On March 12, 2019, a major storm system described as a "bomb" cyclone, impacted counties across Iowa. The storm resulted in historic flooding, after snow melt occurred as a result of heavy rains and warm temperatures. Rising water levels breached levees prompting evacuations in many communities. FEMA declared a state of emergency on March 23, 2019, under Iowa Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4421).

Proposal Summary

The purpose of the project is to create disaster-relief employment for eligible individuals to assist with clean-up and recovery activities in response to the severe storms and floods impacting more than half the state.

Project Description

The project allows the State to request DWG funding to assist with cleanup activities in more than 50 counties declared eligible for FEMA’s Public Assistance Program. The program plans to employ about 150 participants to carry out clean-up efforts. An initial amount of $1,000,000 will be released.

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