Iowa Disaster Update

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Iowa Disaster 2008
Responding, Recovering, Rebuilding
This event was preceded by five federally declared disasters in the preceding 15 months

- February 2007 Severe Weather – Ice Storm
- February 2007 Record Snow
- May 2007 Severe Weather and Flooding
- August 2007 Severe Weather and Flooding
- December 2007 Severe Weather – Ice Storm
Attica
Little Sioux Scout Ranch
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Oakville
Des Moines
Iowa’s Great Floods of 2008 by the numbers

• The Governor proclaimed 86 counties disaster areas, covering nearly 45,000 square miles and almost 700 cities and towns.
• 18 fatalities and hundreds of injuries.
• 38,000 people were displaced.
• 24 state roads, 20 highways, and over 1,000 secondary roads were closed.
Iowa’s Great Floods of 2008 by the numbers

• More than **1,000** animals were placed in rescue shelters.
• More than **6 million** sandbags were distributed.
• More than **300,000** gallons of water were distributed.
Presidential Disaster Declaration

85 of Iowa’s 99 counties under Presidential Disaster Declaration
Disaster Assistance for Individuals and Businesses

Individual Assistance Program

• $138 million approved for housing and other needs assistance

Small Business Administration Loans

• $272 million in loans to renters, homeowners, and businesses
Assistance for Government and Non-profit Entities

• $817 million obligated in Public Assistance Program Funding

• Total expected to reach $1.3 billion

• Estimated number of projects: 10,000

• Funding used for:
  o Emergency response
  o Debris removal
  o Repair or restoration of public infrastructure
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

• 246 projects in development totaling $589 million

• 83 projects awarded totaling $102 million
  
  o Property acquisition (buyout)
  
  o Construction of tornado safe rooms
  
  o Infrastructure
  
  o Mitigation planning

• Enhanced Mitigation Plan means more hazard mitigation funding for Iowa

Iowa State Fairgrounds Saferoom Shelter
Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission

Bipartisan commission created by the Governor to assess disaster impacts, develop long-term vision for rebuilding, advise on state’s ongoing recovery efforts.

Rebuild Iowa Office

• Coordinate state recovery efforts
• Maximize federal assistance
• Ensure resources are being strategically applied to rebuilding efforts
• Support work of Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management works closely with the RIAC and RIO to coordinate and carry out Iowa’s disaster recovery.
$3.6 Billion Allocated to Iowa’s Recovery

In addition to FEMA assistance some major sources of funding:

- **$798.7 Million** Community Disaster Block Grant Funds
- **$302 Million** U.S. Department of Agriculture Emergency Watershed, Rural Development, Farm Services and Emergency Conservation Programs
- **$418 Million** Iowa Finance Authority Tax Credits
- **$35 Million** Jumpstart Housing and Business Programs
- **$35 Million** U.S. Department of Transportation

Complete list of funding at www.rio.iowa.gov
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