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Dear Alaskan:

The Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) presents the 2009 ***Economic Development Resource Guide (EDRG)***. The EDRG is a tool for agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and the public to find resources for the continuing success of their respective endeavors. The guide offers resource information for grants, loans, technical assistance, and information. The EDRG is a resource to inform public and private entities and the public about economic development programs.

Every year, DCRA staff works with agencies across the board to incorporate program and contact information and deliver the updates via a web page, CD-Rom, and printed copy. I invite you to take advantage of the online EDRG information offered by the Division of Community and Regional Affairs.

The EDRG can be found at: <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dcra/edrg/EDRG.htm>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Jollie".

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The Alaska Economic Development Resource Guide is designed to bring together in one place an inventory of programs and services that can provide economic development assistance to Alaska communities, businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Federal and State agencies, as well as national and Alaska private non-profit and for-profit agencies, are represented. This directory primarily describes those programs that focus on the creation and support of new industries, businesses, and long-term jobs. It is designed to help communities match their economic development strategies with existing program resources that could support those strategies.

To help the user of this resource guide, each program listed in the table of contents has a reference code associated with it. This code indicates which kind of organization the program is targeted to and whether the program offers funding assistance. The table below lists the reference codes and their meanings.

<b>Reference Code</b>	
<b>GP</b>	General Public
<b>B</b>	Business
<b>G</b>	Government
<b>N</b>	Native Organization
<b>NP</b>	Non-Profit
<b>\$</b>	Loans/Grants Available

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## 8(a) Business Development Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

### Program Goals:

8(a) Business Development Program's goals are:

- To promote the business development of small business concerns owned and controlled by socially-and economically-disadvantaged individuals, so they can compete on an equal basis in the American economy.
- To promote their competitive viability in the marketplace by providing such available contract, financial, technical, and management assistance as may be necessary.

### Resource Provided:

SBA monitors all federal government contracts to ensure that a percentage of contract work goes to small businesses designated as 8(a) businesses. SBA also provides business management services to assist these 8(a) business concerns in their development.

### Eligibility:

A business must qualify as a small business concern under SBA's size standards (13 CFR 121). A qualifying individual(s) must be the majority owner of the business and must be involved in the day-to-day management of the business. Additionally, small business concerns owned by Indian tribes and Alaska Native corporations may be eligible. A business must be approved for program participation prior to receipt of an 8(a) contract.

### Alaska Program Status:

The Anchorage SBA Office maintains a list of approved 8(a) businesses (construction, professional and nonprofessional services, and manufacturing). SBA receives contracts for services from other federal agencies and then subcontracts the performance of these services out to qualified 8(a) firms.

### Comments:

This program experiences great demand. 8(a) contract opportunities are used as a resource in the development of the applicant's business but are not guaranteed. A related SBA program provides for business management services to 8(a) businesses. A separate SBA program monitors all federal contracts to ensure that a predetermined percentage is awarded to small businesses.

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## Administration for Native Americans Grants

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

### Program Goals:

Program announcements are goal-category specific. ANA will release separate program announcements for funding opportunities under Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS); Language: Assessment, Planning, Implementation, and Immersion; Environmental Regulatory Enhancement; Family Preservation: Planning and Implementation; and for special initiatives.

- Governance: to assist tribal and Alaska Native village governments, Native American institutions, and local leadership to exercise local control and decision-making over their resources.
- Economic Development: to foster the development of stable, diversified local economies and economic activities, which provide jobs and promote economic well-being.
- Social Development: to support local access to, control of, and coordination of services and programs that safeguard the health, well-being, and culture of Native Americans and provide them with the support services and training necessary for them to work and sustain services that are essential to a thriving and self-sufficient community.

### Eligibility:

Tribal entities and private nonprofit agencies with Native entity status.

### Alaska Program Status:

In autumn 2009, there were 23 active ANA grants in Alaska in all categories of ANA funding areas.

### Comments:

Alaska Region III has a website that lists free pre-application workshops with current dates and Alaska training locations. Nonprofit organizations are eligible if the majority of board seats are held by Alaskan Natives. Building funds are ineligible for funding, but construction design is eligible. Free telephone technical assistance is also available.

Grant applications can be submitted in hard copy and via <http://www.grants.gov>.

Note: Applicants must be or belong to a recognized tribal or Native entity.

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## Agricultural Cooperatives Technical Assistance

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Business - Cooperative Service

### Program Goals:

To formulate, develop, and administer research and technical assistance programs regarding the various aspects of farmer cooperatives.

### Resource Provided:

Advisory services, counseling, technical information, educational materials, and publications.

### Eligibility:

Rural and farm cooperatives, as well as those interested in forming agricultural cooperatives.

### Alaska Program Status:

The agency has provided cooperative information to several Alaska groups and individuals and recently received technical requests from potential Alaska cooperatives.

### Comments:

This could be a good source of basic materials for communities that want to investigate agricultural cooperative ventures. This agency provides an extensive listing of practical and cookbook publications. For more information regarding the financing of general cooperatives, see the listings for the Cooperative Development Foundation and Cooperative Extension Services in this guide.

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## Agricultural Research Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, University of Alaska Fairbanks

### Program Goals:

To provide research results needed to enhance sustainable development of agriculture and forestry, reclaim disturbed lands, reduce pollution, and use and manage Alaska's lands and other natural resources wisely for agriculture, forestry, research, and recreation.

### Resource Provided:

Provides technical information and research results. Program is funded by USDA Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service and other sources.

### Eligibility:

Land-grant universities and affiliated experimental stations. Information developed through research is available to the general public.

### Alaska Program Status:

The Alaska Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station is part of the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences, University of Alaska Fairbanks. The experiment station operates research centers at Fairbanks Delta, Nome, and Palmer. The station provides a basic source of Alaska-relevant agricultural and forestry research information.

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## Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund (ARLF)

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Agriculture, Board of Agriculture and Conservation (BAC)

### Program Goals:

To promote development of agriculture as an industry in Alaska through low-interest rate loans for product processing, land clearing, equipment/livestock purchase, and farm development.

### Resource Provided:

Direct loans: operating loans up to \$200,000, chattel loans up to \$1,000,000, product processing and land clearing loans up to \$250,000, farm development loans up to \$1,000,000. All loans are limited to 75% of the value of collateral.

### Eligibility:

Individuals, partnerships, or corporations who are Alaska residents or headquartered in Alaska and owned by Alaskan residents. Loans are available on the basis of generally accepted banking practices.

### Alaska Program Status:

There are approximately 115 accounts active statewide with a value of approximately \$12 million.

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## Agricultural Wholesale Market Development

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

### Program Goals:

To increase overall marketing efficiency of Alaskan agriculture products, thereby lowering the cost of marketing food. The program is also designed to increase consumer awareness and consumption of locally grown products.

### Resource Provided:

Technical advisory services and counseling in the area of efficient market development. Provides product grading, marketing support programs, and facilitation of commercial agricultural transactions.

### Eligibility:

Government agencies and private industry (producers, processors, or marketing agencies) may request assistance.

### Alaska Program Status:

DNR has a three-person staff, two in Palmer and one in Fairbanks, who provide a state-level clearinghouse service concerning agricultural development resources.

### Comments:

The program uses sound marketing information to bring producers, wholesalers, and retailers together.

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## Agricultural and Economic Research

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (ERS)

**Program Goals:**

To provide economic information and analysis for public and private decisions on agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural America. ERS produces such information for use by the general public and to help policy makers develop, administer, and evaluate agricultural and rural policies and programs.

**Resource Provided:**

Published (both print and electronic) materials cover:

- Current situation and short-term forecasts for agricultural commodities, exports, finances, etc.
- Economic and social conditions in rural America.
- Effects of government policies and programs on farmers, rural communities, natural resources, and the public.

**Eligibility:**

ERS research is available to all.

**Comments:**

This agency produces a wide range of popular and technical materials related to the economic concerns of farmers. Much of this material may not be directly applicable in Alaskan conditions and communities. However, agency staff are sometimes able to respond to specific requests for information.

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## Alaska Capstone Avionics Revolving Loan Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Investments

### Program Goals:

To provide long-term, low-interest financing for the purchase and installation of Capstone avionics equipment for private and commercial aircraft that are substantially flown in Alaska.

### Resource Provided:

Loans are available for the purchase and installation of Capstone avionics equipment for private and commercial aircraft that are substantially flown in Alaska. The applicant must sign a declaration certifying that the aircraft being upgraded has flown at least 51% of its flight hours in Alaska over the last 12 months.

Collateral: Loans will be secured by a priority lien on the avionics being financed and by a lien on the aircraft receiving improvement.

### Eligibility:

Aircraft being upgraded must be substantially operated in Alaska. Applicant must sign a declaration certifying that at least 51% of the aircraft's flight hours were in Alaska over the last 12 months.

Applicant must provide copy of airworthiness certificate, copy of aircraft registration, and copy of last tax return.

### Alaska Program Status:

The effective date of this program was July 1, 2007.

### Comments:

Interest rate is 4%. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee. Maximum loan term is 10 years. Payment schedule is requested at closing and is either monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual. Borrower is responsible for paying all direct costs incurred in processing the loan application, including, but not limited to, an aircraft preliminary title report and FAA recording fee.

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## Alaska Clearinghouse

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

### Program Goals:

To provide comprehensive, up-to-date information on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-funded programs to organizations and individuals in Alaska. Staff tracks ARRA programs, including competitive grants, loan programs, tax incentives, and bonding authority, in order to provide Alaskans with the best possible funding options for their projects.

### Resource Provided:

Staff will look over your project information and try to match you up with the appropriate program as quickly as possible. You can also stay up to date on the latest ARRA news and Clearinghouse updates by signing up for their e-mail alerts or Twitter feed. The Clearinghouse is dedicated to providing useful information to Alaskans as quickly as possible.

### Alaska Program Status:

This is a short-term program, based on the 2009 stimulus package, intended to aid Alaskans find grants they qualify for. It will end in December 2009.

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## Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank (CFAB)

### Administrative Agency:

Private For-Profit: Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank

### Program Goals:

CFAB's authority and mission is to provide financing to the commercial fishing, agriculture, tourism, and other resource-based industries in Alaska.

### Resource Provided:

Provides loans to Alaskan residents.

### Eligibility:

To become a CFAB borrower, an applicant must be commercially involved in one of the following industries: commercial fishing, agriculture, tourism, or other resource-based industries. The applicant must be an Alaska resident, as must individual members of a partnership. The majority ownership and control of corporations or other legal entities must rest with Alaska residents.

### Alaska Program Status:

The Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank was established as a private member-owned cooperative by a special Alaska statute and began operations in 1980.

### Comments:

Borrowers have the opportunity to participate in CFAB's annual financial results through a partial refund of interest paid. CFAB is controlled by a board of directors whose members are elected by and from its stockholders.

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## Alaska Export Assistance Center U.S. Commercial Service

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce

### Program Goals:

The Alaska Export Assistance Center is co-located with the World Trade Center Alaska and together they help Alaska companies, especially small- and medium-sized firms, increase sales and expand into foreign markets.

### Resource Provided:

Services include industry and country market analyses, customized market analyses, finding qualified distributors and joint venture partners, background checks of foreign companies, trade missions, export documentation, and licensing, classification, and tariff consultation. Fees may apply for some services.

### Comments:

The U.S. Commercial Service is strategically located to ensure effective penetration of foreign markets by Alaskan businesses with a network of international marketing specialists that span the globe in 153 cities in 81 countries.

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**Alaska Film Office (AFO)****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Office of Economic Development (OED)

**Program Goals:**

The Alaska Film Office (AFO) promotes Alaska as a desirable location for movie, television, and commercial production. The office also administers Alaska's Transferable Tax Credit for Film Production (incentive program).

**Resource Provided:**

The Alaska Film Office administers Alaska's Transferable Tax Credit for Film Production, which can be up to 44% of qualified Alaska expenditures involved in a production.

