

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs **2026 Regulatory Reform Plan**

Provided below, in accordance with directions from the Department of Law, is the 2026 Regulatory Reform Plan for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA).

This plan focuses on changes to regulations and materials incorporated by reference. Beyond these efforts, the DMVA will also be making changes to various guidance documentation in the coming year to ensure brevity, simplicity, accuracy, and keep them up to date.

Baseline Calculation

The DMVA baseline of discretionary requirements, including materials incorporated by reference, is as follows:

Section	Discretionary Requirements	2026 Reduction Plan	2027 Reduction Plan
Disaster Assistance Programs			
6 AAC 94.200 - 280 – Individual and Family Disaster Grants	35	2	TBD*
6 AAC 94.300 – 380 – Temporary Housing Assistance	40	4	TBD*
6 AAC 94.900 – Definition	1	0	0
<i>Disaster Assistance Guidance Documents</i>	<i>Pages</i>		
Disaster Assistance Application	7	4	0
Totals	83	10 (12%)	TBD*
Reimbursement of Veterans Service Organizations			
10 AAC 10.010 - 900 – Reimbursement of Veterans Service Organizations	13	6	0
<i>Reimbursement Guidance Documents</i>	<i>Pages</i>		
Joint Venture Agreement	9	1	0
Totals	22	7 (32%)	0
State Emergency Response Commission, Municipality of Anchorage Reporting Requirements			
10 AAC 20.100 - 120	10	10	0
Totals	10	10 (100%)	0
Veterans Memorial and Monument Grants			
10 AAC 30.010 – 900	22	4	0
<i>Veterans Memorial and Monument Grants Documents</i>	<i>Pages</i>		
Application	7	4	0
Agreement	7	0	
Totals	29	8 (27%)	0

Military Facility Zones			
10 AAC 40.010 – 900	9	0	0
<i>Military Facility Zones Guidance Documents</i>	<i>Pages</i>		
Application Guidance	2	0	0
Solicitation Notice	1	0	0
Totals	12	0	0
Alaska State Defense Force			
ASDF Application Packet	8	4	0
ASDF Regulation 350-1	75	35	TBD
ASDF Regulation 600	27	20	TBD
Totals	110	59 (50%)	TBD
DMVA Totals	273	92 (34%)	TBD*

TBD* – Additional regulation changes may be forthcoming for the disaster response programs pending the Federal Emergency Management Administration changes to their agency which may impact Alaska’s Disaster programs.

Additional changes to the Alaska State Defense Force regulations may occur in 2027, pending full implementation of changes being proposed in 2026.

Stakeholder Engagement

The Department held a public comment hearing on March 18, 2026. No comments were received verbally or written.

The Department will continue to work with stakeholders and community partners throughout the regulation process to identify additional changes or clarifications that would make our regulations easier to understand for the public and our programs being administered.

Proposed Regulatory Reform Specifications

This section of the plan outlines changes being proposed to existing regulations and review of guidance documents for consideration.

6 AAC Chapter 94 Disaster Assistance Programs

This section of regulation falls under the Office of the Governor but relates to the Disaster Assistance Programs managed by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The Alaska Disaster Act in AS 26.23 governs these programs and requires the Governor to publish regulations. The DMVA has worked with the Office of the Governor to review and identify potential areas for regulation reform as noted below.

Proposed Changes for 6 AAC Article 2 Individual and Family Disaster Grants

6 AAC 94.210 Disaster grant application – the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has worked diligently to reduce the number of pages an applicant has to complete for the individual assistance program. Over the past several years, the application has been reduced to three pages and is now available online, by mail, or telephonically.

6 AAC 94.220 Disaster grant eligibility

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

6 AAC 94.230 Disaster grant award (Statutory Limit (AS 26.23.090 (b)(2))

No changes to this section proposed at this time, would require statutory changes to implement.

6 AAC 94.240 Eligible expense categories for disaster grants

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

6 AAC 94.250 Limitations on disaster grants made for flood damage

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

6 AAC 94.260 Reconsiderations

Proposed changes to item (c) of this section reducing the number of days the state has to decide on a request for reconsideration from 15 to 10 working days.

6 AAC 94.270 Appeals

Proposed changes to item (a) of this section reduces the number of days the state has to respond to an appeal from 20 to 15 working days.

Proposed changes for 6 AAC Article 3 Temporary Housing Assistance

6 AAC 94.300 Scope (Statutory Authority (AS 26.23.020))

No changes to this section proposed at this time, would require statutory changes to implement.

6 AAC 94.310 Application for Temporary Housing Assistance

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has worked diligently to reduce the number of pages an applicant has to complete for the individual assistance program. Over the past several years, the application has been reduced to three pages and is now available online, by mail, or telephonically.

