

Governor Chet Culver and Lt. Governor Patty Judge

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Disaster Assistance for Iowans

“Jumpstart” Small Business Assistance Program \$20,000,000 Small Business Disaster Recovery Financial Assistance

Eligible Applicants

Businesses suffering physical damage or economic loss due to the 2008 disasters that need:

1. Working capital to help ensure business survival; and
2. Capital for acquisition of energy-efficient equipment.

Businesses must be approved for a disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) or from a state-chartered or federally chartered financial institution in order to apply for this program.

Types of Assistance

Forgivable Loan. The loan will be forgiven if the business re-opens within 6 months and if applicable, upon receipt of documentation that the business has purchased and installed the energy-efficient equipment. One application will be required for both types of assistance.

Amount

25% of the business' SBA loan amount up to \$50,000, including a \$5,000 to reimburse businesses for the full cost of purchasing energy-efficient furnaces and boilers, appliances, air conditioners, hot water heaters, windows, and insulation.

Administration

DED will administer the program and disburse funds through local programs operated by selected cities and Councils of Government (COGs). Funds will be allocated to local programs on the basis of the percentage of SBA disaster loans awarded to businesses located within the city's or COG's jurisdiction.

Standards

Office of Energy Independence will set the standards for the acquisition of the energy-efficient equipment and DED will set the standards for the overall administration of the program.

Funding

\$20 million

Sources

\$10 million from Iowa Values Fund
\$5 million from Iowa Power Fund
\$5 million from FY 2008 Community Development Block Grants

Start of Program

Governor announces program September 12th.
DED Board approves emergency rules on September 18th.
Governor announces allocations to COGs/cities and State makes awards to COGs/cities week of September 25th.