**Eligibility:**

Eligible projects are broadly defined as film, documentary, advertising, and video projects. At least \$100,000 of qualified expenditures must be made in Alaska, although there are no salary caps or project caps. Companies do not need to be domiciled in Alaska nor do they need to hire Alaskans. However, there are additional incentives for Alaska hire, off-season production, and productions filmed in rural locations. Productions receive 30% base credit for all expenditures made in Alaska, an additional 10% tax credit for wages paid to Alaskan residents, 2% tax credit for production expenditures made between October 1 and March 30, and a 2% tax credit for production expenditures made in a rural area, for a combined maximum possible credit of 44% for a production with an all-Alaskan crew that films in Alaska between October and March.

**Alaska Program Status:**

Funding for the Transferable Tax Credit is set by legislation at a minimum of \$100,000.

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## Alaska Forest Legacy Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

### Program Goals:

Program goals are to:

- Protect fish and wildlife habitat and maintain habitat connectivity, habitat diversity, and related values needed to ensure biological diversity and healthy fish and wildlife populations.
- Increase opportunities for natural lands recreation, especially near communities and existing roads, and protect existing opportunities at remote sites.
- Buffer, protect, and enhance the natural ecosystem functions and natural lands recreation value of lands currently under conservation and forest management.
- Prevent forest fragmentation.
- Protect areas important to Alaska's communities for water supplies, traditional uses, and economic reasons.
- Protect river systems, wetlands, and coastal areas and their associated hydrologic functions and upland habitats.
- Provide and maintain opportunities for traditional forest uses, including the production of wood and non-timber forest products.

### Resource Provided:

The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) will cover 75% of the costs of a conservation easement or fee-title purchase. The other 25% must be matched by either the landowner or an assisting entity, such as a non-profit organization or non-federal government agency. Other costs that can be covered by the program include appraisals, surveys, closing costs, title work, insurance, and other real estate transaction expenses.

### Eligibility:

The Alaska FLP may only acquire lands and interests in lands identified within Forest Legacy Areas (see website) on a willing seller/willing buyer basis. Projects proposed for the FLP in Alaska must be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses and must directly address one or more of the Alaska program goals. Participation in Forest Legacy is limited to private forest landowners.

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## Alaska Grown Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture

### Program Goals:

Alaska Grown is a marketing and quality-assurance program designed to support and increase the sales of Alaskan agriculture products. The program works to bring producers, wholesalers, and retailers together based on sound marketing information.

### Resource Provided:

The Alaskan Grown logo and “point-of-sale material”. The program also provides product grading, marketing support programs, and facilitation of commercial agricultural transactions.

### Eligibility:

Producers of agricultural products grown or developed in Alaska must apply for authorization in order to use the logo and “point-of-sale material”.

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## Alaska Growth Capital

**Administrative Agency:**

Private For Profit: Alaska Growth Capital

**Program Goals:**

To provide a financing alternative to businesses that may have trouble gaining access to traditional bank financing.

**Resource Provided:**

Alaska Growth Capital provides financing for all business needs, including construction lending, working capital facilities, equipment purchases, and leasehold improvements. It also participates in the SBA and USDA loan guarantee programs.

Loans range from \$100,000 to \$7,500,000 and more and normally have terms from three to 25 years.

Interest rates depend on the risk level of the business, and each financing package is customized to meet the needs of the business.

Alaska Growth Capital also delivers financial consulting in limited circumstances.

**Eligibility:**

Alaska Growth Capital can finance any business within the state but focuses on businesses that are expanding Alaska's economy. The primary criteria for consideration include the following:

- Dedicated and experienced management
- Past performance
- Current economic viability of the business
- Competitive advantages

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## Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Revenue

**Program Goals:**

To assist communities with financing for capital projects.

**Resource Provided:**

Direct loans. No set loan limits. Statutory limit of \$750 million in outstanding bonds. Interest rates depend on the national market for tax-exempt bond issues.

**Eligibility:**

Any organized local government in need of capital project financing should contact the Bond Bank.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority is a public corporation created by state law (AS 44.85).

The Bond Bank was created to address the disadvantages that Alaska's communities often experience in financial markets. Communities may have low bond ratings or lack familiarity among investors that would result in above-market interest rates on borrowed money.

Generally, the Bond Bank sells bonds on the national money market and then uses the proceeds to purchase the bonds of Alaska municipalities at the same interest rate the Bond Bank obtained, thereby providing the municipalities with funds for their capital projects. The Bond Bank's A rating from both Moody's and Standard and Poor enables it to borrow money at low rates. As municipalities pay principal and interest to the Bond Bank, the Bond Bank uses this money to pay its bond holders.

The Bond Bank is self-supporting. It does not use general fund monies and, in fact, has returned up to \$2.2 million to the general fund annually. The bank has an excellent loan record, with no defaults.

The bank has five directors, including the Commissioners of the Departments of Revenue and Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, as well as three public members.

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## Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions Assisting Communities (AN/NHIAC)

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### Program Goals:

To assist Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian institutions of higher education (AN/NHIs) to expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities.

### Resource Provided:

Grants of up to \$800,000 competitively awarded to assist Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian institutions of higher education (AN/NHIs) to expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities.

### Eligibility:

**Eligible Grantees:** Only accredited nonprofit Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian institutions of higher education that meet the definitions of Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian institutions of higher education established in Title III, Part A, Section 317 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-244; enacted October 7, 1998) are eligible to apply. If you are an Alaska Native institution of higher education, in order for you to meet this definition, at least 20% of your undergraduate headcount enrollment must be Alaska Native students.

**Eligible Activities:** Each activity proposed for funding must meet the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) eligibility requirements and at least one national objective. The three national objectives are:

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency, because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs

Some of the eligible activities include:

- Acquisition of real property.
- Clearance and demolition.
- Rehabilitation of residential structures and compliance with the accessibility requirements contained in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- Direct homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income persons.
- Special economic development activities described at 24 CFR 570.203.
- Assistance to facilitate economic development by providing technical or financial assistance for the establishment, stabilization, and expansion of microenterprises, including minority enterprises.

**Comments:**

Application: HUD publishes an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and an application kit for the AN/NHIAC Program. Applications must be filed electronically at: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

See <http://www.oup.org/programs/aboutANNHIAC.asp> for more information.

Applications kits are available from the University Partnerships Clearinghouse (1-800-245-2691).

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## Alaska Office of Mineral Development

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Office of Economic Development

### Program Goals:

The Office of Economic Development Minerals Section works to promote the growth of the minerals industry in Alaska by:

- Providing staff support for the Minerals Commission.
- Analyzing proposed legislation relating to the industry and providing comment.
- Providing information to the public relative to the minerals industry in Alaska.
- Providing technical and administrative support for prospectors and industry personnel.
- Working with industry and the public to identify and resolve barricades to development.
- Promoting developmental improvements, such as a value-added facility.
- Conducting promotional programs.
- Supporting efforts to improve work force development and technical education to students to support the industry.
- Participating in preparation of the annual Alaska minerals industry report.
- Participating in federal and state land planning and permitting of mines.
- Providing technical support to other departments.
- Providing other assistance as requested and needed.

### Resource Provided:

The Minerals Section of the Office of Economic Development is the primary advocacy agency in state government promoting mineral exploration and development by providing information, economic data, and technical assistance to individuals, businesses, and government agencies. The office also produces an informational Alaska Minerals Industry compact disc and works with the State of Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys and the Division of Mining, Land, and Water to publish the Alaska's Minerals Industry report each year. The Alaska's Minerals Industry report provides information about Alaska minerals exploration, development, and production and is available free of charge to the public and to government and business organizations.

### Eligibility:

Assistance available to anyone needing information about the Alaska Minerals Industry.

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**Alaska Performance Excellence Program (APEX)****Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): APEX - Alaska Performance Excellence

**Program Goals:**

To elevate the performance of all Alaska's organizations

**Resource Provided:**

Based upon an assessment by trained examiners, APEX provides objective, confidential feedback on an organization's processes. This can then be used to improve performance.

**Eligibility:**

All sectors may submit applications: small businesses, services, manufacturing, healthcare, education, and non-profits.

**Alaska Program Status:**

APEX is currently conducting self-assessment workshops and two award programs.

**Comments:**

The APEX program is based upon the Baldrige National Quality Program, which has been in existence for 19 years. Baldrige resides in the U.S. Department of Commerce within the National Institute of Science and Technology. There are 41 other states that currently have state-level award programs like APEX.

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## Alaska Product Preference Program

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Office of Economic Development (OED)

**Program Goals:**

To provide incentives to Alaskan manufacturers who submit bids or proposals for state contracts by awarding product preference considerations to qualifying businesses.

**Resource Provided:**

The product preference programs (Alaska Products, Forest Products) do not provide direct financial assistance. Under the state procurement code, however, these two programs can provide eligible manufacturers cost preferences of 3%, 5%, or 7% on state procurement contracts.

**Eligibility:**

Any Alaskan business that manufactures a product with at least 25% value-added in Alaska may submit an application to the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for certification in one of the preference programs. Certification in the preference programs is awarded to a qualifying product, not to its manufacturer. The department verifies information submitted on the application, and, if approved, the product is certified for a two-year period. After certification, the product is included in the next published semi-annual Product Preference List. Product Preference Lists are published April 1 and October 1.

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## Alaska Regional Development Organizations Economic Development Planning/Business Development Assistance

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (Alaska): Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR) - 12 regional economic development councils designated under the ARDOR program.

### Program Goals:

To prepare and implement a regional economic development strategy and assist communities and businesses to implement the same. To provide business development assistance.

### Resource Provided:

Prepare regional and community economic development strategies. Provide technical assistance, training, and information to individuals desiring to start or expand a business in the region.

### Eligibility:

Communities and individuals in the region served.

### Alaska Program Status:

ARDORs receive partial funding from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development's Office of Economic Development to provide services and implement their regional strategies. State funding for each ARDOR is dependent on annual legislative appropriations.

Funding for the FY10 ARDOR program was increased to \$677,700 by the Alaska Industrial Export Authority (AIDEA), resulting in grants for each ARDOR in the amount of \$56,475. The program has been extended another five years by the State Legislature, to sunset in 2013.

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## Alaska Scenic Byways Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration; State Agency: Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Division of Program Development

### Program Goals:

Once a route is officially designated an Alaska Scenic Byway, a National Scenic Byway, or an All-American Road, it is eligible for National Scenic Byway funds to prepare and implement a corridor management plan. A local match of 20% is required for all grant projects.

### Resource Provided:

Scenic Byway grants can be used to develop corridor management plans, safety improvements, byway facilities that interpret or enhance the intrinsic qualities of the scenic byway, and access to recreation (including water recreation), as well as protect resources, interpret information, and market byways.

### Eligibility:

Non-profit groups, state and local governmental agencies, or political subdivisions within Alaska may apply for projects along officially designated state and national byways.

### Alaska Program Status:

Grant applications are accepted on an annual basis. Check the National Scenic Byways website or contact the Alaska Byways Coordinator for criteria and other details.

Applications are submitted online via the National Scenic Byways website at: <http://www.byways.org>. A hard copy with attachments must also be submitted.

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## Alaska State Office of Tourism

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Office of Economic Development (OED)

**Program Goals:**

To stimulate economic growth, diversification, and job opportunities in Alaska through tourism research, planning, and business development.

**Resource Provided:**

The office provides the following resources specific to tourism: research, community and regional tourism planning and management, product development, business planning and development, and customer service training. Upon request, tourism staff provide presentations and workshops at tourism and economic development conferences around the state. The Office of Tourism manages the State of Alaska's tourism marketing contract with the Alaska Travel Industry Association (<http://www.alaskatia.org>).

**Eligibility:**

Services of the Office of Tourism are available to Alaska residents, communities, villages, Native corporations, businesses, non-profits, and other organizations.

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## Alaska Trails Program

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Alaska Department of Natural Resources

**Program Goals:**

Development and reconstruction of specific trails and related facilities.

**Resource Provided:**

Grants are available for development and reconstruction of trails and related facilities. A match is required for these grants.

