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Community Action & United Way of Muscatine to Help with Flood Assistance and Cleanup

Muscatine County – On April 16, 2019, Muscatine County was declared an official disaster due to severe flooding. This is the 3rd highest flood in recorded history in Muscatine County. Many homes are flooded causing many families have been displaced from their homes. The governor's proclamation allows State resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of flooding. Muscatine County residents affected by the severe weather may be eligible to apply for individual grant assistance to cover property losses. 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.

INCOME MAXIMUMS	
Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$24,980
2	\$33,820
3	\$42,660
4	\$51,500
5	\$60,340
6	\$69,180
7	\$78,020
8	\$86,860

- For households with more than eight members, add \$8,840 for each additional member.

Muscatine County residents who may benefit from this assistance are encouraged to contact Community Action of Eastern Iowa directly at 563-263-9290, or toll free at 866-263-9290, to begin the application process.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 31, 2019, 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.

United Way of Muscatine will be organizing volunteers for flood cleanup. For anyone needing help to clean up their home and/or property, please call 800-447-1985 to sign up to receive help. If you would like to volunteer to help with clean up, please contact the United Way office at 563-263-5963. Volunteer cleanup days will be scheduled and teams will be deployed to locations as soon as Muscatine County Emergency Management determines properties are safe. Homes need to be cleared by their insurance company before cleanup can begin.

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