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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on today's date, approved the Department of Public Safety's request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$12,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On May 21, 2024, a storm caused damages to the Mason City ISICS Communication Tower. Request was to cover repair costs.

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cc: Lieutenant Heath Hove, Interoperability Communications Bureau, Department of Public Safety
Sergeant Joshua Duden, Interoperability Communications Bureau, Department of
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AOS Claim # 3860
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August 30, 2024

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Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Storm Damages to Mason City ISICS Communication Tower on May 21, 2024
Department of Public Safety
Claim dated August 14, 2024
AOS Claim ID: 3860

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damages. It is our conclusion that the above damages incurred by the Department of Public Safety is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. The damages will likely qualify for disaster assistance provided through FEMA Declared Disaster 4784. Therefore, we recommend Executive Council approval in the amount of \$12,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. Once the amount of disaster assistance provided through FEMA has been determined, the approved allocation should be reduced by that amount. A reimbursement request should be submitted by the Department for the State's share of costs only.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Lieutenant Joshua Duden, Communications & Interoperability Bureau, Department
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Department of Public Safety

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August 14, 2024

AON 29C20 allocation request ref. Mason City ISICS tower damaged antenna

State of Iowa Executive Council:

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Dave Gordon was able to provide the DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau an estimate of \$12,000 for repairs to the tower. Repairs will commence when a tower crew becomes available.

The DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau is respectfully submitting a 29C20 Allocation Request for \$12,000 regarding this act of nature damage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Joshua Duden
Iowa DPS Communications & Interoperability Bureau
Office of the Commissioner
215 E.7th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

From: [Tammy Hollingsworth](#)
To: [Pierce Richard](#); ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov
Cc: [Dostal Sandra](#); [Hove Heath](#); [Duden Joshua](#); [DAVID GORDON](#); [Seiler Katelyn](#)
Subject: ** External Email Alert ** RE: 5-21-24 Initial 29C20 Notification ref. Mason City ISICS Tower - Damaged Antenna AON
Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 3:36:43 PM

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Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #3860

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To: ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov; Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@AOS.IOWA.GOV>
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