

FEMA Provides More than \$3.2 million to Alaska Communities Affected by September West Coast Storms

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Nearly a month after a federal disaster declaration was made for the severe storm, flooding and landslides that occurred in Western Alaska from Sept. 15 – 20, **more than \$3 million in federal disaster assistance** has been awarded to survivors. Those in the designated Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAs) of Bering Strait, Kashunamiut, Lower Kuskokwim and Lower Yukon are eligible to apply for FEMA assistance until Nov. 22.

As of Oct. 21, FEMA has received a total of **773 applications**.

- More than **\$1.1 million** has been disbursed for housing assistance, which may include rental expenses, basic home repairs, or other essential disaster-related needs that are not covered by insurance.
- More than **\$2.1 million** has been disbursed for Other Needs Assistance, which can include coverage for damaged personal property, such as household appliances, furniture and, in Alaska, subsistence equipment and tools, such as fishing equipment, cold weather gear, ATVs, boats, outboard motors, smoke house and snow mobiles.

FEMA is including a shipping supplement of **\$1,300** to help cover the additional cost of transporting repair materials and supplies for eligible survivors. So far, a total of **\$143,236** has been provided to **104 households**. Applicants should keep track of their shipping receipts. If they have additional shipping expenses for repair materials over **\$1,300**, they are encouraged to submit receipts to FEMA for potential reimbursement. Survivors who have questions about their eligibility for the additional shipping cost can contact FEMA for more information.

FEMA has established an Alaska-specific disaster hotline staffed in Anchorage to process applications and answer questions. The number is **1-866-342-1699**. Beginning Monday, Oct. 24, hours of operation will be **9. a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-**



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Saturday and closed on Sundays (current hours are 10 AM – 8 PM Monday through Saturday.) TTY users dial 711 or, TTY users with an out-of-state area code, dial **800-770-8973** for Alaska relay service. Applications can also be submitted at www.disasterassistance.gov or via the FEMA app.

The State of Alaska also provides disaster assistance that is separate from FEMA's. In order to receive potential aid from the state, survivors must register with FEMA. If you are found ineligible for FEMA assistance, you may qualify for assistance through the State of Alaska. For example, FEMA may be able to cover damaged subsistence equipment

and tools while the state may pay for the damaged structure. If you don't submit both applications, it is possible no assistance will be available to you.

Survivors can apply for disaster assistance from the State of Alaska by calling **1-844-445-7131** or going online at ready.alaska.gov/IA. The deadline for apply to the state is **Nov. 17, 2022**.

Some applicants may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to apply for a disaster loan. Long-term, low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofits may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources.

Homeowners and renters should submit an SBA disaster loan application even if they are not sure they will need or want a loan. If SBA cannot approve your application, in most cases SBA will refer you to FEMA's Other Needs Assistance program for possible additional assistance. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept an SBA loan but failure to return the application may disqualify you from other possible FEMA assistance.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela. Paper applications may be requested by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** (dial 711 for TTY) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. The deadline to apply is **Nov. 22, 2022**

For more information about FEMA's support to Alaska's severe storms, flooding and landslide recovery, visit the [FEMA Disaster Site](#). Follow FEMA Region 10 on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates.

