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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES DISASTER ASSISTANCE CHECKS

More than \$1.4 million to be distributed to local governments

MADISON – Gov. Scott McCallum announced today that disaster assistance checks totaling more than \$1.4 million will be distributed to local governments in eight Wisconsin counties that sustained damage due to severe storms and flooding that occurred during late June.

The counties approved for federal disaster aid are Adams, Clark, Dunn, Marathon, Marinette, Portage, Waushara and Wood. The assistance is for damage caused by a series of severe storms that hit the counties from June 21 to 25. It will help reimburse communities for costs associated with debris removal and repairs to roads and highways.

“When events of this magnitude occur it is too much to ask the communities to bear the costs alone,” Gov. McCallum said. “This assistance comes at a time when budgets are strained and it will help these communities get back on their feet quickly – and that’s better for Wisconsin’s economy. Getting this federal assistance was and always will be a high priority of mine and I am grateful that President Bush responded so positively.”

The disaster relief to local governments was made available under the Presidential Disaster Declaration signed by President Bush on July 19. So far, more than \$2 million in disaster assistance has been distributed to local governments.

Communities located in the following counties are receiving assistance:

Marathon County	\$887,231	Waushara County	\$55,136
Clark County	\$183,922	Wood County	\$79,420
Portage County	\$106,368	Marinette County	\$50,195
Adams County	\$50,433	Dunn County	\$56,341

Wisconsin Emergency Management is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to implement two federal disaster declarations for severe storms, flooding and tornado damage. Under the Public Assistance Program, approved grants are 75 percent funded by FEMA, 12.5 percent by the state, and the remaining 12.5 percent by the applicant.

