



BILL SUMMARY

Disaster Case Management Grant Fund SF 492

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Committee: Appropriations (Senate 49-0) (Committee 24-0)
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Background

Currently in times of a declared state of disaster emergency or Presidential declaration of a disaster, certain assistance is triggered for individuals and local governments through Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department and the Department of Human Services. These agencies coordinate with volunteer organizations to assist in the response. The bill creates a Disaster Case Management Grant Fund to aid in the coordination efforts and provide training for case managers in the time of disaster.

Summary

The bill creates a Disaster Case Management Fund with the State Treasury that would receive funds as they are authorized by the Executive Council. The Executive Council is allowed to authorize up to \$1 million each fiscal year for disaster case management services. Each fiscal year, an additional \$100,000 is appropriated for case management training and continued preparation for emergencies. The funding is authorized by the Executive Council would be appropriated from the Economic Emergency Fund.

The Department of Human Services is responsible for managing the disaster case management grants. The Department is required to submit an annual report to the Legislative Fiscal Committee and Government Oversight Committees on January 1st concerning the activities of the grant program during the previous fiscal year.

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