**Eligibility:**

During the Federal Fiscal Year 2009, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources was allotted an additional \$1.9 million to supplement the Alaska Trails Initiative program. Due to congressional language and programmatic deadlines, these grant funds are being offered to supplement previously awarded Alaska Trails Initiative projects (FFY 2006 and 2007). Grant funds will also be awarded to projects that were not initially selected due to funding limitations. Grantees and applicants have been offered an opportunity to submit requests for additional funds from the 2009 cycle to complete existing or previously proposed projects. The deadline for requests was August 12, 2009.

Preliminary selections for projects are currently being made and will likely be announced in October of 2009. Information about anticipated appropriations will be available at: <http://www.alaskastatetrails.org>.

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## Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED): Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)

### Program Goals:

The purpose of the Alaska Energy Authority's Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency (AEEE) program is to develop projects that reduce the cost of energy throughout Alaska and use locally available energy resources.

The primary objective of the program is to lower the cost of power and heat to communities, while maintaining system safety and reliability. Projects seek to increase efficiency of existing diesel power production and end-use and to develop alternatives to diesel-based energy technology.

### Resource Provided:

Evaluate and develop rural energy alternatives, including hydro, village interties, conservation, and energy supplies based on wood, municipal solid waste, wind, geothermal, and coal.

### Alaska Program Status:

AEA's Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency program currently manages over 100 projects in the areas of hydroelectric, wind, biomass, transmission and distribution, geothermal, solar, diesel generation, and end-use efficiency. The AEEE section is responsible for technical review of applications received and oversight of projects funded under the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund.

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## G NP N **AmeriCorps\*VISTA Volunteers in Service to America**

### **Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (UACED)

### **Program Goals:**

UACED is the umbrella sponsor for 16 VISTA members throughout the State of Alaska. The program promotes economic development by mobilizing community resources and increasing the capacity of a target community to meet its own needs. VISTAs encourage volunteer service at the local level and strengthen local organizations addressing the needs of low-income communities.

### **Resource Provided:**

The program provides full-time members committed to one year of service. Detailed work plans outlining goals and objectives for the year are developed and implemented. Technical assistance (i.e. planning process, grant writing, marketing) are offered to members and their sponsor organizations. The Corporation for National and Community Service funds the program.

### **Eligibility:**

Any non-profit, government, or faith-based organization working towards economic development can apply to be a VISTA sponsor organization.

### **Alaska Program Status:**

You may apply to be a VISTA sponsor any time, and, if the application is approved, the recruitment process begins immediately.

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## Artist Career Opportunity Grant

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Education & Early Development, Alaska State Council on the Arts

### Program Goals:

Career Opportunity Grants are designed to help professional artists at various stages of their careers take advantage of impending concrete opportunities that will significantly advance their work or careers.

### Resource Provided:

ASCA provides grants of up to \$1,000 to eligible artists.

### Eligibility:

Professional artists working in the visual, literary, media, or performing arts, who are requesting support for unique, short-term opportunities (not the routine completion of work in progress), are eligible to apply. Alaska Native artists may apply. The applicant must be a resident of Alaska at the time of application.

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## Assisted-Living Conversion Program (ALCP)

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### Program Goals:

To provide non-profit owners of eligible developments with a grant to convert some or all of the dwelling units in a project into an Assisted-Living Facility (ALF) for the frail elderly. The facility must be licensed and regulated by the state or, if there is no state law providing such licensing and regulation, by the municipality or other subdivision in which the facility is located.

ALFs are designed to accommodate frail elderly and people with disabilities who can live independently but need assistance with activities of daily living (e.g., assistance with eating, bathing, grooming, dressing, and home management activities). ALFs must provide support services such as personal care, transportation, meals, housekeeping, and laundry.

### Resource Provided:

Typical funding will cover basic physical conversion of existing project units and common and services space. The ALCP provides funding for the physical costs of converting some or all of the units of an eligible development into an ALF, including the unit configuration, common and services space, and any necessary remodeling consistent with HUD or Alaska's statute/regulations (whichever is more stringent). There must be sufficient community space to accommodate a central kitchen or dining facility, lounges, recreation, and other multiple areas available to all residents of the project or office/staff spaces in the ALF. Funding for the supportive services must be provided by the owners either directly or through a third party.

### Eligibility:

Eligible Grantees: Only private non-profit owners of Section 202 and Section 8 project-based housing developments, designated to be occupied primarily by the elderly for at least five years, are eligible for funding. These eligible properties also include those funded by Rural Housing Services - Section 515, Section 221(d) (3) BMIR or Section 236 programs. A private non-profit of an unused/underutilized commercial property is eligible as well.

### Comments:

Application: Applicants must submit an electronic application for funding in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the Federal Register each fiscal year. Applicants that apply for the Assisted-Living Conversion Program compete for program funds allocated to each individual Multifamily Hub Office. Awards are generally announced in the fall. Applications must be submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>.

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**BIA IRR Roads Program****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

**Program Goals:**

To improve transportation and economic conditions.

**Resource Provided:**

Planning, design, and construction contracts for Alaska tribes.

**Alaska Program Status:**

In FY09, \$45 million was budgeted to the program. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is prepared annually. Majority of funds are allocated to Federally-Recognized Tribes in Alaska on a tribal-share basis.

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## Bulk Fuel Upgrade Program

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)

**Program Goals:**

To assist rural communities in the management of their bulk fuel inventories through the construction of right-sized, code-compliant tank farms and the use of sound business practices through the development and implementation of business plans.

**Resource Provided:**

AEA's Bulk Fuel Upgrade Program is predominantly funded by the Denali Commission. AEA provides project design/engineering, business planning support, and construction management services. Through the Denali Commission Training Fund, tank farm operator training is provided by Alaska Vocational Training Center. AEA oversees business plan management training.

**Eligibility:**

Priority is given to communities whose fuel vendors or regulating agencies have threatened to halt delivery of fuel or where conditions have become a life, health, or safety matter. Communities who participate in this program must meet sustainability criteria established by the Denali Commission.

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## Business and Export Loan Guarantee Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)

### Program Goals:

To help facilitate the financing of Alaskan small businesses and export of goods and services to foreign countries.

### Resource Provided:

The Business and Export Assistance loan guarantee program provides financial institutions up to an 80% guarantee of the loan, not to exceed \$1 million. AIDEA's guarantee covers acquisition of real or personal property, refinancing, working capital, and export transactions. This program is targeted to assist businesses located in rural Alaska.

### Eligibility:

Eligible businesses must be financially feasible business projects located in Alaska or an Alaskan business that exports goods and services to foreign countries. Individual Alaskan residents must hold majority ownership of the Alaska business.

Note: Except for the Development Finance Program, the request for financing assistance must come from a financial institution.

### Alaska Program Status:

The outstanding balance of the AIDEA-guaranteed portion of loans, as of June 30, 2008, was \$768,352.

### Comments:

Guarantee Requirements:

To apply to AIDEA for a guarantee, a \$200 non-refundable application fee is required. AIDEA charges a one-time guarantee fee of 2% on the guaranteed amount. An abbreviated application process is available for new loan guarantees of \$100,000 or less. Loan terms range from one to twenty years, depending upon the use of loan proceeds and collateral offered as security for the loan. The maximum interest rate that may be charged by the bank is prime rate plus 2.75%.

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## Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

### Program Goals:

To assist individuals, corporations, and public or private organizations in rural areas obtain quality loans for business development.

### Resource Provided:

Loan guarantees of up to 90% of the loan amount. Loans may be up to \$25,000,000.

### Eligibility:

Applicant may be an individual, partnership, LLC, for-profit or non-profit corporation, cooperative, or Alaska Native entity. The project must be in a rural area or city of less than 50,000 population.

### Alaska Program Status:

Most commercial lenders in Alaska have used the program. Funding is readily available.

### Comments:

Loans can be used for financing business construction, conversion, and modernization, as well as for equipment, facilities, machinery, supplies, debt restructure, transfer of ownership, and working capital. Projects which create or save jobs have the highest priority. The borrower works with a lender, then the borrower and lender jointly apply for a loan guarantee. There is a one-time loan guarantee fee of 1% or 2% and an annual servicing fee (currently 0.25%).

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## Buy Alaska Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: University of Alaska Small Business Development Center

### Program Goals:

To strengthen communities and grow local economies. The program has members in over 120 cities, towns, and villages throughout the state.

Through its website, <http://www.buyalaska.com>, Buy Alaska provides the infrastructure for Alaska-based businesses to create a free web presence that allows them to be found online. The webpage also increases the Google ranking for members with existing sites by linking to them and providing valuable analytical statistics to target potential customers more effectively. Weekly newsletters keep the membership informed about ongoing events, sales and specials, and income opportunities in the form of bids.

### Resource Provided:

For buyers:

- Free sourcing services for all buyers at [www.buyalaska.com](http://www.buyalaska.com)
- Buyers can search by keyword, region, community, or category
- Results can be sorted by many variables.
- Feedback can be given to specific businesses or to Buy Alaska

For businesses in Alaska:

- Leads and sales opportunities from free business listing at [www.buyalaska.com](http://www.buyalaska.com), including photo and company details
- Public awareness campaigns and cooperative advertising opportunities

### Eligibility:

Buyers:

- Any buyer, including consumers, businesses, organizations, or government agencies.
- Buyers may be located in Alaska or elsewhere.

Businesses: Any business or organization with a location in Alaska is eligible.

- This includes all service providers, retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, crafters, and home-based businesses.
- Businesses located in Alaska but that have owners or headquarters elsewhere also qualify.
- Local retailers that are part of national chain stores qualify.
- As long as the business or organization has a physical location in Alaska and employs Alaskans, its Alaskan location can participate.
- Alaska sole proprietors are also included.

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**Center for Economic Development****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: University of Alaska

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

**Program Goals:**

To leverage the unique expertise and research capabilities of the University of Alaska campuses to facilitate economic development in communities throughout Alaska.

**Resource Provided:**

UA/CED technical assistance services include:

- Information Dissemination
- Business Plans
- Community/Regional Planning
- Grant Writing
- Feasibility Studies
- Market Research
- Strategic Planning

Examples of assistance:

- A financial feasibility analysis piece to be included in a grant application for a construction project
- A market analysis for a new value-added product line that would create jobs in a community
- Preliminary engineering designs for an industrial park
- An implementation plan for a marketing cooperative

**Eligibility:**

UA/CED offers assistance to:

- Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs)
- Community Development Quota (CDQ) Groups
- Alaska Native Corporations
- Tribal and Village Councils
- Municipal and Borough Governments
- Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- EDA-designated Economic Development Districts

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**Child Care Assistance Program****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Assistance (DPA), Child Care Program Office (CCPO)

**Program Goals:**

Provides assistance with child care expenses on a sliding fee basis for eligible families who receive benefits under the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) or are working, seeking work, or in job training. Also serves to recruit and approve child care providers.

**Resource Provided:**

Assistance for eligible families to pay for child care.

**Eligibility:**

Based on family size and gross income, the Alaska Child Care Assistance Program will help pay for child care costs to families that are receiving ATAP benefits, working, seeking work, or in job training.

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## Child Care Grant Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS),  
Division of Public Assistance (DPA), Child Care Program Office (CCPO)

### Program Goals:

Provide assistance to Alaska child care providers to improve the quality of the child care services they offer.

### Resource Provided:

Grant awards for facility staff salaries, substitute care, health- and safety-related items, and education and training of staff related to child development.

### Eligibility:

Child care providers must have a current Alaska Child Care License and participate in the Alaska Child Care Assistance program to receive assistance through a child care grant.

### Comments:

Applications for the grant are available from the Child Care Program Office and may be submitted at any time. Payments are made on a monthly basis, based on the number of children in attendance.

Grant awards are based on the availability of funding.

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## Child Care Resource and Referral Program

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State Agency: Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Assistance (DPA), Child Care Program Office (CCPO)

### Program Goals:

- Provide assistance to families in finding appropriate child care.
- Provide support to child care providers to expand the availability of quality child care.
- Provide assistance to individuals interested in starting a child care center or becoming a home care provider.