6 AAC 94.320 Eligibility for temporary housing assistance

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

6 AAC 94.330 Duration of temporary housing assistance

Proposed change to item (e) increases the required period of notice the state must give to an individual receiving temporary housing assistance from 30-day notice to 60-day notice.

6 AAC 94.340 Forms of temporary housing assistance

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

6 AAC 94.350 Award of temporary housing assistance

Proposed change to this section allows the state to notify an applicant via electronic mail in addition to traditional mail and contact via an applicant's preferred method of contact.

6 AAC 94.360 Reconsideration

Proposed changes to item (c) of this section reducing the number of days the state has to decide on a request for reconsideration from 15 to 10 working days.

6 AAC 94.370 Appeals

Proposed changes to item (a) of this section reduces the number of days the state has to respond to an appeal from 20 to 15 working days.

6 AAC 94.380 Definitions

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

No proposed changes to 6 AAC Article 4 General Provisions (Definitions) at this time.

Guidance Documents Related to this Section:

2025 State of Alaska Individual Assistance (IA) Disaster Grant Program Administrative Plan Individual and Family Grant Program (IFG) Temporary Housing Grant Program (THG)

There are no changes being proposed to the documents at this time but will be reviewed following any federal changes made to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) programs for compliance and clarity.

10 AAC Chapter 10 Reimbursement of Veterans Service Organizations for Rehabilitation and Service Work

This regulation guides the state Office of Veterans Affairs and their oversight of federal Veterans Service Officer program. This grant program provides state funding resources to accredited Veteran Service Organizations (as established by federal law) to employ service officers to assist veterans with accessing the benefits they have earned through their military service.

10 AAC 10.010 Purpose (Statutory Authority (AS 26.10.040))

No changes to this section proposed at this time, would require statutory changes to implement.

10 AAC 10.020 Grants

Proposed changes to this section include amending existing language to more clearly communicate eligibility for these grants and grant management by the DMVA Office of Veterans Affairs.

10 AAC 10.030 Notice

Proposed changes to this section include amending existing language to more clearly communicate what information will be noticed to eligible organizations.

10 AAC 10.040 Application

Proposed changes to this section include amending existing language to more clearly communicate the application process and requirements for eligible organizations.

10 AAC 10.050 Selection procedures

Proposed changes to this section include amending existing language to more clearly communicate the review process for grant applicants to accurately reflect the current process.

10 AAC 10.060 Award by director

Proposed changes to this section include amending existing language to more clearly communicate the award process for grant recipients to accurately reflect the current process.

10 AAC 10.070 Reporting requirements

Proposed changes to this section include amending existing language to more clearly communicate reporting requirements for grant recipients.

10 AAC 10.900 Definitions

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

Guidance Documents Related to this Section:

Joint Venture Agreement

This document will be reviewed to ensure clarity for grant recipients and compliance with the regulation it supports. Goal is to reduce from 9 pages to 8.

10 AAC Chapter 20 State Emergency Response Commission, Municipality of Anchorage Reporting Requirements

The Department is in the process of reviewing this section to determine whether it is still needed.

The goal is to remove this entire section from regulation, pending confirmation it has been addressed at the municipal level through the appropriate actions of the Anchorage Assembly.

10 AAC 20.100 Applicability of reporting requirements

10 AAC 20.110 Reporting requirements

10 AAC 20.120 Definitions

10 AAC Chapter 30 Veterans Memorial and Monument Grants

This regulation guides the state Office of Veterans Affairs and their oversight of the veterans memorial and monument grants established in AS 37.14.700 – 740.

10 AAC 30.010 Purpose of grants (Statutory Authority (AS 37.14.700 - 740))

No changes to this section proposed at this time, would require statutory change to implement.

10 AAC 30.020 Notice of solicitation of grant proposals

Proposed changes to this section will modernize the form of notification to include options other than by mail and clarifying notice requirements.

10 AAC 30.030 Grant application

Proposed changes to this section include clarifying language for applicants to better understand the application process and requirements.

10 AAC 30.040 Review of application; final decision

Proposed changes to this section include clarifying language for applicants to better understand the decision process and establishing timeline for expectations of decisions.

10 AAC 30.050 Grant agreement

Proposed changes to this section include amending existing language to more clearly communicate the award process for grant recipients to accurately reflect the current process and requirements.

10 AAC 30.060 Grant payment

No changes proposed to this section at this time.

