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News Release

One Month Left to Apply for Federal Assistance *\$71.5 Million Approved for Alaskans Affected by Nov. 30 Quake*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – **More than \$71.5 million** in federal assistance has been approved to help residents in the Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough recover from the Nov. 30 earthquake.

Alaskans have one month left to register with FEMA for disaster assistance. The deadline is **midnight on Friday, May 31**. Residents who think they may have damage, but it is not yet apparent, should register as soon as possible. Alaskans who registered with the state before Feb. 28, need to register with FEMA to be reconsidered for the State Individual Assistance program. Call the state hotline at **855-445-7131** for more information.

FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the state and voluntary agencies can help residents with applications, appeals and low-interest loans at disaster recovery centers. These specialists are available at three centers in Anchorage, Eagle River and Wasilla. To find a center near you, visit www.fema.gov/DRC.

A snapshot of the disaster recovery effort as of **April 30** follows:

- **More than \$11.6 million** in FEMA grants has been approved to help homeowners and renters.
- **More than \$59.9 million** has been approved by SBA in federal disaster loans for **1,416** Alaska businesses and residents to help pay for uninsured and underinsured damage.
- **7,874 (98 percent)** home inspections have been completed.

Residents can apply for federal disaster assistance the following ways:

- Visit a disaster recovery center.
- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov
- Call **800-621-3362 (FEMA)**, **voice/VP/711**. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call **800-462-7585**. Lines are open daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time.

The goal of federal disaster assistance is to jump-start the recovery process; it is not intended to make you whole. Insured applicants may receive assistance for items not typically covered by earthquake insurance such as wells, private septic systems and for privately owned access roads.

Complete an SBA low-interest disaster loan application for additional assistance. SBA can offer loans while insurance claims are pending and for insurance deductibles. Residents may apply online at <https://DisasterLoan.sba.gov/ela>, or call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955**. TTY users can call **800-877-8339**.

For more information on Alaska's disaster recovery, visit ready.alaska.gov/earthquake, FEMA.gov/disaster/4413, [Twitter.com/FEMARegion10](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion10) and Facebook.com/FEMA, [Alaska Earthquake](https://Facebook.com/FEMA) or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/readyalaska.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has faced discrimination, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (FEMA), voice/VP/711. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.SBA.gov/disaster.