

Fact Sheet

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

When the Governor declares a disaster and authorizes Individual Assistance (IA), Alaska's **Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program** and **Temporary Housing Program (THP)** provide timely assistance to individuals or families to meet disaster-related necessary expenses and serious needs. Together, these programs provide essential support when other resources are unavailable or inadequate.

The Individual Assistance program works closely with disaster-affected communities to ensure applicants are aware of the available IA resources. Individuals can apply with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS & EM) for 60 days following declaration of a disaster via:

- **Disaster Assistance Center (DAC).** For localized disasters, a temporary office (DAC) is sometimes opened to assist disaster victims to apply for all available federal, State, and volunteer agency disaster programs.
- **Online.** Register online at **Ready.Alaska.Gov**. Be prepared to provide a description of damages and/or loss, home ownership documentation, insurance information, personal identification, and proof of occupancy (utility bill).

IA staff work closely with individuals on their applications and throughout the program to ensure immediate and essential individual and family needs are met. Applicants are required to spend funds appropriately and to document expenditures.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT (IFG) PROGRAM

Housing Assistance (Maximum \$17,450)

- **Owners (primary residences only).** Money to repair, replace, or rebuild; provide access; clean or make sanitary; remove debris relating to life, health, and safety issues.

Other Needs Assistance (determined separately from housing assistance)

- **Personal property (Owners and Renters).** Money to replace essential clothing; household items, furnishings or appliances; tools and employer-required specialized clothing; subsistence equipment; repair, cleaning or sanitizing of personal property; or moving and storage to prevent or reduce further damage.
- **Transportation.** Assistance to repair or replace a primary vehicle, and/or provide public transportation.
- **Medical and Dental Expenses.** Money to pay for disaster-related medical and dental care or equipment.
- **Funeral Expenses.** Money for funeral and burial/cremation expenses related to a disaster-related death.

TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM (determined separately from housing assistance)

The Temporary Housing Program provides timely assistance to individuals or families without alternate housing.

- **Rent and eligible utilities.** Initial rental assistance is up to 3 months for renters and up to 18 months for home owners. Each Temporary Housing Program applicant will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.