### Resource Provided:

Child Care Resource and Referral partners:

- Assist families by providing consumer education on selecting quality care and advise parents of provider vacancies.
- Provide professional development through child care education and training opportunities.
- Support child care providers to enhance their quality of care.
- Provide assistance to individuals interested in starting a child care center or becoming a home care provider.

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Contact the Child Care Program Office for the Child Care Resource and Referral partner agency serving your community.

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## Circuit Rider/Emergency Response Services

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED)

### Program Goals:

The Alaska Energy Authority administers a number of rural energy programs that help provide the basis for economic development in Alaska's smaller communities.

### Resource Provided:

- Circuit Rider/Technical Assistant/Preventative Maintenance: Preventative maintenance assessment and response service for emergency work needed on rural electrical systems. This program is intended to be an interim fix until long-term planning can address the problems.
- Training after Preventative Maintenance: Preventative maintenance assessment and training, along with response service for emergency work needed on rural electrical systems. This program is intended to be an interim fix until long-term planning can address the problems.
- Emergency Response: Provides funding to continue activities and procure materials and equipment that would be used to prevent power plant-related emergencies and disasters statewide. This program is designed to prevent a potential emergency situation before disaster occurs.
- Emergency Prevention: This program is designed to prevent a potential emergency situation before disaster occurs. It provides funding for continuance of government activities. It allows for procurement of materials and equipment for prevention of power plant-related emergencies/disasters in rural Alaska.
- Life, Health, and Safety Improvements: Provides follow-up on funding for correcting hazards that either already exist or pose a possible threat to life, health, and safety in rural communities. Wherever possible, funds will be used to leverage local matching funds.

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## Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Department of Natural Resources

### Program Goals:

The program assists Alaskans to acquire, restore, manage, and enhance their coastal wetland resources. This program is managed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

### Resource Provided:

The program is funded under provisions of the federal 1990 Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act with money generated from excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat/small engine fuels. Under the program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides matching grants to states for acquisition, restoration, management, or enhancement of coastal wetlands.

States provide 50% of the total costs of a project; Alaska, however, has an established program (the Duck Stamp program) that also focuses on coastal wetlands; the federal share is 75%.

This is a nationally competitive grant program, based on criteria contained in 50 CFR 84. Projects are given priority if they are consistent with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan, are located in states with dedicated land acquisition programs, or are located in maritime forests on coastal barrier islands. Additional consideration may be given to projects that benefit threatened and endangered species, encourage cooperative efforts, and support other ongoing projects. Grants awarded cannot exceed \$1.0 million for an individual project. Applications are prepared and submitted to US Fish and Wildlife Service by the State of Alaska in June of each year.

### Eligibility:

Information about this grant program is available at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/grants>.

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**Commercial Fishing Revolving Loan Program****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED),  
Division of Investments

**Program Goals:**

To promote the rehabilitation of the state's fisheries, the development of a predominantly resident fishery, and the continued maintenance of commercial fishing gear and vessels throughout the state by means of long-term low interest loans.

**Resource Provided:**

Purchases: Loans are available for limited entry permits, quota shares, vessels, gear, or Community Quota Entity (CQE) quota shares. Loans are also available for the purchase or upgrade of gear or vessels (including commercial fishing and tender vessels), for engine fuel efficiency upgrades, or to improve the quality of seafood.

Refinancing: Vessel or gear loans made by other lenders, at least 1-year from date of original loan.

Collateral: The item being financed (limited entry permit, vessel, etc.) will be the collateral for the loan, and, generally, a priority lien must be obtained.

**Eligibility:**

- Alaska Resident for the past 2 years
- No past due child support obligation(s)
- In a Community Quota Entity community

**Alaska Program Status:**

As of June 2009, there were 1,613 loans valued at \$65.0 million.

**Comments:**

Terms and conditions: Interest rate is 2% above the prime rate or 2% below the prime rate for product quality improvement loans, not to exceed 10.5%. Interest rate will be fixed at time of loan approval. There is a \$100 application fee and a 1% origination fee due at closing.

Maximum loan term is 15 years.

Borrower is responsible for paying all direct costs incurred in processing an application, including surveys, inspections, appraisals, title insurance, etc.

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## Community Arts Development Grants

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Education & Early Development (DEED), Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)

### Program Goals:

These grants are designed to stimulate grassroots arts activity and to encourage public interest and participation in the arts throughout Alaska. They may help small non-profit Alaskan organizations develop the arts in underserved areas of the state and/or underserved art disciplines.

### Resource Provided:

ASCA provides grants of up to \$2,000. Every applicant must provide matching funds. Grants will not exceed 50% of the total cash costs of a project.

### Eligibility:

An Alaskan non-profit organization, school, or local government agency may apply. Non-profit organizations must provide proof of incorporation and a copy of the IRS letter for tax-exempt status. Exhibits, concerts, dance performances, festivals, workshops, readings, and theater productions are examples of the kinds of art projects funded through this grant. ASCA will also provide grants for arts administration, such as board development, planning, accounting systems, and budget development.

Priority is given to organizations that operate on a volunteer basis and have no paid staff.

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**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA)

**Program Goals:**

Goals of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are to provide financial resources to communities for public facilities and planning activities that address issues detrimental to the health and safety of local residents and to reduce the costs of essential community services. The program may also fund special economic development activities that result in the creation of jobs for persons of low and moderate income.

**Resource Provided:**

Single purpose project competitive grants up to a maximum of \$850,000 per community. Grants may be used for community development, planning, or special economic development activities.

Community development and planning activities that address health and safety needs are the priority for funding.

**Eligibility:**

All municipal governments, except the Municipality of Anchorage, as defined by Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes (i.e.: home-rule, first-, second-, and third-class boroughs; unified municipalities; and first- and second-class cities), that exercise powers consistent with the proposed project.

**Alaska Program Status:**

During federal fiscal year 2009, approximately \$2.8 million was available for distribution. Competitive grant applications are generally distributed to eligible applicants once each year, usually in September, with completed applications due to the DCCED by December.

**Comments:**

Federal regulations dictate that at least 51% of the persons who benefit from funded projects be low- or moderate-income persons, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and using U.S. Census data.

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## Community Facility Loan Guarantees

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

### Program Goals:

Rural Development is authorized to guarantee loans made by eligible lenders to borrowers in rural areas and in towns with up to 20,000 people for community facilities essential for public safety, health care, public service, or recreation.

### Resource Provided:

A loan guarantee to enable other lenders to make loan funds available for worthy projects that would otherwise not be able to secure assistance. Guarantees may be up to 90% but will usually not exceed 80%.

### Eligibility:

Loans may be guaranteed for public entities, non-profit corporations, or federally-recognized Alaska Native tribes. There are some restrictions on the use of funds. A combination community facility direct and guaranteed loan is possible when applicable. Additional funds can be obtained from a national reserve.

### Alaska Program Status:

Alaska's annual allotment for FY 09 was \$1,534,490.

### Comments:

Grants for community capacity building, including economic development, are available through the Rural Community Initiative Program, which is advertised by a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) every year.

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## Community Facility Loans and Grants

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Program Goals:**

Loans are available for public entities, such as municipalities, boroughs, and special purpose districts in rural areas or cities with fewer than 20,000 people. Indian tribes and community-based non-profit corporations may also receive loans. Priority will be given to public entities in areas smaller than 5,500 people.

**Resource Provided:**

Loans and grants may be used to construct, repair, improve, or expand community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services. These may include hospitals, dental and medical clinics, fire trucks, ambulances, fire and rescue multi-service centers, police stations, jails, streets, or libraries.

Other community facilities, including alternative energy generation for community buildings, may also be eligible.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must be unable to obtain needed funds from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, have legal capacity to borrow and repay loans, be financially sound, and be able to manage the facility effectively.

**Alaska Program Status:**

Alaska's annual allotment in FY 09 was \$1,534,490 for guaranteed loans, \$2,156,000 for direct loans, \$3,504,000 ARRA direct loans, and \$200,380 in grants. Additional funds can be obtained from a national reserve. Special Economic Impact Initiative Grant funding varies.

**Comments:**

Loans have a maximum term of 40 years or the useful life of the facility, whichever is less. Interest rates are set periodically and are based on current market yields for municipal obligations. The current range of interest rates on direct loans is 4.125% to 4.50%. All loans will be adequately secured.

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## Conservation Reserve Program

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

**Program Goals:**

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners.

Through CRP, landowners can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland.

**Resource Provided:**

Annual rental payments on acres entered into the program for the 10-year contract period and half the cost of establishing permanent cover of grass, trees, windbreaks, or wildlife plantings on the land.

**Eligibility:**

An agricultural producer may offer cropland, highly subject to erosion, that had been planted or considered planted in at least four of the crop years from 1996 through 2001 and is suitable for crop production. A limit of 25% of cropland can be bid into the program.

**Alaska Program Status:**

While the program is available throughout the state, participation in CRP has so far been limited to the communities of Delta, Palmer, and Kodiak.

**Comments:**

Land entered into the Conservation Reserve must be maintained to control erosion for the contract period. Noxious weeds, other undesirable vegetation, insects, rodents, etc., must be controlled. Harvesting or grazing by domestic animals may be allowed with prior approval.

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## Conservation Technical Assistance Conservation Operations and Farm Bill Programs

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Program Goals:

A voluntary program that provides technical assistance using science-based standards to plan and apply conservation measures on private land.

### Resource Provided:

Technical assistance, such as conservation and watershed planning, engineering assistance for survey, and design and layout of conservation practices.

### Eligibility:

Public and private landowners are eligible.

### Alaska Program Status:

This program is actively used in Alaska.

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## Cooperative Development Foundation

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (National): Cooperative Development Foundation

### Program Goals:

The Cooperative Development Foundation (CDF) is a non-profit organization working to improve lives and communities by supporting economic development based on cooperatives. It is made up of several funds, each supporting a different cooperative sector.

### Resource Provided:

CDF supports cooperative development through linkages, grants, and loans. There are several different CDF funds:

- The MSC and Jacob M. Kaplan Funds focus exclusively on cooperative development that enhances the quality of life for seniors.
- The Bowers Fund promotes and develops consumer-owned food cooperatives and consumer cooperative education in the United States.
- The Hillman-Dubinsky Labor Cooperative Fund helps to provide affordable, desirable, limited-equity co-op housing for America's working men and women and their families with pre-development financing.
- The Kagawa Funds promote student cooperatives, particularly housing co-ops.
- The NCBA and Sollars Funds work to strengthen the cooperative form of business in the U.S. and overseas.
- The Sullivan Fund offers educational grants to attend professional development seminars or classes related to cooperatives.
- The CDF Fund is used to give larger grants to potentially significant cooperative projects that don't fall under any of CDF's other funds.

Please see: <http://www.cdf.coop> for information on CDF and <http://www.cdf.coop/cdffunds> for information on specific funds.

### Eligibility:

Cooperatives, cooperative development organizations, & groups forming cooperatives are eligible. Cooperatives:

- Are owned and democratically controlled by their members--the people who use the co-op's services or buy its goods--not by outside investors; co-op members elect their board of directors from within the membership.
- Return surplus revenues (income over expenses and investment) to members proportionate to their use of the cooperative, not proportionate to their "investment" or ownership share.
- Are motivated not by profit, but by service, to meet their members' needs for affordable and high-quality goods or services.

- Exist solely to serve their members.
- Pay taxes on income kept within the co-op for investment and reserves. Surplus revenues from the co-op are returned to individual members who pay taxes on that income.

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## Cooperative Extension Service

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

**Program Goals:**

To help people and communities identify and solve their farm, home, and community problems through application of results of federal and university research programs.

**Resource Provided:**

U.S. Department of Agriculture provides formula grants to each state to operate programs. University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service programs provide the general public with information and educational assistance to increase income opportunities, improve community decision making regarding community economic development and uses of natural resources, and facilitate technology transfer.

