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***Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. to Provide Disaster Assistance***

**Gov. Reynolds issues disaster proclamation including the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and Iowa Disaster Case Management program for Ida, Sioux, Plymouth, and Cherokee Counties of Iowa.**

Gov. Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for four counties in the Mid-Sioux service area in response to recent flooding and severe weather. The governor’s proclamation activated the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) and the Iowa Disaster Case Management program.

 The four counties in the Mid-Sioux service area declared are – Ida, Sioux, Cherokee, and Plymouth. Individuals suffering losses of personal property or having structural damage to their personal residence may contact Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. at 712-722-3611 (Sioux), 712-364-2175 (Ida), 712-225-3322 (Cherokee), or 712-546-6603 (Plymouth), or 800-859-2025.

 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.  Application must be made through your local community action office.  You may be eligible for repair or replacement of items damaged by storms/flooding. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of proclamation to submit a claim.

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

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