

SENATE BILL NO. 236

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to grants to disaster victims."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 26.23.090(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 (b) When the President declares a major disaster, the governor may make a
5 financial grant to an individual or family to meet disaster-related necessary expenses
6 or serious needs of the individual or family adversely affected by the disaster that
7 cannot otherwise adequately be met from other means of assistance. The governor
8 may make a grant under this subsection to an individual or family in an amount whose
9 total of federal and state shares does not exceed the maximum amount authorized by
10 42 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants payable to individuals and families.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 26.23.090 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (d) When the President does not declare a major disaster but the governor
13 declares a disaster emergency, the governor may make a financial grant to an
14 individual or family to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of
15 the individual or family adversely affected by the disaster that cannot otherwise

1 adequately be met from other means of assistance. The governor may make a grant
2 under this subsection to an individual or family in an amount not to exceed the greater
3 of \$50,000 or one-half of the maximum amount authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5174(h) for
4 grants payable to individuals and families. An individual or family that is a unit owner
5 may use a grant made to the unit owner under this subsection to meet the unit's
6 common expense liability that is associated with the disaster. In this subsection,
7 "common expense liability," "unit," and "unit owner" have the meanings given in
8 AS 34.08.990.