10 AAC 30.070 Retention of records

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

10 AAC 30.080 Appeals

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

10 AAC 30.900 Definitions

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

Guidance Documents Related to this Section:

Veterans Memorial and Monument Grants Application

This document will be reviewed to ensure clarity for grant recipients and compliance with the regulation it supports. Goal is to reduce from 7 pages to 3.

Veterans Memorial and Monument Grant Award and Agreement

This document will be reviewed to ensure clarity for grant recipients and compliance with the regulation it supports. No reductions are anticipated at this time.

10 AAC Chapter 40 Military Facility Zones

This regulation outlines the process for military facility zone application and regulation in Alaska.

10 AAC 40.010 Purpose (Statutory Authority (AS 26.30))

No changes to this section proposed at this time, would require statutory change to implement.

10 AAC 40.020 Municipal applicant requirements

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

10 AAC 40.030 Time period for receipt of comments

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

10 AAC 40.900 Definitions

No changes to this section proposed at this time.

Alaska State Defense Force Guidance Documents

The Department started a previous rewrite of existing regulations for the Alaska State Defense Force that had not previously been published. Through the process, it was discovered they needed to be published. Following AO 360, the Department will be reviewing these documents for additional reductions and reforms that can be made with the new guidance. Goal is to substantially reduce these documents by removing redundant and obsolete procedures and requirements.

Proposed Timeline for Revision Submission

Regulation	Scope	Anticipated Quarter
6 AAC Chapter 94	Disaster Assistance Programs	
6 AAC Article 1	Deleted.	
6 AAC Article 2	Individual and Family Disaster Grants	
6 AAC 94.200	Scope.	n/a
6 AAC 94.210	Disaster grant application	n/a
6 AAC 94.220	Disaster grant eligibility	n/a
6 AAC 94.230	Disaster grant award	n/a
6 AAC 94.240	Eligible expense categories for disaster grants	n/a
6 AAC 94.250	Limitations on disaster grants made for flood damage	n/a
6 AAC 94.260	Reconsideration	Q4
6 AAC 94.270	Appeals	Q4
6 AAC 94.280	Definitions (repealed)	n/a

6 AAC Article 3	Temporary Housing Assistance	
6 AAC 94.300	Scope	n/a
6 AAC 94.310	Application for Temporary Housing Assistance	n/a
6 AAC 94.320	Eligibility for temporary housing assistance	n/a
6 AAC 94.330	Duration of temporary housing assistance	Q4
6 AAC 94.340	Forms of temporary housing assistance	n/a
6 AAC 94.350	Award of temporary housing assistance	Q4
6 AAC 94.360	Reconsideration	Q4
6 AAC 94.370	Appeals	n/a
6 AAC 94.380	Definitions	n/a
6 AAC Article 4	General Provisions (Definitions)	
6 AAC 94.900	Definitions	n/a
10 AAC Chapter 10	Reimbursement of Veterans Service Organizations	
10 AAC 10.010	Purpose	n/a
10 AAC 10.020	Grants	Q3
10 AAC 10.030	Notice	Q3
10 AAC 10.040	Application	Q3
10 AAC 10.050	Selection procedures	Q3
10 AAC 10.060	Award by director	Q3
10 AAC 10.070	Reporting requirements	Q3
10 AAC 10.900	Definitions	n/a
10 AAC Chapter 20	State Emergency Response Commission, Municipality of Anchorage Reporting Requirements	
10 AAC 20.100	Applicability of reporting requirements	Q4
10 AAC 20.110	Reporting requirements	Q4
10 AAC 20.120	Definitions	Q4
10 AAC Chapter 30	Veterans Memorial and Monument Grants	
10 AAC 30.010	Purpose of grants	n/a
10 AAC 30.020	Notice of solicitation of grant proposals	Q3
10 AAC 30.030	Grant application	Q3
10 AAC 30.040	Review of application; final decision	Q3
10 AAC 30.050	Grant agreement	Q3
10 AAC 30.060	Grant payment	n/a
10 AAC 30.070	Retention of records	n/a
10 AAC 30.080	Repeals	n/a
10 AAC 30.900	Definitions	n/a
10 AAC Chapter 40	Military Facility Zones	
10 AAC 40.010	Purpose	n/a
10 AAC 40.020	Municipal applicant requirements	n/a
10 AAC 40.030	Time period for receipt of comments	n/a
10 AAC 40.900	Definitions	n/a
OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE		
Needs Regs	Alaska State Defense Force	Q3

Approved Deadline Extensions

The **DMVA** received extensions to the deadlines from the Governor's Office due to ongoing disaster response and limited staff availability.

Submission

This proposed regulatory plan for the DMVA has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Deputy Commissioner.

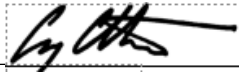
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