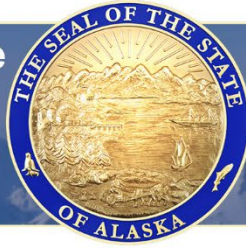


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## **2025 Late August Storm Disaster Declaration and Recovery Assistance**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — On August 29, 2025, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a disaster declaration for the Yukon-Koyukuk Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) due to extensive flooding caused by prolonged heavy rain. The flooding heavily impacted the community of Allakaket, as well as nearby communities.

The floodwaters caused significant damage to public facilities, roads, and utilities. Allakaket's drinking water system was also affected, and many residents experienced damage to their personal property.

Bryan Fisher, Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, praised the swift response efforts. "Chief Simon of Allakaket and his team did an outstanding job responding to the prolonged flooding," Fisher said. He also highlighted the collaboration with the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) and other organizations. "Through our TCC partnership, state agencies' support, and American Red Cross of Alaska assistance, we were able to meet the communities' needs during this event. While we cannot stop the flooding from occurring, we can address Alaskans' emergency needs in a quick and efficient manner...and that is exactly what happened."

The Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) played a crucial role in the emergency response. They evacuated several elderly and medically fragile residents of Allakaket to Fairbanks and provided essential supplies like food, water, and medical supplies. TCC also dispatched a Village Public Safety Officer and a Behavioral Health Aide to the community.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities deployed staff to help with road protection and conduct Unmanned Aerial System surveys. The Department of Environmental Conservation provided technical assistance for fuel spills and water systems and supplied oil spill materials. The Division of Forestry and Fire Protection sent a crew to assist with dewatering efforts and other community needs.

The disaster declaration activates two key state programs to help with recovery: Public Assistance and Individual Assistance.

- Public Assistance is designed to restore critical infrastructure, including public buildings, roads, bridges, and utilities. Local governments, tribal organizations, and certain nonprofits in the Yukon-Koyukuk REAA may be eligible for these recovery grants.
- Individual Assistance (IA) provides financial aid to individuals and families for damages to their primary residence, essential personal property, primary mode of transportation, and for medical, funeral, or dental needs directly caused by the disaster.

## How to Apply for Individual Assistance

The deadline to apply for State of Alaska Individual Assistance is **November 3, 2025**.

You can apply online or by phone:

- Online: Visit **Ready.Alaska.Gov**
- By Phone: Call **1-844-445-7131** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

When you apply, be prepared to provide the following information:

- A description of damages or losses (written, photos, or video).
- Home ownership documentation.
- Insurance information.
- Personal identification.
- Proof of occupancy (like a utility bill).

Homeowners and renters whose homes are damaged or uninhabitable may also be eligible for Temporary Housing assistance through the Individual Assistance program.

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