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State Individual Assistance payments issued as Federal Assistance Registration becomes available

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — The State of Alaska Individual Assistance (IA) program has begun issuing payments to applicants of the 2025 October West Coast Storm. Beginning on October 22, State IA payments have been made totaling \$217,800. Additional state IA payments will be made to survivors today and in the coming days. To date, more than 935 applications have been received, with additional applications being accepted daily.

Three State of Alaska IA Case Workers will return to the Anchorage shelters today to continue finalizing and taking applications. Storm survivors must provide limited documentation, identification, and a mailing address to receive payment.

To assist survivors, the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Health, will have a booth at the two Anchorage shelters to provide access to their services. Association of Village Council Presidents is offering Tribal IDs in the shelters. A Yup'ik speaking public notary will assist IA staff and survivors in completing the necessary documentation. The United States Postal Service is establishing limited postal service in the shelters for residents. All documentation, identification, and address requirements can be met at a shelter location.

Survivors in designated disaster areas can still register for the State of Alaska's

State Individual Assistance program:

Online: <https://ready.alaska.gov/ia>

By phone: 1-844-445-7131

Efforts are underway to establish an in-person registration site in Anchorage. Details on the Disaster Assistance Center will be released when finalized.

On October 22, President Trump approved the state's request for federal assistance, which includes federal Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant program. The State IA program will remain active and will continue to aid survivors. State and federal IA programs will work together to ensure that benefits paid to IA applicants are not duplicated.

Disaster survivors can now apply for federal Individual Assistance. Individuals and families who sustained losses during the 2025 October West Coast Storm can apply for assistance online at

www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 1-800-621-3362, or by using the FEMA App. An Alaska-only phone number is being established.

Last night, a total of 302 individuals were reported sheltering: 178 at the Egan Center and 124 at the Alaska Airlines Center.

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