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## Lots of disaster help at DAC centers

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PRINCEVILLE—Kaua'i residents who suffered property damage to the herculean winds of Iniki have at their disposal five Disaster Application Centers, set up by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to recoup their losses.

The DACs opened Thursday at the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall in Lihu'e, Kapa'a Armory, Hanapepe Armory, Kalaheo Neighborhood Center, and in Princeville at the playground next to the Princeville Shopping Center. The centers are open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Jo-Ann Lally, director for the Princeville DAC, said aid applications are available for any residents who have suffered uninsured disaster losses. But Lally said federal aid may also be available for insured property as well.

Lally said FEMA can not dupli-

cate or overlapped existing insurance coverage, but can provide supplementary aid like low interest disaster loans or even grants through the Small Business Administrations.

Lally said home owners can get help with temporary housing, home repair, and low interest loans through any of the DAC centers. Grant referrals are also possible for those who qualify.

The applications centers also house representatives from the SBA, through which applicants can arrange for the low interest loans or grants. Representatives from the Army Corp of Engineers are on hand to assist home owners with roof and other emergency repairs. The engineers can provide technical advice, and if necessary referrals to contractors.

The DAC locations also have representatives from the Red Cross operating service centers. Marsha Johnson, Red Cross director at the Princeville DAC, said the service

centers provide basic needs like food and medication. Johnson said the Red Cross can provide dispersing orders which people can use to get supplies at local merchants and supermarkets.

Bill Sanders, public information officer for FEMA, said these centers are here for the duration. "We do not even know when we're going to close," he said.

The DAC at Princeville situated next to the Army and Air National Guard food service and distribution centers for the North Shore area. The food service, being run by the 297 Service and Support Battalion, is providing hot meals twice a day—8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 5 to 7 p.m.

The Guard distribution center is passing out MERs to residents, and may be getting other supplies including tarps for distribution. But Capt. George Holloway said they don't know when the supplies will arrive or who is supplying them.