



# Municipality of Anchorage

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## Office of Emergency Management



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Good afternoon,

The Municipality of Anchorage Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is organizing a working group to focus on emergency planning for individuals with functional and access needs in disasters. Over the last year, the OEM has been revising its sheltering and evacuation annexes, doing legal research on current requirements and guidelines pertaining to functional and access needs, and exercising the sheltering and evacuation plans. These activities have identified gaps in functional needs support services planning and preparedness, particularly in the areas of mass sheltering. The OEM is working diligently on these issues to bring the Muni into compliance with federal guidelines and to ensure the Municipality is ready and able to assist those most in need during a disaster.

The purpose of the working group is to solicit input from subject-matter-experts experts and advocacy groups for the following:

- Identifying locally available resources
- Identifying critical Shelter supplies
- Development of Functional & Access Support Teams (FAST) program
- Disaster Registry program

The first meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am at the Anchorage Emergency Operations Center and will focus on creating a list of sheltering supplies available locally through groups or agencies like yours, and a list of additional supplies needed that can be included in our upcoming grant applications.

If you would like to participate in the Functional Needs Support Services Working Group, please email me at [brantleyd@muni.org](mailto:brantleyd@muni.org) and provide:

- Your agency or organization name
- The name of the person who will be attending as your representative
- Your representative's contact information
- Availability to attend the initial meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>

We sincerely hope you will participate and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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