

## MISSOURI VALLEY DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY

### COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE.

The Missouri Valley Disaster Relief and Recovery Committee was created to provide assistance to residents of Missouri Valley who are severely impacted by a disaster or threat of a disaster. The following information will be used in determining the extent of assistance that may be provided.

#### Assistance:

A serious unmet need caused by a disaster or threat of a disaster is one that a household or business cannot provide for themselves after other assistance has been provided or defined by agencies outside the committee's jurisdiction (i.e. FEMA, Iowa EMA, Harrison County EMA, etc.) Assistance may only be granted to the extent that resources are available to the committee.

- Assistance may include:
  - Financial or labor to eligible households or businesses to provide a safe living or working environment
  - Financial relief due to preparation for or response to an anticipated disaster
  - Restoration or provision of essential living or working space
  - Information or referral for technical or labor assistance
- Assistance will NOT include:
  - Upgrades to previous living or working conditions
  - Cash payments to household or business
  - Help with an ongoing social or economic issue (keeping the wolf away from the door one more month)
  - Any pre-disaster condition
  - Repair or purchase of vehicles other than motorized wheelchairs
  - Repairs to rental or investment properties

#### Eligibility:

- Application
  - Head of Household or Business Owner must submit a fully completed and signed application (**Attachment A**).
  - All verifications requested by the committee or its agent must be provided.
  - Applicants must provide a signed Release of Information (**Attachment B**).
  - Applicants must have applied and been considered for all other assistance available to them before receiving any assistance from the committee
- Residency
  - Eligible applicants are only those residents of Missouri Valley, Iowa at the time of the disaster.
- Ownership Status
  - Household
    - Home Owner assistance is only available for primary residence
    - Renter assistance is only available for non-structural losses
  - Business
    - Considered only on a case by case basis
- Financial Eligibility
  - All applicants must provide proof of a clear financial hardship to the household or business as determined by the committee (**Attachment D**)

#### Application Process:

- Review Process
  - Once a completed application is received, the caseworker (agent of the committee) will present and make recommendation to the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called at the request of the caseworker.
  - Applications shall be reviewed by the committee members. Committee members with possible conflicts of interest on specific cases will exclude themselves from the review process
  - Applicants normally shall receive a written notice of decision within five (5) working days after the committee decides the case.