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2025 West Coast Storm Disaster Housing Task Force Established

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), in cooperation with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Southcentral Foundation, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Municipality of Anchorage, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, The Association of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority, Rasmuson Foundation, and other state, local, and tribal partners have established a State of Alaska Disaster Housing Task Force to address immediate housing needs related to the 2025 October West Coast Storm.

"The state and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is leading the West Coast Storm Housing Force. The goal is to work with all partners to get evacuees out of group shelters and into better accommodations, in some cases longer-term temporary housing," said Governor Mike Dunleavy. "Right now, storm survivors are being matched with housing options. We are also working to fix homes so those who can return to their community will be able to do so."

The mission of the Disaster Housing Task Force is to identify housing and match those facilities with disaster survivors. Housing options included non-congregate shelters like hotel rooms, dormitories, or other units with greater privacy. A mix of housing options could be used to address short, intermediate, and long-term needs. The State's Individual Assistance program includes a Temporary Housing program which can provide homeowners with 18 months and renters with 3 months of housing assistance.

The Housing Task Force is assembling a list of available housing units and landlord contact information. This inventory list will be used to pair those registered with housing needs and appropriate, available housing stock.

"While our goal is to get people back into their homes and communities as fast as possible that may not be possible before winter sets in," said Director Bryan Fisher, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. "When we can't get people back home, we will look at the needs of each IA applicant and match them with a housing option."

Applications for housing through the West Coast Storm Housing Task Force, will begin with registrations at:

American Red Cross

- 1-800-RED-CROSS

State of Alaska Individual Assistance:

- Online: <https://ready.alaska.gov/ia>
- By phone: 1-844-445-7131

For evacuees who have traveled outside of the Anchorage area, registration with the American Red Cross and State of Alaska is still needed to begin an application for housing.

Registration with State of Alaska Individual Assistance Program

Through a Governor-declared disaster, in Alaska, the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) and Temporary Housing Program (THP) can provide assistance to individuals or families to meet disaster-related expenses and needs. Individuals have 60 days following a disaster declaration to complete an application through <https://ready.alaska.gov/ia> or 1-844-445-7131.

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