

Apply for Assistance Even If You Are Unsure

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Anchorage, Alaska – If you live in the Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAA's) of Bering Strait, Kashunamiut, Lower Kuskokwim and Lower Yukon and were affected by the Sept. 15– 20 severe storms, flooding and landslides, you should apply for FEMA and State of Alaska Disaster Individual Assistance- you only have until **Dec. 6, 2022**.

Even if your home was not damaged but you own a fish camp or had damage to your personal property, it is important that you apply. FEMA is unable to cover fish camp structures but may cover personal property stored inside the camp or other personal property that was damaged as a result of the disaster. However, the State of Alaska's Individual Assistance program may cover fish camp structures; this is a part of why it is important to apply to both.

Even if you are unable to survey damage to your property or are unsure if you experienced damage from the storm you should still apply to both before the Dec. 6 deadline. You can report the extent of the damages later, but if you do not apply you will not be eligible for FEMA or State of Alaska Individual Assistance.

The State of Alaska and FEMA are working together to help get you the assistance you need. Make sure to apply with both programs to receive help. **Failure to apply with both FEMA and the State of Alaska could result in denial of assistance from one or both programs.**

- Survivors can apply with FEMA by calling our Anchorage-based hotline at **1-866-342-1699** or online at disasterassistance.gov. TTY users calling from an Alaska area code can dial 711 or, if you are calling from an out-of-state area code, dial **800-770-8973** for Alaska relay service.
- Survivors can apply with the State of Alaska by calling **1-844-445-7131** or going online at ready.alaska.gov/IA.



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FEMA encourages you to always reach out to get answers to your questions. You can ask about the status of your application or other topics ranging from home inspections to information on appealing FEMA's eligibility determination or adding the name of someone to speak for the applicant. **The hotline is also a helpline – so please reach out immediately so we may address any questions you may have.**

As FEMA processes your Individual Assistance application, it may refer you to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) before a decision can be reached. SBA offers long-term, low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, as well as homeowners and renters. If you are referred to the SBA, it must be ruled out that you would not qualify for an SBA loan before you can be considered for FEMA assistance with personal property or transportation, so **completing the SBA application is required as part of the FEMA and State of Alaska Disaster Individual Assistance** program. Failing to do so will stop the application process.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela. For more information or assistance on SBA applications, call SBA's Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955** or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

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For more information about FEMA's support to Alaska's severe storms, flooding and landslide recovery, visit the [FEMA Disaster Site](https://www.fema.gov/disaster). Follow FEMA Region 10 on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion10) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/fema-region-10) for the latest updates.

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