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Governor Dunleavy amends disaster declaration to include additional areas

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Governor Mike Dunleavy has expanded his October 8, disaster declaration to include all the areas in Western Alaska battered by storms which began on October 8 and continued through October 13. This includes the devastation from Typhoon Halong that impacted areas on Alaska's west coast interior. This expanded declaration area enables all storm disaster impacted Alaskans to apply for critical State of Alaska Disaster Recovery programs.

The State of Alaska Individual Assistance (IA) program is designed to help individuals with Housing Assistance (HA), Other Needs Assistance (ONA) and Temporary Housing Grants (THG).

HA assistance is available to homeowners to repair disaster-related damage not covered by insurance or by other governmental financial assistance resources. If insurance covers damages, applicant may be eligible for reimbursement of the deductible. The goal is to provide assistance for costs that are reasonable and necessary to make the essential living areas of a primary residence safe, sanitary, and functional within the limits of the program. It is not intended to correct pre-event deficiencies of any kind. It generally will not include cosmetic features, landscaping, outbuildings, sidewalks and driveways. Essential living areas of the home include occupied bedrooms, one bathroom, one kitchen, dining room, living room, entrance/exit, and the foundation/structure. Repair awards will be based on damages assessments, professional invoices/quotes/estimates, state sponsored estimates, disaster relief assessments, receipts from self-repairs, or insurance adjuster's estimates.

ONA expenses (not covered by insurance or by other financial assistance resources) may include the lesser of the costs to clean, repair or replace essential personal property items identified on the program eligible property list. Eligible costs include medical and dental costs that were a direct result of the declared event. Funeral expenses (cremations, burials etc.) for family members living in the home at the time of the event. Other potentially eligible expenses include transportation, moving, storage, and other expenses that are authorized by DHS&EM.

THG assistance provides financial assistance when an eligible applicant's primary residence is rendered uninhabitable due to a declared disaster. Rental assistance can be authorized for renters for up to three (3) months and for homeowners up to eighteen (18) months (from the disaster declaration date). Temporary housing payments will be based on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair market rates. Pet deposits are not included, but security deposits may be included. Payments will be made directly to applicants. Lease and/or rental agreements will include instructions that occupants are solely responsible for damages and any additional room costs beyond the agreed rental amount. Renters displaced by landlords whose primary

residence has been damaged by a declared disaster, and who then occupy the rental property will also be eligible for 3 months temporary housing.

Individuals must apply for Individual Assistance (IA) within the registration window of October 9, 2025 - December 9, 2025. There are several ways to apply:

- Register online at <https://ready.alaska.gov/IA>.
- Hotline calls: callers should leave a message with contact information for a follow up return call. If available, a case-worker may assist with completion of application. Hotline number is 1(844) 445-7131.

Those who apply should be prepared to provide copies of the items below. However, if documentation is lost, state assistance officials will help replace or locate items.

- Photo ID and contact information
- Mailing address
- Insurance declaration and exclusion (what is covered and what is NOT covered)
- List of damages, including year/make/model/VIN for vehicle
- Number of home occupants and current living situation
- Proof of residence at the damaged address at the time of the disaster
- Repair estimates and pictures

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