Iowa's application for Lost Wages Assistance funds approved by FEMA

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Trump Administration approves critical payments for Iowans relying on unemployment benefits.

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced that the United States Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has approved Iowa's application to participate in the Lost Wages Assistance program. The program provides eligible claimants who are receiving unemployment with additional benefits, starting the week ending August 1, 2020. The additional weekly payments were authorized by President Trump on Aug. 8, 2020 and are designed to provide support after Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program that in Iowa on July 25, 2020.

"As we continue to navigate the impact of a global pandemic and historic storm, I am committed to ensuring that Iowans have access to all available resources at the state and federal level," said Gov. Kim Reynolds. "Iowa was one of the first states in the country to apply and then receive these additional funds from FEMA. I applaud President Trump and his administration for working so quickly to grant this request. The president and his team are committed to helping Iowans at this critical time."

Iowa Workforce Development submitted the FEMA Application for additional federal funding on