

Western Alaska Disaster Recovery Action Plans

We admire the enduring strength and resilience of the people and communities of Western Alaska as you respond to and recover from the third major disaster in four years.

Thank you for your time and energy engaging in these recovery action plans.

2 PLANS, 3 DISASTERS, 4 YEARS

The State of Alaska's Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) is currently developing **two Recovery Action Plans** under the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

These plans are required by HUD as a way to communicate how CDBG-DR funding will be used in the rebuilding process. They are an important step needed for HUD to release the funding for programs that will help address recovery needs.

The Recovery Action Plans will address effects from two major

disasters: **Typhoon Merbok (2022)** and the **Lower Yukon Floods (2023)**.

The two plans are being developed at the same time. The project teams are working together with DCRA and the impacted communities to identify remaining **Unmet Needs** that haven't been addressed by other funding sources and **Mitigation Needs** (or ways communities can protect against and prepare for future disasters). A Recovery Action Plan may be developed to address the impacts of **Typhoon Halong**, but we don't have information on that yet.

Learn more about what's happening with the **2023 LOWER YUKON FLOODS RECOVERY ACTION PLAN** - November 20, 2025 Public Review Draft Launch

What is the plan?

- The Draft Recovery Action Plan will address remaining unmet recovery needs from the 2023 Lower Yukon Floods.
- The plan will use the best available data to identify unmet recovery and mitigation needs, and how funding from HUD may be used to address them.
- The total amount of funding available for Lower Yukon communities is approximately \$10 million.

Who does it include?

- This Draft Recovery Action Plan includes nine communities identified by HUD as the "most impacted and distressed" (MID) communities, including Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, Saint Mary's, Pilot Station, Marshall, and Russian Mission.

COMMUNITIES INCLUDED IN CDBG-DR DRAFT RECOVERY ACTION PLAN FOR 2023 LOWER YUKON FLOODS



What happens next?

The Draft Recovery Action Plan with public comments incorporated must be submitted to HUD by December 31, 2025. To meet that deadline:

- We will post the Draft Recovery Action Plan for public review and comment on November 20, 2025. The comment period will be open for 30 days.
- We will host a virtual public hearing on December 3 where you can ask questions and provide comments on the Draft Recovery Action Plan (see meeting info below).
- After the Draft Recovery Action Plan with public comments incorporated is submitted to HUD, we will immediately begin work on amending the Draft Recovery Action Plan in close coordination with each community included in the plan.

Why now?

To expedite the funding, we are on an accelerated timeline. There will be more opportunities to review and comment while we work on amending the Draft Recovery Action Plan in 2026.

How you can get involved

Join us for a virtual public hearing to learn more and provide comments on the 2023 Lower Yukon Floods Draft Recovery Action Plan:

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time: 12-1 p.m.

Call-in number: 1-669-444-9171

Meeting ID: 815 7261 0951 #

Click here: [Zoom link](#)



Learn more about the Draft Recovery Action Plans for [Typhoon Merbok \(2022\)](#) & the [Lower Yukon Floods \(2023\)](#) on the DCRA website www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CDBG-DR-Merbok - www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CDBG-DR-Yukon

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