**Eligibility:**

Information and assistance are available to the general public.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The University of Alaska Fairbanks, as a land-grant university, operates the Cooperative Extension Service program with 12 offices statewide. Extension education, workshops, and technical assistance are provided in the following areas: 4-H and youth development; agriculture/horticulture; health, home, and family development; and natural resources and community development.

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## Denali Commission Community Planning

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

**Program Goals:**

To assist rural communities with community planning efforts.

**Resource Provided:**

Training and technical assistance.

**Eligibility:**

Small (up to 1,000 residents) Alaska communities with a formal and current community plan.

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**Denali Commission Economic Development****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

**Program Goals:**

The Denali Commission's Economic Development Program promotes economic development through collaboration with local and regional organizations.

The principal objectives are to foster:

- Development of entrepreneurship
- Healthy market-based economies throughout Alaska

**Resource Provided:**

Funding is provided in the form of a grant in the areas of: community mapping, community planning, feasibility studies, business planning, small equipment purchases, and more. Matching funds may be required. In FY 09, \$500,000 was budgeted for this program.

**Comments:**

This program has limited funds and no set programmatic delivery. Please visit <http://www.denali.gov> for program updates.

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## Denali Commission Energy Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

### Program Goals:

The Denali Commission Energy Program provides code-compliant bulk fuel storage facilities, power system generation upgrades, and alternative and renewable energy sources throughout rural Alaska.

### Resource Provided:

Funding is received through three sources: Energy and Water Appropriations, USDA Rural Utilities Service, and Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Trust. However, there is no guarantee of continued program funding, as it is subject to congressional appropriations.

### Eligibility:

Communities are selected for bulk fuel and rural power system upgrades based on an established needs list. Alternative and renewable energy projects are selected through a competitive Request for Proposals process.

### Alaska Program Status:

The Denali Commission has completed 93 bulk fuel facility upgrades and 46 power plant upgrades.

There are 20 bulk fuel facilities in progress, ranging from conceptual planning to construction, and 29 power plant projects currently ongoing.

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**Denali Commission Health Facilities****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

**Program Goals:**

To sustainably meet the health facility needs of Alaska.

**Resource Provided:**

Grant funding from Health, Resources, and Services Administration (HRSA). For the past five years, the Denali Commission has received approximately \$40 million each year; however, in FY09, they received just under \$20 million, and there is no guarantee of continued funding, as it is subject to congressional appropriations. In addition to grants, technical assistance for business plans are available to health clinics.

**Eligibility:**

All organized governments are eligible to submit project applications, as are tribal or community non-profit organizations actively involved in providing local healthcare services.

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## Denali Commission Teacher Housing Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

### Program Goals:

To provide safe, affordable teacher housing in rural Alaska

### Resource Provided:

This program provided \$1.5 million in grant funding in FY 2009. Funding is expected to remain at or below that level in FY 2010.

### Eligibility:

School districts and other entities providing primary and secondary education.

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## Denali Commission Training Program

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

**Program Goals:**

To support all Denali Commission investments through employment and training. The Training Program provides training funds to residents to build the skills necessary to become employed in the construction of any Denali Commission project and the administration skills necessary to maintain and operate projects once they are complete.

**Resource Provided:**

Training funds. There were eight awards in 2008:

- Alaska Construction Foundation: For high school construction career pathways.
- Alaska Construction Foundation: For the development of rural construction academies in Nome, Bethel, King Salmon, Dillingham, and Kodiak.
- University of Alaska: For allied health training programs.
- First Alaskans: For youth leadership activities.
- Alaska Works: For training in construction trades.
- Department of Labor and Workforce Development: Funding allocated to support the Denali Training Fund, a public competitive fund that selects training projects that support rural training for the construction, operation, and maintenance of Denali Commission investments and other public infrastructure projects.
- Department of Labor and Workforce Development: Funding allocated to support Youth Initiatives, a public competitive fund that selects training projects that give youth in rural Alaska an advantage for higher education and employment opportunities.
- Department of Labor and Workforce Development: For the administration of the Denali Training Fund and Youth Initiatives.

**Eligibility:**

Non-profit or for-profit organizations, educators, industry trainers, employers, community service agencies, or governmental units who have the capacity to facilitate training.

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## Denali Commission Transportation Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: Denali Commission

### Program Goals:

Improve surface transportation infrastructure in rural Alaska. Eligible projects include community roads, access roads to local resources and the state highway system, board roads, ports, harbors, and barge landings.

### Resource Provided:

Funding for project design and construction through an annual statewide project selection process.

Currently 140 projects are underway, and the program selects between 20 and 40 projects per year at an annual funding level of \$21 million to \$23 million per year through FY 2012.

### Eligibility:

All organized governments are eligible to submit project applications. Project sponsors currently include borough, city, and tribal governments and regional tribal non-profits.

### Alaska Program Status:

This program is currently funded through FY 2009 through SAFETEA-LU, the 2005 highway reauthorization act. Highway reauthorization legislation for FY 2010-2016 is currently in the start-up phase, and there is a strong likelihood SAFETEA-LU will be extended through FY2012 while new highway legislation is developed.

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**Denji Fund****Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. (TCC)

**Program Goals:**

To improve the potential for economic growth in rural areas.

**Resource Provided:**

Direct loans range from \$1,000 to \$100,000. Loan term is 1 to 15 years, depending on the project.

No repayment penalty. Interest rate is 2% above the prime rate. A loan commitment fee of 2% will be assessed on the principal amount of each loan. Each applicant will normally be required to provide a minimum of 25% of the total cost of the project. Collateral will be obtained from the client in order to secure the loan. Adequate insurance will also be required.

**Eligibility:**

Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, and cooperatives are eligible. In addition, any ANCSA corporation or Alaska Native Tribe operating a business in a rural area is eligible. The applicant must demonstrate that other financing is not available. Eligible uses are:

- Equipment acquisition
- Fishing
- Hotel, motel, or bed & breakfast
- Tourism
- Inventory
- Leasehold improvements
- Purchase or construction of land/buildings
- Working capital (excluding lines of credit)
- Agricultural businesses
- Golf courses
- Racetracks

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## Development Finance Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)

### Program Goals:

AIDEA has the ability to develop, own, and operate projects necessary to support Alaskan economic development.

### Resource Provided:

Projects are financed through the sale of bonds, from income or receipts, or from other assets of the authority. Bonds issued may be an obligation of AIDEA or secured by the assets and revenues of the project and the private sector user. The project and its development must be economically advantageous to the state and public welfare, must contribute to economic growth, and must be economically and financially able to produce revenue to repay the amount financed. While AIDEA owns the projects, the private sector user generally operates them, and revenue from the project is used to repay AIDEA's investment.

### Eligibility:

Financially feasible business projects located in Alaska that are endorsed by the local government where the project will be sited are eligible. Projects requiring bond financing from AIDEA must also receive authorization from the Alaska Legislature. Manufacturing facilities, roads, ports, airports, infrastructure for tourism destination facilities, and other public use facilities essential for regional economic well-being are considered eligible projects.

### Alaska Program Status:

AIDEA currently has ownership of six (6) projects:

- DeLong Mountain Transportation System (road and port serving the Red Dog Mine near Kotzebue)
- Skagway Ore Terminal
- Ketchikan Shipyard
- Federal Express Aircraft Maintenance Facility
- Snettisham Hydroelectric Project
- Healy Clean Coal Project.

The program originated in 1986, and AIDEA continues to assess the economic benefit and feasibility of Alaskan projects.

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## Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

### Program Goals:

This program provides payments based on base acres and established payment yields to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the 2002 through 2007 crop years.

### Resource Provided:

Cash payments.

### Eligibility:

To be eligible for payments, producers must share in the risk of producing a crop, annually report the use of the farm's cropland acreage, comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements and planting flexibility requirements, use the base acres for agricultural or related activities, and protect all base acres from erosion. Commodities include barley, oats, canola, and wheat.

### Alaska Program Status:

This program is currently receiving applications from Alaska.

### Comments:

Producers may elect when to receive their payments in accordance with the applicable payment timetable.

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## Doing Business with the Federal Government

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)

**Program Goals:**

GSA's Office of Small Business Utilization (OSBU) advocates for small, minority, veteran, HUBZone, woman-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. Its mission is to promote increased access to GSA's nationwide procurement opportunities. GSA's small business programs nurture entrepreneurial opportunities, open doors to new business horizons, and enhance technological capabilities.

**Resource Provided:**

Advisory services and counseling.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants may be any business concern.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The nearest Business Service office is located in Auburn, Washington, and works with Alaskan companies on a regular basis. GSA also partners very closely with Alaska PTAC (see Doing Business with the Government (PTAC) in this guide) on assisting those businesses. Companies in the construction field may be interested to know that GSA has a Customer Service Center in Anchorage that manages the owned and leased GSA Federal buildings in Alaska.

**Comments:**

The federal government does a great deal of business in Alaska. Local and regional economic development plans should consider the potentials of this market.

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## Doing Business with the Government (PTAC) Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Alaska

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (Alaska): Cooperative Agreement between the United States Department of Defense and the University of Alaska, Anchorage

### Program Goals:

To generate employment and to improve the general economy by assisting businesses in obtaining and performing federal, state, and local government contracts.

### Resource Provided:

Technical counseling services, seminars and workshops, electronic bid match services, electronic commerce, and government market research.

### Eligibility:

Services available to large and small businesses.

### Alaska Program Status:

Counseling centers are established in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Wasilla. Rural outreach services provided to all rural communities. Monthly counseling occurs in Kenai.

### Comments:

The Alaska PTAC helps businesses succeed in the competitive environment of government contracting. With the help of the local PTAC, businesses can find government contracting opportunities and cut the red tape. To become an active participant of PTAC, contact the local center. All services are free of charge.

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## Economic Development Technical Assistance

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)

### Program Goals:

To address economic problems through support for administrative services, demonstration projects, feasibility studies, management and operational assistance, and other forms of technical assistance.

### Resource Provided:

Project grants to support local feasibility and business planning or implementation, which may lead to job creation with regional impact.

### Eligibility:

Applicants may be municipalities, public entities, non-profits, and Alaska Native village entities.

### Alaska Program Status:

Recent grants include feasibility studies, arts and crafts, and regional tourism development. The University of Alaska Center for Economic Development is funded through a complementary program.

### Comments:

This is a very flexible resource targeted at local economic development efforts. This program has extremely limited funding and is very competitive. Grants are typically in the \$15,000 to \$40,000 range.

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## Emergency Shelter Grant Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

### Program Goals:

The goals of the Emergency Shelter Grant Program are to assist with the following activities relating to emergency shelter for the homeless:

- Renovation, major rehabilitation, or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless
- Payment for maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities, and furnishings
- Payment for rent or utility arrearages to prevent homelessness
- Payment for provision of essential community services, including those concerned with employment, health, substance abuse, education, food, and prevention

### Resource Provided:

Competitive grants up to a maximum amount identified annually.

### Eligibility:

- Units of local governments (cities and boroughs) outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.
- Private non-profit organizations located within a municipal government entity as defined above.
- Assistance may be provided to a religious organization if the organization agrees to provide all eligible activities under this program in a manner free from religious influences and in accordance with certain principles identified by the State of Alaska.

### Alaska Program Status:

During federal fiscal year 2010, approximately \$121,000 is available for distribution statewide.

Competitive grant applications are generally distributed to eligible applicants once each year.

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GP B G NP N \$ **Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Program Goals:**

Implementing emergency measures to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by natural disasters.

**Resource Provided:**

Technical and financial assistance.

**Eligibility:**

Public and private landowners are eligible but must have a qualified sponsoring organization. See NRCS website for details.

**Alaska Program Status:**

This program is actively used in Alaska.

**Comments:**

Eligible participants require a sponsor.

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## Energy Loan Programs

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)

### Program Goals:

Provides loans to local utilities, local governments, or independent power producers for the development or upgrade of electric power facilities, including conservation, bulk fuel storage, and waste energy conservation. Loan term is related to the life of the project. Interest rates vary between tax-exempt rates at the high end and zero on the low end.

