

NOTE: CASEI and Community Action Agency of Siouxland informed the State CSBG Office that they will not be applying for the CSBG disaster supplemental funds.

Criteria and Formula

- 1) Ninety-six percent (96%) of the supplemental allotment will be distributed to two CAAs and four percent (4%) will be retained by the State CSBG Office for administration.

CAAs (96%)	\$153,477
STATE CSBG OFFICE (4%)	\$6,394
<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT</b>	<b>\$159,871</b>

- 2) The State CSBG Office, CAEI, CASEI, and WCCA agreed that the State CSBG Office would use the Iowa Community Action Association, Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) total FEMA household cases data to allocate 96% of the supplemental allotment to the two CAAs that will be completing and submitting a CSBG Disaster Community Action Plan. The following are the calculation percentages and amounts that will be used:

IIAGP: Total FEMA Household Cases

	Total FEMA HH Cases	Percent	Amount
CAEI	63	20.00%	\$30,695
WCCA	252	80.00%	\$122,782
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$153,477</b>

The State CSBG Office, CAEI, CASEI, and WCCA agreed not to include CASEI’s and Siouxland’s IIAGP data in the calculation since those two CAAs will not be applying for CSBG disaster supplemental funds.

The data used for the calculation can be found on page 2 of Iowa’s CSBG Disaster Supplemental Community Needs Assessment.