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## **Governor Doyle Announces State Awarded \$1.22 Million to Help With Flood Recovery**

### ***National Emergency Grant to Create 70 Temporary Jobs to Assist in Clean-Up Efforts in Crawford, La Crosse, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon Counties***

MADISON – Governor Jim Doyle today announced that Wisconsin has received a \$1.22 million National Emergency Grant (NEG), with \$420,000 released initially, to create 70 temporary jobs to assist in the clean-up and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the floods of August 2007.

“This funding will help us continue the clean-up and recovery efforts in Wisconsin communities hit hard by August’s severe flooding,” Governor Doyle said. “It will also provide temporary jobs for those who lost employment as a result of the sudden flooding.”

The grant, awarded to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, will be used to provide temporary employment for individuals to assist in clean-up, restoration, and other humanitarian relief efforts in areas affected by the floods. Individuals eligible to participate in the project include workers temporarily or permanently dislocated as a result of the flooding, other eligible dislocated workers, and long-term unemployed individuals. Priority will be given to workers who are experiencing temporary or permanent job loss as a result of the disaster.

Counties eligible for temporary jobs to assist in flood recovery efforts are Crawford, La Crosse, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon counties, which were declared Federal Disaster Areas and eligible for Public Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on September 6, 2007. Local Job Centers in these counties will be coordinating the effort and providing services.

Communities must receive this federal declaration in order to receive NEG funding. National Emergency Grants are part of the U.S. DOL Secretary’s discretionary fund and provide funding to states when significant events like disasters create a sudden need for assistance.