### Resource Provided:

AEA administers two loan programs. The programs are described as follows:

- Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Fund (BFRLF): Assists small rural communities in purchasing bulk fuel supplies. Loan may not exceed 90% of the wholesale price of the fuel purchased plus transportation costs; maximum loan is \$750,000. The loan must be repaid within one year. There is no interest on the first BFRLF loan; 5% interest applies for the second BFRLF loan; and an interest rate based on the average weekly yield of municipal bond rates applies to additional loans. Loans may be made to municipalities or unincorporated villages with less than 2,000 or to private individuals, corporations, and cooperatives, with a written endorsement from the local governing body.
- Power Project Revolving Loan Fund: Provides loans to local utilities, governments, or independent power producers to develop or upgrade power facilities, including conservation, bulk fuel storage, and waste energy conservation, or water supply projects. Loan term is related to the life of the project. Interest rate ranges between zero and a rate based on the average weekly yield of municipal bond rates.

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## GP B NP N \$ Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Program Goals:

To protect natural resources on state and private land.

### Resource Provided:

Technical assistance and cost-sharing to private landowners to install conservation practices.

### Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Be an agriculture producer
- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill
- Provide the Social Security number of all individuals who will benefit from the assistance
- Develop an EQIP plan of operations, including the participant's specific conservation and environmental objectives to be achieved, one or more conservation practices in the conservation management system to be implemented to achieve the conservation and environmental objectives, and the schedule for implementing the conservation practices. See website at <http://www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov> for eligibility requirements.

### Alaska Program Status:

This program is currently being used by Alaska landowners.

### Comments:

See website for more specific details regarding eligible organizations, types of resources, and areas of interest.

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## Evergreen Business Capital

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (National): Evergreen Business Capital

### Program Goals:

Evergreen Business Capital helps small businesses think big. Expanding while retaining sufficient working capital is a challenge for many small businesses. The U.S. Small Business Administration established the 504 loan program to help businesses easily purchase commercial real estate, machinery, and equipment and to keep more cash on hand. Low down payments and long-term, low fixed-interest rates give business owners the certainty to put down roots and the ability to expand their entrepreneurial horizons. The SBA 504 loan boosts business expansion and supports economic development in communities nationwide.

### Resource Provided:

Evergreen Business Capital is the Northwest's leading SBA 504 Loan Program expert, with nearly 30 years in the industry. It recognizes the vital role small- and mid-sized businesses play in creating jobs and fostering economic growth. They help those businesses grow and succeed by facilitating the premier tool for business financing -- the SBA 504 loan. Founded in 1980, Evergreen is a private, nonprofit organization authorized by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as a Certified Development Company (CDC). It serves as an intermediary for the SBA 504 Loan Program and several other business loan programs. SBA 504 loans offer a low-down-payment, long-term, low-interest-rate solution for the purchase of commercial real estate and equipment, allowing business owners to keep cash available for other needs. By partnering with lenders to provide partial funding, Evergreen reduces their risk. It connects businesses in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Northern Idaho with financing solutions that lower barriers to commercial real estate ownership and boost economic development. The largest CDC in the Pacific Northwest, Evergreen has helped small businesses create more than 36,000 jobs and make more than \$2 billion in capital improvements.

Evergreen has advanced small business development by providing more than 1,700 loans, totaling upwards of \$800 million. Evergreen offers the highest level of performance, service, and expertise in the region.

### Eligibility:

The SBA 504 loan serves many healthy, growing small- to mid-sized businesses. It is available to individual business owners or multiple owners partnering on a project. To qualify, a business must be a for-profit enterprise, occupy 51% of an existing building or 60% of a newly constructed building, meet a least one goal around job creation, public policy, or community development through the project, and:

- Put down 10% of the total project cost,
- Put down 15% if the loan is for the purchase a single-purpose property or the company ownership is less than two years old, or
- Put down 20% if the loan is for the purchase a single-purpose property and the company ownership.

**Comments:**

Securing financing can be complex. Evergreen makes it easier. Their experience and expertise with the SBA 504 Loan Program enable them to offer advice and service, resulting in an efficient, smooth loan process. Benefits of working with Evergreen:

- As an SBA Premier Certified Lender Program (PCLP) CDC, borrowers and lenders enjoy an expedited process with their increased authority to process, close, service, and liquidate SBA 504 loans
- Simultaneous signing process reduces hassle, paperwork, and risk
- Knowledge, experience, and service are the best in the region

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## Farm Loan Program

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

**Program Goals:**

FSA lends money and provides credit counseling and supervision to eligible applicants who operate family-size farms. FSA makes and guarantees a variety of loans for youth, new and experienced farmers, and producers undergoing emergency situations. FSA also provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private, commercial credit.

**Resource Provided:**

Loans and financial counseling.

**Eligibility:**

General eligibility requirements include the following:

- Have sufficient education, training, or experience in managing and operating a farm or ranch that demonstrates the managerial ability needed to succeed in farming.
- Be a citizen of the United States (or legal resident alien).
- Have the legal capacity to incur the obligations of the loan.
- Be unable to obtain credit elsewhere.
- Have an acceptable credit history.
- Be the operator or tenant operator of a family farm after the loan is closed.
- Not have had a previous loan which resulted in a loss to the agency (with certain exceptions).
- Not be delinquent on any federal debt.
- Other eligibility requirements pertaining to individual loans may also apply.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The program is currently receiving applications for farm operating, farm ownership, and youth loans.

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## GP B NP N \$ Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Program Goals:

The Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture and prevent conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses.

### Resource Provided:

The program provides matching funds to state, tribal, and local governments and allows non-governmental organizations with existing farmland protection programs to purchase conservation easements. These entities purchase easements from landowners in exchange for a lump-sum payment, not to exceed the appraised fair market value of the land's development rights.

### Eligibility:

**LAND:** Entire farms or ranches may be enrolled in FRPP. The farmland or ranch land must contain at least 50% of prime, unique, statewide, or locally important soil or contain historic or archaeological sites. These lands must also be subject to a pending offer from an eligible entity for the purpose of limiting conversion of the land to non-agricultural uses. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, grassland, pasture land, and forest land that is part of an agricultural operation.

**ENTITY:** An eligible entity must be a federally-recognized tribe, state or local agency, or a non-governmental organization that:

- is organized principally for the preservation of land for recreation, open space, historical preservation, and natural habitat
- is operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational purposes
- normally receives more than one-third of its support from any combination of gifts, grants, contributions, or membership fees.

### Comments:

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NP N \$ **First Nations Development Institute, a Native Nonprofit****Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (National): First Nations Development Institute

**Program Goals:**

Educate grass-roots practitioners, advocate for systemic change, capitalize Indian communities, and strengthen American Indian economies.

**Resource Provided:**

Grants, technical assistance, and training, and financial education materials.

**Eligibility:**

Native nonprofits on or near reservations and tribal programs.

**Alaska Program Status:**

Funds Alaskan Native village programs, tribal programs, and Native nonprofits.

**Comments:**

First Nations Development Institute is working to restore Native control and culturally-compatible stewardship of the assets they own - land, human potential, cultural heritage, or natural resources - and to establish new assets for ensuring the long-term vitality of Native communities.

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## Fisheries Enhancement Loan Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Investments

### Program Goals:

To assist in the planning, construction, and operation of fish hatchery facilities, as well as planning and implementation of enhancement and rehabilitation activities such as lake fertilization and habitat improvement. Also to assist qualified regional aquaculture associations or local non-profit corporations in the assumption of a fisheries enhancement loan.

### Resource Provided:

Direct loans of up to \$10,000,000 (no interest or payment for the first 6 to 10 years) for up to 30 years. The interest rate is fixed at prime plus one percent to a maximum of 9.5%.

### Eligibility:

Loans may be made to qualified regional associations or local non-profit corporations that have obtained a private nonprofit hatchery permit from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. Loans may also be made for planning and pre-construction purposes prior to receipt of a hatchery permit from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

### Alaska Program Status:

As of June 2009, there were 183 loans valued at \$68.1 million outstanding.

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**Grants for Public Works and Development Facilities****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)

**Program Goals:**

To assist in the creation of public facilities needed to initiate and encourage the creation and retention of permanent jobs in the private sector in areas where economic growth is lagging behind the rest of the country and where there is significant economic distress.

**Resource Provided:**

Project investment grants.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants may be states, municipalities, Indian Reorganization Act or traditional village councils, or non-profit organizations. Entities must be within a geographic area that has an approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

**Alaska Program Status:**

There have been several major investments recently, including dock and harbor improvements in Bristol Bay, Dillingham, Gustavus, Haines, Homer, Hoonah, Nome, Petersburg, Seward, and Yakutat; Ketchikan shipyard shiplift; specialty fisheries processing facility in Valdez; and vocational training centers in Fairbanks, King Salmon (SAVEC), Sitka, Seward (AVTEC), and St. Mary's. A hydro project is being constructed in Atka in support of the fishing industry, and other recent electrical projects have taken place in Ketchikan and Petersburg. A recycling center in Palmer and publically-owned visitor industry investments, such as the Alaska Native Heritage Center and the Chilkat Indian Village Facility in Klukwan, are among EDA investments. These range from \$200,000 to \$5 million, though they are typically under \$3 million.

**Comments:**

Project proposals are submitted to the Anchorage EDA office for review, then to the EDA Regional Office (combined Regions IX & X) for recommendation to Central Office for approval. There is a preference for high local match and low cost jobs. Alaska funding is usually in the range of \$8 to \$12 million annually. Grant requests should normally be no smaller than \$500,000, should create or save at least one private sector job per \$10,000 of federal grant, and should have as high a percentage of non-federal match as possible, often 50% or more. Major private sector partner investments that come as result of the EDA investment are a big plus.

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## Grassland Reserve Program

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Program Goals:**

Assisting landowners and operators in protecting grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving eligible land through rental contracts, easements, and restoration agreements.

**Resource Provided:**

Technical assistance and rental contracts.

**Eligibility:**

See website at <http://www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov> for eligibility requirements.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The program is currently being used in Alaska.

**Comments:**

The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary conservation program that emphasizes support for working grazing operations, enhancement of plant and animal biodiversity, and protection of grassland under threat of conversion to other uses.

Participants voluntarily limit future development and cropping uses of the land while retaining the right to conduct common grazing practices and operations related to the production of forage and seeding, subject to certain restrictions during nesting seasons of bird species that are in significant decline or are protected under federal or state law. A grazing management plan is required for participants.

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**Indian Arts and Crafts Development****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Indian Arts and Crafts Board

**Program Goals:**

To promote the economic development of American Indians and Alaska Natives through their creative work and expansion of the market for the products of Native American art and craftsmanship and to increase their participation and control in the Native American fine arts and handicrafts business.

**Resource Provided:**

Advisory service and counseling.

**Eligibility:**

Enrolled members of federally-recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages.

**Alaska Program Status:**

This service agency is based in Washington, DC, and serves as a clearinghouse for information on Native American arts, crafts, and cultural programs, and responds to specific requests for assistance. The agency has worked with the Alaska Native Silver Hand Program, Kawerak, Inc. (Nome), St. Lawrence Island Original Ivory Cooperative, Ltd. (Gambell), CIRI Foundation (Anchorage), and Kodiak Area Native Association, as well as other Alaska Native cultural programs and individual craftspeople.

**Comments:**

This program provides a wide range of expert advice regarding the development and maintenance of American Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts, with a strong emphasis on economic development.

Among other activities, they publish a national directory of American Indian and Alaska Native-owned and -operated arts and crafts businesses, which provides a nationwide marketplace for Native American arts. They also conduct a museum exhibition program featuring the work of Native American artists and artisans, publish a list of Native American arts and crafts marketing events, and oversee the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, PL 101-644.

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## Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG)

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)

### Program Goals:

To provide assistance to Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages in the development of viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

### Resource Provided:

Primarily construction grants, except for economic development projects, where there is added flexibility. The maximum grant amount is \$600,000. There are grant categories for housing, community facilities, economic development, and imminent threat to health and safety.

