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Press Release:

State to Open Disaster Assistance Centers in the Kenai Peninsula Borough

DAC teams in the Kenai Peninsula Borough areas to provide information, take applications

Anchorage, Alaska — The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) will open Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC) in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) to provide information and help disaster survivors utilize the state’s disaster recovery programs.

The DACs will take applications for State Individual Assistance, including the Individual Family Grant (IFG) and Temporary Housing programs. **The deadline to apply for individual assistance is November 20, 2012**

The State Individual Assistance Hotline is active for those who are unable to visit a DAC in person. Applying for assistance in person is the fastest way to apply for assistance. Those who wish to apply for state assistance by telephone can call the hotline at 1-855-445-7131. TTY 1-855-445-7131. **The deadline to apply for individual assistance is November 20, 2012.**

Please have the following information with you when you visit a DAC or call the IA Hotline:

- Description of damages and/or losses
- Insurance information
- Home Ownership Documentation
- Personal Identification

Prepared applicants will expedite application processing.

The DACs will be at the following locations:

Kenai Peninsula DACs

Anchor Point

Anchor Point Fire Station
72440 Milo Fritz Rd., Anchor
Point
Oct 15-16, 2012
9am – 7pm

Seward

Legends Building
412 Washington St., Seward
Oct 15-17, 2012
9am – 7pm

Soldotna

KPB Emergency Response Center
253 Wilson Lane, Soldotna
Oct 18, 2012
9am – 7pm

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INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT (IFG) PROGRAM

The current maximum grant to an individual or family is \$15,700 per disaster when other resources are not adequate, including insurance and Small Business Administration (SBA) or other loans. Assistance can include:

- **Housing (primary residences only).** Money to repair, replace, or rebuild; provide access; clean or make sanitary; remove debris relating to life- health- and safety-issues; protect against immediate threat.
- **Personal property.** 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.** Money to repair or replace an individual's or family's primary vehicle.
- **Medical and Dental Expenses.** Money to pay for disaster-related medical and dental care or equipment.
- **Funeral Expenses.** Money for funeral and burial/cremation expenses related to a disaster-related death.

TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM

The Temporary Housing Program provides timely assistance to individuals or families without alternate housing whose primary residence is not habitable as a result of the disaster. Assistance can include:

- **Transient accommodations.** Immediate short-term housing; may include shelters, families, and friends.
- **Rent and eligible utilities.** Initial rental assistance is 30 days for renters and 3 months for home owners. Additional assistance may continue as part of a permanent housing plan.
- **Housing in a temporary housing unit** when rentals and repairs are not practical.
- **Repair of the damaged primary residence** in situations where restoring the essential living areas is less than providing other forms of temporary housing assistance.

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