

HOUSE BILL NO. 154

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN

Introduced: 5/7/19

Referred: Community & 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 amended to read:

4 (b) The governor is authorized to make financial grants to an individual or
5 family to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals or
6 families adversely affected by the disaster that cannot otherwise adequately be met
7 from other means of assistance. The governor may make a grant to an individual and
8 family under this subsection as follows:

9 (1) when the President declares a major disaster, the governor may
10 make a grant of an amount whose total of federal and state shares does not exceed **one**
11 **and one-half times** the maximum amount authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants
12 payable to individuals and families, **except that the state share may not exceed the**
13 **maximum amount authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants payable to**
14 **individuals and families;**

15 (2) when the President does not declare a major disaster but the

1 governor declares a disaster emergency, the governor may make a grant of an amount
2 not to exceed **the maximum amount authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants**
3 **payable to individuals and families** [ONE-HALF OF THE MAXIMUM GRANT
4 AMOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION].

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

6 (d) If the disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of an individual
7 or family adversely affected by the disaster exceed the total amount available to the
8 individual or family from other means of assistance, the conditions of a grant under (b)
9 of this section may not require an individual or family to apply for all other means of
10 assistance before applying for a grant under (b) of this section.