

RESOLUTION 1747

RESOLUTION DECLARING WEST BRANCH AN EMERGENCY DISASTER

WHEREAS, (Municipality, West Branch Iowa) has suffered severe damage caused by a (Flash Food) on the 6 day of October, 2018; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage was caused to (public property, street City facilities, etc.) and to (damage to private business, inventory, facilities, homes land, agriculture, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, the damage has resulted in undue human suffering and hardship and threatens the safety, health, welfare, and well-being of citizens and economic function of (West Branch, Iowa); and,

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources and forces available to mitigate and alleviate the damage are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, initiate repairs, and meet restoration requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE; I, by virtue of the authority provided by Cedar County ESF-5 and by the Iowa Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-11) do hereby declare (West Branch IA) to be an (emergency/disaster) area for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs, and funds available for the State of Iowa.

Passed and approved this 15th day of October, 2018.


Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Redmond Jones, City Administrator/Clerk



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Individual Grant Assistance Funds and Disaster Case Management for Cedar County Residents Affected by Flooding

The governor's proclamation, released October 11, 2018, allows State resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of the recent heavy rains. Cedar County residents affected by the severe weather may be eligible to apply for individual grant assistance to cover losses experienced. To qualify, households must be located within the disaster declaration area, and must meet income guidelines.

The program provides grants up to \$5,000 per household to cover home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and for the expense of temporary housing, if applicable. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery.

Households must have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guideline. Eligibility for the program is based upon federally established income guidelines.

Household Size	INCOME MAXIMUMS	
	30 Day Gross Income	Annual Gross Income
1	\$ 2,023	\$ 24,280
2	\$ 2,743	\$ 32,920
3	\$ 3,463	\$ 41,560
4	\$ 4,183	\$ 50,200
5	\$ 4,903	\$ 58,840
6	\$ 5,623	\$ 67,480
7	\$ 6,343	\$ 76,120
8	\$ 7,063	\$ 84,760

* For households with more than eight members, add \$720 / \$8,640 for each additional member.

Cedar County residents who may benefit from this assistance are encouraged to contact Community Action of Eastern Iowa directly at 563-886-3191, or toll free at 800-920-3191, to begin the application process.

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, November 28, 2018, or until all funding provided for this program has been expended.

Disaster Case Management services are also offered to all households affected by the severe weather, regardless of income.

For more information contact:
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Community Action of Eastern Iowa