# What to do if your Additional Living Expenses (ALE) Assistance is running out

## Questions to Answer Before Requesting an Extension

Do you have ALE Coverage?

Check your policy to see how long your coverage lasts

Get more details

Do you have a rebuild contractor?

Determine with Contractor expected date of move in

Did your insurance delay your rebuilding process?

Document insurance related delay

Step 1: Ask your insurance for an ALE Extension

Contact your insurance company (via email or mail) to ask for an extension. Use the sample letter as a guide.

- Ask for an extension that will cover the gap between when your current ALE coverage will end and when you will be able to move back into your home.
- Cite the long and difficult rebuilding process due to catastrophic fire as the need for an extension.
- Enlist the support of your agent or broker to advocate for you with your insurance company.
- If denied by your insurance company, ask for a letter showing the date when your ALE coverage will stop

#### Step 2: If denied, request documentation showing when ALE coverage ends

- Most financial resources available for those whose ALE coverage has ended require this documentation
- Collect financial documentation (tax returns, W2s, pay stubs, etc.)
- Discuss hardship resources available with your mortgage servicer

## Step 3: Request additional financial resources

#### **Recovery Navigators**

bouldercountynavigatingdisaster.gov For additional possible rental assistance resources: 303-446-7782 NavigatingDisasterBOCO@lfsrm.org



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## Step 4: Contact a HUD Certified Counselor

#### **Boulder County Personal Finance Program**

bouldercounty.gov/families/housing/personal-finance-coaching/ Provides housing counseling, no financial assistance: 720-564-2279 personalfinance@bouldercounty.gov





