

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION  
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

OMB Control Number 1660-0009  
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1. Request Date Dec 28, 2018

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2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration.

Alaska

2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 710,231

3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name

Michael J. Dunleavy

4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number

Bryan J. Fisher (907.240.6043)

5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number

Michael J. Sutton (907.428.7066)

6. Declaration Request For: ☒ Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401)

☐ Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501 (a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date End Date  
Nov 30, 2018 Nov 30, 2018 or ☐ Continuing

*If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Drought ☒ Earthquake ☐ Explosion ☐ Fire ☐ Flood ☐ Hurricane ☐ Landslide ☐ Mudslide  
☐ Severe Storm ☐ (rain, high water, wind-driven, rain, hail, lightning) ☐ Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) ☐ Straight-Line Winds  
☐ Tidal Wave ☐ Tornado ☐ Tropical Depression ☐ Tropical Storm ☐ Tsunami ☐ Volcanic Eruption ☐ Winter Storm  
☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

On November 30, 2018, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake produced strong seismic shaking that caused widespread and severe damage primarily within the Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough (combined population of 436,221). The earthquake produced strong seismic shaking that caused widespread and severe damage to homes, major highways, roads, bridges, transportation infrastructure, road embankments, railroad tracks, critical utility infrastructure, public and commercial buildings, including structural collapse and resulting fires. The earthquake resulted in a State declaration of disaster emergency, and a federal emergency declaration (EM-3410-AK).

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

The State of Alaska has executed its Emergency Operations Plans and committed all available State and local resources to the response and recovery from this event. The State of Alaska will provide the full 25% non-federal cost share and will work with each affected jurisdiction to cover any expenses not included in a federal declaration.

### 10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment\*

☒ Individual Assistance      Dates Performed      Requested Dec 4, 2018      Start Dec 10, 2018      End Dec 15, 2018

#### Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

The PDA field teams focused on areas with the highest concentration of major damage and/or destroyed homes. The PDA teams observed several areas with pronounced ground subsidence and visible fissures, with or without severe structural damage. Other areas were inaccessible, subject to restricted use, or uninhabitable due to geotechnical issues. The PDA was hampered by limited daylight hours (approximately six hours), recent snowfall accumulations of up to four feet total, very cold single-digit ambient temperatures, and extremely hazardous driving conditions. Also, several homes with reported minor damage were upgraded to major damage after interior inspections reveal failures of load-bearing walls, compromised roof beams, uneven floors, missing or collapsed walls, or other signs of catastrophic structural damage. The PDA team could not visit the Kenai Peninsula Borough due to hazardous road conditions. It is clear there are a potentially substantial number of damaged homes and businesses that were not visited by the PDA teams.

☒ Public Assistance      Dates Performed      Requested Dec 4, 2018      Start Dec 17, 2018      End Dec 21, 2018

#### Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Due to worsening weather conditions in the latter half of December, the PA PDA focused on potential applicants reporting \$100,000 or greater in damages. Thus, there are likely a significant number of damaged buildings and infrastructure that were not included in the PA PDA, but will likely be eligible for assistance. Similar accessibility issues as stated above, including minimal daylight hours, snow accumulation, and hazardous driving conditions necessitated a reduction in applicant visits and assessments.

### 11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance ☐ N/A    ☒ Individuals and Households Program    ☒ Crisis Counseling Program    ☒ Disaster Unemployment Assistance

☒ All    ☒ Disaster Case Management    ☒ Disaster Legal Services    ☒ Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).  
All Individual Assistance programs listed above for the Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).  
Eklutna Native Village, Knik Tribe, Chickaloon Native Village, Native Village of Tyonek, Village of Salamatoff, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Ninilchik Village, Seldovia Village Tribe, Native Village of Nanwalek, Native Village of Port Graham.

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

**11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)**

Public Assistance    ☐ N/A    ☒ Debris Removal (Category A)    ☒ Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)    ☒ Permanent Work (Categories C-G)\*  
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

All Public Assistance programs and areas for the Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).  
Eklutna Native Village, Knik Tribe, Chickaloon Native Village, Native Village of Tyonek, Village of Salamatoff, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Ninilchik Village, Seldovia Village Tribe, Native Village of Nanwalek, Native Village of Port Graham.

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

**Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity**

☐ I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

**Request for Direct Federal Assistance**

☒ I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

☐ I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

**Request for Snow Assistance**

☒ N/A    ☐ I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request\*.

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## 11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation\* ☒ Statewide

OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

## 12. Mitigation Plan Information\*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date October 25, 2023

b. Type of Plan

☐ Enhanced☒ Standard

## 13. Other Federal Agency Programs

☐ I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies☒ I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request\*.

## 14. Findings and Certifications

☒ I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Nov 30, 2018 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

## 15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

☒ Cover Letter ☒ Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)\*☒ Enclosure B (Public Assistance)\*☒ Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs)☐ Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)☒ Additional Supporting Documentation HAZUS Estimate from Pacific Disaster Center, StEER/EERI Alaska Earthquake Prelim. Report

  
Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature
Dec 28, 2018

Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

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