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**STATE OF ALASKA**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Press Release:

**State of Alaska Individual Assistance provides disaster recovery grants to those impacted by 2021-2022 Alaska Winter Storm**

*Individuals and families can now apply for state disaster recovery grants*

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Governor Mike Dunleavy declared the 2021-2022 Alaska Winter Storm a State Disaster on January 3, 2022, in response to numerous impacts from extreme cold weather, high winds, freezing rain, and heavy snowfall. These conditions interrupted power and water distribution, damaged public buildings and homes, restricted travel, and required communities to establish shelter locations for displaced residents. The Jan. 3 declaration activates the state's Individual Assistance (IA) program which is designed to help individuals and families with damages and/or expenses related to the disaster event.

Residents in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Denali Borough, Fairbanks North Star Borough including Nenana, Delta/Greely Regional Education Attendance Area, and the Copper River Regional Education Attendance Area, may be eligible for disaster recovery grants for damages to their primary residences that occurred during the 2021-2022 Alaska Winter Storms.

Disaster survivors can register for the State Individual Assistance program by visiting the State of Alaska's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management webpage at [Ready.Alaska.Gov](http://Ready.Alaska.Gov)

**Online Registration**

**Begins January 4th, 2022 at [Ready.Alaska.Gov](http://Ready.Alaska.Gov)**

**Registration Deadline**

**March 4, 2022**

If you have any questions or issues applying online, please call 1-855-445-7131(Disaster Assistance Hotline)

The State of Alaska IA program has three parts; Temporary Housing grants; Housing Assistance grants; Other Needs Assistance grants.

Temporary Housing can provide funds to secure lodging while applicants pursue permanent housing solutions. Financial assistance may be available for up to 18 months for owners and three months for renters.

Housing Assistance grants can provide funds for damages to primary residences not covered by insurance. The residence must be owner-occupied at the time of the event. The IA program does not help with secondary homes, recreational properties or homes lived in fewer than six months a year. Damages must be serious and negatively impact the essential living spaces in the home, and damages must be from the declared event.

Other Needs Assistance can provide funds for losses to essential personal property not covered by insurance such as clothing, appliances and furniture. Also, recovery costs such as clean up and some storage expenses. It may also help with disaster-caused medical/funeral expenses not covered by insurance.

Based on damages and eligibility, the maximum grant amount an applicant can receive through Housing Assistance is \$18,950, and separately, an additional \$18,950 for Other Needs Assistance. Temporary Housing is calculated separately based on family size and local rates of stay.

The State of Alaska is working with federal partners to identify programs that may become available to disaster survivors. If activated, federal disaster assistance must be pursued before a State IA award.

More IA information can be found at [www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IndividualAssistance](http://www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IndividualAssistance)

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# State Disaster Assistance

For Individuals and families with temporary housing needs, damaged primary residences, or essential personal property lost in 2021-2022 Alaska Winter Storms.

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The deadline to apply is March 4, 2022

Please have the following information with you when you visit:

- Description of damages and/or losses
- Home ownership documentation
  - Insurance information
  - Personal identification
- Proof of occupancy (utility bill)

**2021-2022 Alaska Winter Storm survivors are strongly encouraged to apply for individual assistance as soon as possible.**

**The deadline to apply for individual assistance is March 4, 2022**

**More IA information at [www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IndividualAssistance](https://www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IndividualAssistance)**

*Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or economic status.*

# Fact Sheet

Contact: Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Individual Assistance  
1-800-478-2337  
1-907-428-7000



## 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 State of Alaska is working with federal partners to identify programs that may become available to disaster survivors. If activated, federal disaster assistance must be pursued prior to a State IA award. More IA information at [www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IndividualAssistance](http://www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IndividualAssistance)

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:

- **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).
- **Telephone Registration** – To register by phone call 1-855-445-7131. 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.

### INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

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#### Housing Assistance

- **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 an Applicants only means of transportation.
- **Medical and Dental Expenses**. Assistance for disaster caused medical and dental expenses.
- **Funeral Expenses**. Assistance for disaster caused expenses incurred by an Applicant not covered by insurance.

### TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM (determined separately from housing assistance)

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Temporary Housing (TH) can provide funds to secure lodging while applicants pursue permanent housing solutions.

- Eligible home owners up to 18 months
- Eligible renters up to three months