

SB2589



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 10/18/2023, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 30/5 new

Amends the Disaster Relief Act. Provides that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security may provide State supplemental grants to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals and households adversely affected by any disaster declared by the President of the United States in those cases in which individuals and households are unable to meet those expenses or needs through other assistance. Sets eligibility, application, and other requirements for the grants.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Disaster Relief Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 30/5 new)

7 Sec. 5. Supplemental disaster relief grants.

8 (a) The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of
9 Homeland Security may provide State supplemental grants to
10 meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of
11 individuals and households adversely affected by any disaster
12 declared by the President of the United States in those cases
13 in which individuals and households are unable to meet those
14 expenses or needs through assistance under Section 408 of the
15 federal Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
16 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174) or from other sources.

17 (b) Grants under this Section shall be made only to
18 individuals and households that, in either case, are
19 determined, by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and
20 Office of Homeland Security, to be eligible for federal
21 assistance under 42 U.S.C. 5174, that have unmet serious
22 needs, and that have suffered losses reimbursable under that
23 program in excess of the maximum federal grant amount.

1 (c) The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of
2 Homeland Security may make a grant to an eligible individual
3 or eligible household in an amount equal to the difference
4 between the federal grant awarded to the individual or
5 household and the federally eligible appraised loss of the
6 individual or household, not to exceed \$10,000 per individual
7 or household.

8 (d) The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of
9 Homeland Security shall adopt rules establishing application
10 procedures for grants awarded under this Section. The adopted
11 rules must, at a minimum, specify that:

12 (1) all application procedures must conform to the
13 procedures required in the federal Robert T. Stafford
14 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended;

15 (2) the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and
16 Office of Homeland Security must ensure that applicants
17 for relief under this Section have exhausted all other
18 available means of seeking relief for disaster damage
19 prior to receiving any grants under this Section;

20 (3) all applications, forms, and other written
21 materials to be presented to persons seeking assistance
22 must be available in English and in the same language as
23 that used by the largest non-English-speaking population
24 within the disaster area; and

25 (4) bilingual staff who reflect the demographics of
26 the disaster area must be available to applicants.