ICDBG funds are distributed as annual competitive grants. Funds are allocated to each of the six Area Offices of Native American Programs (AONAP), so applicants compete for funding only with other tribes or eligible Indian entities within their area.

### Eligibility:

**Eligible Grantees:** All federally-recognized tribes and Alaskan Native villages or tribal organizations working on behalf of Indian tribes are eligible to participate in the ICDBG program.

**Eligible Customers:** Projects funded by ICDBG must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons (generally defined as members of low- and moderate-income families that earn no more than 80% of the median income in the area).

**Eligible Activities:** ICDBG funds may be used to improve the housing stock, provide community facilities, improve infrastructure, and expand job opportunities by supporting the economic development of the communities, especially by non-profit tribal organizations or local development corporations. Tribes and Alaskan Native villages are restricted from using block grants for construction or improvement of governmental facilities, government operations, and income payments. Eligible activities include:

- Acquisition of property
- Assistance to institutions of higher learning
- Assistance to Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDOs)
- Clearance and demolition
- Code enforcement
- Comprehensive planning
- Energy efficiency
- Lead-based paint abatement and evaluation

- Non-Federal share (ICDBG funds can be used as a match for any non-ICDBG funding to the extent allowed by such funding and the activity is eligible under 24 CFR part 1003, Subpart C)
- Privately- and publicly-owned commercial or industrial buildings
- Privately-owned utilities
- Removal of architectural barriers

**Alaska Program Status:**

Alaska appropriation level is approximately \$6 million annually. Usually, there are about 30 to 40 applicants a year for these funds.

**Comments:**

Applications must be filed electronically, following instructions in the annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). For a listing of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s NOFAs, see <http://www.hud.gov/fundsavl.html>.

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## Indian Loan Guaranty Program

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (OIEED)

**Program Goals:**

To provide loan guarantees to assist in the development of Native-owned enterprises that will create jobs and other economic benefits for Alaska Native communities.

**Resource Provided:**

Loan guarantees of up to \$500,000 for individual Natives. The program can guarantee loans of greater amounts for tribes, tribal enterprises, and ANCSA corporations. 80% and 90% guarantees are offered on commercial bank loans.

**Eligibility:**

For-profit and non-profit enterprises at least 51% owned and operated by Alaska Natives, American Indians, ANCSA corporations, and tribal entities recognized by federal statutes. Must actively operate the business on a day-to-day basis and invest 20% of its own resources in it.

Must secure a commitment for financing from a bank.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The annual allocation for Alaska varies from year to year.

**Comments:**

Applicant must furnish information on the number of jobs to be created and/or sustained and the number of jobs for Native Americans.

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## Intermediary Relending Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

### Program Goals:

Program purpose is to alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities through financing; targeted primarily toward smaller and emerging businesses.

### Resource Provided:

Loans are made to intermediaries that establish programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community development in rural areas. Intermediaries may receive up to \$1 million at one percent interest for a 30-year term. Intermediaries may then lend up to \$250,000, not to exceed 75% of a project, to individual borrowers.

### Eligibility:

The intermediaries must be private non-profit corporations, public agencies, Indian groups, or cooperatives.

### Comments:

Active intermediaries in Alaska are: Alaska Village Initiatives, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and Juneau Economic Development Council.

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## Loan Assumption Programs

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Investments

**Program Goals:**

To assist purchasers in the assumption of a loan of any of the following types:

- Alternative Energy
- Child-Care Facilities
- Commercial Fishing
- Historical District
- Veterans (single or multiple family dwelling loan or small business loan)

**Resource Provided:**

Assumption of an existing loan at existing terms, when it is determined to be in the best interests of the state.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must establish good character, demonstrate a capacity for financial responsibility, establish the ability to provide sufficient collateral, and have knowledge of Alaska economic conditions. Other factors to be considered are the business potential for growth, the ability to repay the loan, and the potential to create more jobs and provide additional services to the community. If an existing loan is secured by a building that was built, purchased, or refinanced under the state's Small Business Loan Program (AS 45.95.010-080), that building must be at least 50% occupied by the prospective applicant. Individual applicants must be Alaska residents and 18 years or older. Corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, or any other association of applicants must be 100% owned by residents of Alaska.

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## Loan Participation Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)

### Program Goals:

To provide financing assistance to business projects in Alaska by purchasing participation in loans originated by financial institutions for the financing of taxable facilities, such as retail stores, hotels, office buildings, plants and equipment, and specific tax-exempt project facilities.

### Resource Provided:

AIDEA can purchase up to 90% of the loan or up to \$20,000,000 (whichever is less) from the financial institution originating the loan. The total loan amount cannot exceed 75% of the value of the collateral offered as security for the loan.

### Eligibility:

Financially feasible business projects located in Alaska.

### Alaska Program Status:

AIDEA had approximately \$368.2 million outstanding in loans as of June 30, 2009.

### Comments:

Borrowers apply at a financial institution for a loan. The financial institution, after approval of the loan, applies to AIDEA for participation in the loan. The application to AIDEA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 non-refundable application, which is credited toward the commitment fee if the loan participation is approved and accepted. Other fees include a 1% commitment fee on AIDEA's portion of the loan. Terms can be up to 15 years for personal property or 25 years for real property, not to exceed 75% of the remaining economic life of the collateral. Both fixed and variable interest rates are available.

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## Made In Alaska Program

**Administrative Agency:**

Private For-Profit: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc.

**Program Goals:**

The Made in Alaska program is designed to identify and promote products made or manufactured in the state and handicrafts produced by Alaskan craft-persons.

**Resource Provided:**

The Made in Alaska program provides a valuable marketing tool. The official Made in Alaska emblem depicts a mother bear and her cub against a dark rectangular background with the words MADE IN ALASKA across the bottom. This emblem is a trademark registered with the State of Alaska. The Made in Alaska emblem has now achieved widespread consumer recognition and is a sought-after and valued symbol of genuine Alaskan-made products and handicrafts.

**Eligibility:**

A person who makes or manufactures an eligible product or produces an eligible handcrafted item in the state may apply to the Made in Alaska Program, currently managed by Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc., for an annual permit to use the Made in Alaska emblem on a qualifying product. It should be noted that the permit applies to the qualifying product, not to the manufacturer or producer. To be awarded a permit, an applicant must: have a manufacturing or production site and accomplish the majority of value-added processes within the state, use Alaska origin materials wherever possible, allow an inspection of the manufacturing or production site, and have a current Alaska business license. A separate permit is required for each handicraft or product line.

**Alaska Program Status:**

Funding for the program varies from year to year, but program administration is ongoing.

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## Marketing Assistance Loans/Loan Deficiency Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

### Program Goals:

Marketing Assistance Loans and the Loan Deficiency Program provide a safety net to promote agriculture in Alaska through payments on commodities when market conditions dictate. Marketing Assistance Loans allow a producer growing eligible crops to store production and use the loan proceeds to meet cash-flow needs without selling the crop. Loan Deficiency Program payments are price support payments.

### Resource Provided:

Loans and cash payments.

### Eligibility:

Marketing Assistance Loans are non-recourse, because the producer pledges the crop as collateral and has the option of delivering the pledged commodity to the Commodity Credit Corporation as full settlement of the loan at maturity. The producer must sign up for the program each year and must certify their crop acreage each year as part of the program. Loan Deficiency Payments are for producers who forego the Marketing Assistance Loans. This price support payment is limited to actual production.

### Alaska Program Status:

Loan Deficiency Payments have been available in Alaska since June 2005 when loan rates were adjusted to more accurately reflect the market conditions in local areas, thus allowing for the possibility of payments.

### Comments:

Eligible commodities include wool and mohair, barley, oats, canola, dry peas, and hard red spring wheat.

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## Master Artist and Apprenticeship in Traditional Alaska Native Arts Grants

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Education & Early Development, Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)

### Program Goals:

To encourage the maintenance and development of traditional arts of Alaska's Native peoples.

### Resource Provided:

ASCA awards apprenticeship grants of up to \$2,000 for serious study with a recognized master artist in a traditional Native art form. Grants are limited to the fees of the master artist and, when necessary, the cost of supplies and travel essential to the apprenticeship.

### Eligibility:

#### The Master Artist must:

- be a resident of the state
- be able to provide evidence of excellence in the art form
- agree to take on the applicant as an apprentice
- be recognized for their own proficiency and skill in an art form by members of their own cultural community. This may be indicated by the quality of support material submitted through letters of endorsement by members of the cultural community (e.g., a village or tribal council, regional corporation, school district, or other group)
- be 18 years or older

#### The Apprentice must:

- be a resident of Alaska
- have demonstrated experience in the art form for which they are applying and have located a master artist willing to accept the applicant as an apprentice
- be 18 years or older

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## Municipal Loan Program

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water

**Program Goals:**

The Alaska Clean Water Fund and the Alaska Drinking Water Fund provide loans and engineering support for drinking water, wastewater (sewer), solid waste, and non-point source pollution projects, such as water-body restoration and recovery.

**Resource Provided:**

Our primary services are:

- Providing low-interest loans of up to 20 years in duration for projects or eligible portions of projects
- Providing refinancing of eligible projects
- Assigning a project engineer to assist with plans, designs, construction, and regulations
- Assuring timely reimbursement for construction expenditures

**Eligibility:**

These loan programs are designed for cities, boroughs, and qualified private utilities.

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## Municipal Water, Sewerage, and Solid Waste Matching Grants

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water

### Program Goals:

The Alaska Municipal Water, Sewerage, and Solid Waste Matching Grant program provides partial funding and engineering support for drinking water, wastewater (sewer), solid waste, and non-point source pollution projects, such as water-body restoration and recovery.

### Resource Provided:

Our primary services are:

- Providing grants for facility planning and construction.
- Assigning a project engineer to assist with plans, designs, construction, and regulations.

### Eligibility:

These state grants primarily assist the larger communities and boroughs in Alaska.

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**Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center****Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (National): The Northwest Trade Adjustment Center; U.S. Department of Commerce

**Program Goals:**

The Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (NWTAAAC) is a private, non-profit organization sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce. NWTAAAC supports projects that help manufacturers, agricultural firms, and service companies compete with lower-priced imports.

**Resource Provided:**

- NWTAAAC pays a consultant that provides services to the business. There are no direct cash awards to the business receiving the service.
- The business must pay one half the cost of the project.
- The minimum award is \$22,500.
- The maximum award is \$75,000.

**Eligibility:**

- The business must demonstrate a loss of sales and employment due to competition in its U.S. markets from imported products.
- This program addresses areas that have full-time employment but have been impacted by foreign competition.

**Comments:**

Businesses have employed NWTAAAC to help them:

- Identify new markets
- Introduce new products
- Upgrade product design and packaging
- Improve distribution
- Solve process problems
- Employ new technology
- Reduce materials and inventory costs
- Cut production costs
- Improve cash flow

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## Outdoor Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) and U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS)

### Program Goals:

To provide financial assistance to states and political subdivisions for the preparation of statewide recreation plans and acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

### Resource Provided:

Project Grants. 50% state or political subdivision match.

### Eligibility:

Only state agencies eligible for statewide planning money (requires the existence of a state plan and state liaison officer). For acquisition and development money, the state, cities, federally-recognized Indian tribes, and entities that have state designation as sub-state jurisdictions are eligible.

### Alaska Program Status:

DNR manages the State of Alaska program. Funding for FY09 was \$245,415.

### Comments:

50% local match is required. DNR provides notification of program availability.

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**PL-566 Small Watershed Program****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Program Goals:**

Providing technical expertise to authorized projects to develop a watershed plan that is submitted for agency approval of a watershed project.

**Resource Provided:**

Technical and financial assistance.

**Eligibility:**

Public and private landowners are eligible but must have a qualified sponsoring organization. See NRCS website for details.

**Alaska Program Status:**

This program is actively used in Alaska.

