

HOUSE BILL NO. 346

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE STORY

Introduced: 2/20/24

Referred: Health and Social Services, 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3 * **Section 1.** AS 26.23.090(b) is repealed and reenacted to read: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. An individual or family that is a
2 unit owner may use a grant made to the unit owner under this subsection to meet the
3 unit's common expense liability that is associated with the disaster. The governor may
4 make a grant under this subsection to an individual or family in an amount not to
5 exceed the greater of \$50,000 or one-half of the maximum amount authorized by 42
6 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants payable to individuals and families. In this subsection,
7 "common expense liability," "unit," and "unit owner" have the meanings given in
8 AS 34.08.990.