

## State of Kansas Disaster Fund

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### Facts to keep in mind

- To make funds available in a timely manner to assure rapid reconstruction to infrastructure  
Leavenworth County waited almost 13 months to receive funds from the 2010 Blizzard from Federal and State programs. The County had over \$700,000 in damages that the County had to repair in roads as a result of this storm. The budget for this year was trimmed down so low as many in the state were to reduce the burden on citizens of the County that the Public Works Department struggled to make the budget at year's end.
- To allow a means of funding to public assistance in large projects to those entities that can't afford local funds in repairs after a disaster  
Leavenworth County is waiting for funds to come available for the repairs to Levees that need repaired as a result of the 2011 Missouri River Flood. The County cannot take on the burden of generated tax dollars to repair the levees until federal funds become available. We still have residents unable to reach their homes as this result and they have been displaced since June 2011.
- To have a pre-dedicated disaster fund will ensure that the State of Kansas will be posed to assist local jurisdictions at a time when life-saving resources are critical. Ensuring that funds are set aside for any type of life saving resource, whether it is personnel or equipment, will prevent loss of life and disruption of services, and allow for quicker recovery time.

Respectfully Submitted

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