

Immediate Assistance Program Iowa Derecho



**American
Red Cross**

The Red Cross is offering recovery financial assistance directly to the hundreds of households whose homes were destroyed or sustained major damage by the Iowa Derecho.

Funds can help families replace household items, offset transportation costs, or support other recovery needs.



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Immediate Assistance, households must apply for the program and must meet all of the following requirements:

- Applicant's pre-disaster primary residence is located in a confirmed disaster-impacted geographic area.
- Applicant is the head of household and is not listed as a household member on any other Immediate Assistance application.
- Applicant's primary residence suffered major damage or was destroyed.
 - **Major damage** is indicated by significant structural damage to a residence that requires extensive repairs. This may include substantial failure of the roof, walls or foundation, or a water line above 18 inches.
 - A residence that is **destroyed** is one that is a total loss or with damage so extensive that repair is not feasible.

HOW TO APPLY

To complete applications, heads of household are encouraged to call 1-800-REDCROSS, and select prompt 4. The financial assistance application requires a valid text enabled phone number and/or an email address for processing.

All Red Cross services, including financial assistance, are available to individuals regardless of nationality, race, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, class, or political opinions. The Red Cross is a charity, not a government agency and people do not need to be American citizens to receive our help. Red Cross financial assistance is not a loan and does not need to be repaid.