Disaster Assistance: Individual Assistance Programs



The **State Individual Assistance Program** may be made available to assist **individuals** and **families** impacted by a state-declared *disaster*.

Individual and Family Grant program (IFG):

Created to help people towards recovering property losses.

Temporary Housing Program (TH):

For homeowners and renters displaced by the disaster having immediate housing needs.

Alaska experiences a wide range of disasters, most commonly floods, storms, and extreme temperature events.

These programs are only activated for disaster recovery by an Individual Assistance Disaster Declaration by the Governor.

Intended to provide assistance to individuals or families to permit them to meet disaster related necessary expenses and serious needs for which other assistance is either unavailable or inadequate.



When is IA Available?

Local or regional government declares a disaster and requests assistance after an event

State works with local government to determine extent of damage

Governor's Disaster Policy Cabinet makes recommendations

Governor declares disaster

Individual Family Grant (IFG) and Temporary Housing (TH) Authorized

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Individuals and Families residing in the Declared Disaster Area WHAT IS Eligible?

- Housing (dwelling repairs)
- Personal property (clothing, furniture, etc.)
- Transportation (automobiles)
- Medical, dental, or funeral expenses

First steps in Determinations of Eligibility:

- •Loss must have occurred in Declared Disaster Area
- •Loss must be directly due to Disaster Event
- •Must exhaust all other governmental programs first
- •Must file an application with Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM)

TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM

Offers temporary housing assistance for individuals or families whose home has been damaged or destroyed as a result of the declared disaster event.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Homeowners or renters who's home is determined to be uninhabitable for which other assistance is unavailable or inadequate.

What types of Assistance:

- · Temporary accommodation's
- Rental assistance
- · Housing repair and/or replacement

Amount of available assistance

Maximum of 18 months for homeowners

Please be prepared to provide the following information when you apply for assistance:

- Identity Verification (photo ID such as drivers license or State ID Card, Tribal ID)
- Points-of-contact
- Location of damaged property
- All household members names and ages
- Pre-disaster gross income
- Insurance Information (copy of your insurance policy and/or claim documents)
- Specific damage information
- Proof of property ownership (homeownership and/or tramsportation)
- Picture of damages, if available
- Proof of residency (ie utility bill, government ID with physical address, voter's registration)



Contact Information

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