



## News Release

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## **Update: Local governments in three more counties affected by recent flooding can ask for early aid payments from the state**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – Local governments located in three more Minnesota counties can request their state aid payments early due to financial hardships caused by the recent severe weather and flooding, the Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today. Those counties are: Lyon, Watonwan, and Wright.

In mid-July and early August, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [declared 32 counties disaster areas](#). The counties, and the cities and townships within these counties, are also eligible for early aid payment.

Normally, payments for Local Government Aid (LGA) for cities and townships, and County Program Aid for counties, are made in two installments, once in July and once in December. Minnesota law allows the state to make the December payment earlier than scheduled if a local government is determined to be in a “financial hardship” due to a natural disaster.

Based on the recent FEMA declaration, the Minnesota Department of Revenue is in the process of notifying the affected local governments of this option and will make early payments when requested by a local government.

Early payments of state aid have been made in previous natural disasters, most recently during the severe flooding in northeastern Minnesota during the summer of 2013.

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