**Comments:**

NRCS watershed activities in Alaska are voluntary efforts requested through conservation districts and units of government and/or tribes. The watershed activities are led locally by a "watershed management committee" that is comprised of local interest groups, local units of government, local tribal representatives, and any organization that has a vested interest in the watershed planning activity. This committee provides direction to the process and provides the decision-making necessary to implement the process. Technical assistance is provided to the watershed management committee through a "technical advisory committee" comprised of local, state, and federal technical specialists. These specialists provide information to the watershed management committee as needed to make sound decisions. NRCS also provides training on watershed planning organization and process.

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## Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED)

### Program Goals:

To try to equalize high costs of electricity in rural communities with the lower costs in more urban areas through direct-rate reductions. Communities not on the road or barge system experience very high costs to produce electricity (usually with diesel), due to high transportation costs and high diesel prices. These high costs must be recovered from the limited number of customers with limited disposable income associated with generally low economic development.

### Eligibility:

Rural utilities are eligible for PCE assistance, with the exception of the Railbelt electric utilities, AEL&P (Juneau), and those utilities that receive electric power from the Four Dam Pool facilities (Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Kodiak, Glennallen, and Valdez). An eligible residential customer may receive PCE credit on up to the first 500kWhs consumed each month.

Community facilities are also eligible to receive PCE credit on up to a maximum of 70kWh per month multiplied by the community population. For example, a community of 100 would receive credit on up to 7,000 kWhs for its combined community facilities.

State and federal customers, as well as commercial customers (including schools), are not eligible for PCE credit.

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## Professional Services Group

**Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc.

**Program Goals:**

Alaska Village Initiatives' (AVI) Professional Services Group (PSG) is a conduit for professional services. Their programs and services promote the economic well-being of communities, families, and individuals in rural Alaska through economic development, assistance, networking, advocacy, and education.

**Resource Provided:**

PSG offers a full range of fee-based programs and services designed to strengthen village economies, create jobs and skills, and assist communities and individuals in achieving financial self-sufficiency. Programs and services include: Community and Board Training; Community Visioning and Planning; Technical Assistance; Rural Orientations; and Strategic Planning. Fees vary by program and service, and there are discounted rates for AVI members.

**Eligibility:**

PSG offers programs and services to AVI members and non-members alike. Their membership includes a diverse group of organizations, primarily representing federally-recognized tribes, Alaska Native corporations, regional corporations and non-profits, and community-based organizations throughout rural Alaska.

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## Rasmuson Foundation Tier I Grants

**Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): Rasmuson Foundation

**Program Goals:**

To promote a better life for Alaskans.

**Resource Provided:**

Cash grants of up to \$25,000 are provided. Tier I grants are limited to capital purchases.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must be Alaskan organizations that have received 501(c) (3) status or are federally-recognized tribes.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The Tier I program is active, and applications are accepted year-round.

**Comments:**

Limited technical assistance is available.

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## Rasmuson Foundation Tier II Grants

**Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): Rasmuson Foundation

**Program Goals:**

To promote a better life for Alaskans.

**Resource Provided:**

Tier II grants are for requests in excess of \$25,000. Most grants are issued for capital projects; however, Rasmuson will occasionally fund the expansion or start-up of innovative programs that address issues of broad community or statewide significance.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants typically must be Alaskan organizations that have received 501(c) (3) status or are federally-recognized tribes. Occasionally, Rasmuson will issue a Tier II grant to a faith-based group for non-sectarian purposes or to a governmental unit for projects outside the scope of traditional government functions.

**Alaska Program Status:**

The Tier II program is active, and letters of inquiry are accepted year-round.

**Comments:**

Limited technical assistance is available.

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## Recreational Trails Grant Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

### Program Goals:

The Recreational Trails Grant Program is available for trail development, trail maintenance, easement acquisition, environmental protection, or safety-education programs relating to trail use.

### Resource Provided:

This program offers 80/20 federal matching funds. Applicants are allowed to request up to a maximum of \$50,000 per application.

### Eligibility:

Municipalities, public agencies, Native organizations, or non-profit organizations are eligible

### Comments:

Applications are available at <http://www.alaskastatetrails.org> and are due by October 1.

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## Resource Conservation and Development

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Program Goals:**

Protection and conservation of natural resources while providing economic development.

**Resource Provided:**

Project planning, partnership building, and some grant money.

**Eligibility:**

See website at <http://www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov> for eligibility guidelines and more specific details regarding types of resources and areas of interest.

**Alaska Program Status:**

This program is currently being utilized in Alaska.

**Comments:**

The purpose of the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program is to accelerate the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic development and activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in authorized RC&D areas. Authorized RC&D areas are locally-sponsored areas designated by the Secretary of Agriculture for RC&D technical and financial assistance program funds. The USDA-NRCS administered program improves the capability of local, state, and tribal units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop, and carry out programs for resource conservation and development based on local needs and objectives. The program also establishes or improves coordination systems in rural areas by bringing together a variety of public and private entities to achieve local goals and implement specific projects. Current RC&D program objectives focus on activities related to community development, land conservation, water management, and environmental enhancement.

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## Revolving Loan Fund - Association of Village Council Presidents

**Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)

**Program Goals:**

To promote economic development and increase rural participation in local business enterprises in the AVCP region (Bethel/Calista) by providing loans to low- and moderate-income residents, village corporations, and local community governments.

**Resource Provided:**

Loans: Business loan maximum is \$50,000; fisherman loan maximum is \$20,000.

25% down payment required.

The interest rate is 8%.

**Eligibility:**

Eligible projects include:

- Acquisition of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and facilities.
- Construction, expansion, repair, and modernization of buildings, machinery, equipment, and facilities.
- Business acquisitions that enhance income employment and/or ownership opportunities for low-income rural residents.
- Purchase of supplies and inventories.
- Expenses and professional services required to carry out a project financed by AVCP.
- Training expenses directly related to a project or business financed by AVCP.
- Boat, motor, gear, and repair expenses for commercial fishermen who reside and fish within the AVCP region.
- Refinancing of an existing debt under certain circumstances.
- Projects including hotels, motels, tourist homes, or convention centers.
- Pollution control and abatement.

**Alaska Program Status:**

Loan requests are reviewed by the loan committee and approved by USDA.

**Comments:**

Applicants should have a business plan.

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## Revolving Loan Fund - Tanana Chiefs Conference

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (Alaska): Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC)

### Program Goals:

The Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC), through its Business Development Center, is dedicated to improving economic growth throughout its service area by expanding the lending opportunities available to those businesses unable to obtain financing from traditional sources.

### Resource Provided:

The revolving loan fund is for businesses located within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. This fund is made possible from the Economic Development Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

### Eligibility:

Eligible applicants include: individual business owners, partnerships, corporations, and Native tribes that live and operate their business in the Tanana Chiefs Region.

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## Revolving Loan Fund for Credit Unions

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: National Credit Union Administration

**Program Goals:**

To support low-income credit unions in their effort to stimulate economic development and provide financial and related services to residents of their communities.

**Resource Provided:**

Direct loans. The interest rate recently has been 1%.

**Eligibility:**

Community development credit unions that have been designated low income and whose membership meets the requirements for predominantly low-income members as defined in section 701.34 of the NCUA regulations or applicable state standards. A federal credit union is a non-profit, cooperative financial institution owned and run by its members. Organized to serve, democratically-controlled credit unions provide their members with a safe place to save and borrow at reasonable rates. Members pool their funds to make loans to one another. The volunteer board that runs each credit union is elected by the members.

**Comments:**

A low-income credit union is a concept that ought to be examined seriously in an overall approach to community development. A low-income credit union could also provide some relief for the pervasive problem of cash availability which exists in many rural Alaska communities.

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## B \$ Rural Alaska Broadband Internet Access Grant Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA); Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED)

### Program Goals:

Grant funds are available to acquire and install equipment, facilities, and systems to provide broadband internet access in qualifying communities in rural Alaska.

### Resource Provided:

\$15 million in federal grants were awarded to the RCA and DCCED. Of that amount, approximately \$8 million has been committed after four rounds of grant funding under the program. Grant recipients are required to match awards with cash or in-kind contributions equal to at least 25% of the total project costs.

### Eligibility:

The applicant must be, or partner with, a telecommunications or cable provider. Communities must have more than 19.5% unemployment (persons able and willing to work) a population of less than 20,000 and no broadband Internet access.

### Alaska Program Status:

Information is available from the RCA at

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## GP Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP)

### **Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP)

### **Program Goals:**

Healthy People, Sustainable Communities, Vibrant Cultures - RurAL CAP protects and improves the quality of life for low-income Alaskans through education, training, direct services, decent and affordable housing, advocacy, and strengthening the ability of low-income people to advocate for themselves. RurAL CAP has worked with rural Alaskan communities for over 40 years and has extensive experience delivering culturally appropriate and responsive programs.

### **Resource Provided:**

RurAL CAP services focus in the areas of child development, community development, energy conservation and education, community planning and housing services, and health and wellness.

Programs administered by RurAL CAP include: Head Start, Early Head Start, Child Development Center, Parents as Teachers, Weatherization, RAVEN and BIRCH AmeriCorps, Village Council Management Program VISTA (VCMP), Self-Help Housing, Affordable Housing, Homeward Bound, and Community Bound.

RurAL CAP is governed by a 24-member tripartite board of directors comprised of target area, public sector, and private sector representatives. RurAL CAP has standing memoranda of agreements with other organizations to ensure coordination of efforts in rural Alaska.

### **Eligibility:**

Head Start and Weatherization programs have income-based criteria. Eligibility for other programs varies by program but generally is not restrictive.

### **Alaska Program Status:**

RurAL CAP's annual budget is around \$25 million and comes from a variety of federal, state, and private foundation sources.

### **Comments:**

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## Rural Alaska Village Water and Waste Disposal Grants

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Program Goals:**

To help rural Alaskan villages remedy dire sanitation conditions using funds made available specifically for this purpose.

**Resource Provided:**

Grant funds to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve rural water, sanitary sewage, solid waste disposal, and storm wastewater disposal facilities and funds to construct, relocate, or make other public improvements necessary for the successful operation or protection of such facilities.

**Eligibility:**

A dire sanitation condition must exist and a community must meet the definition of a village (an unincorporated community with between 25 and 600 people residing within a two-mile radius, a second-class city, or a first-class city with not more than 600 residents). Hub communities with populations exceeding 600 may also be eligible if dire sanitation conditions exist.

**Comments:**

This funding requires a 25% match with funds from the State of Alaska Village Safe Water Program or other non-federal sources.

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## Rural Business Enterprise Grants

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

### Program Goals:

To provide grants to support the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas.

### Resource Provided:

Small grants (usually less than \$100,000) that can be used to provide technical assistance to small businesses; develop the infrastructure necessary to support small businesses; capitalize a revolving loan fund used to support small businesses; or other activities that will result in small business development or expansion.

### Eligibility:

Public entities, such as cities, boroughs, federally-recognized Alaska Native Village entities, and private non-profit corporations. The project must be located in a rural area or city of less than 50,000 population.

### Comments:

Competition for project funding is tight with ten times more money requested than is available in grant funds. There are three funding cycles each year, typically in December, February, and July. Grants must show how small business development or expansion is likely to occur as a result of the grant and cannot be passed through to private business.

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## Rural Business Opportunity Grants

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Program Goals:**

The program is designed to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs by:

- Promoting sustainable economic development.
- Encouraging economic development by providing critical investments that enable effective development projects.
- Focusing assistance on priority communities.
- Sponsoring activities with significant potential to serve as best practices.

**Resource Provided:**

Grants may be used for these purposes:

- To identify and analyze business opportunities that use local resources.
- To establish business support centers or otherwise support creation of new businesses through technical assistance.
- For economic development planning.
- To identify, train, and provide technical assistance to existing or prospective entrepreneurs and managers.

**Eligibility:**

Grants are available to rural areas in Alaska that are outside of cities with a population of more than 50,000. Eligible organizations include public bodies, non-profit corporations, Indian tribes on federal reservations and other federally-recognized tribal groups, and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents.

**Comments:**

Grant funds may not be used for these purposes:

- To duplicate current services (but can be used to expand current service if inadequate).
- To fund political activities.
- To pay for any project costs incurred prior to the effective date if awarded a grant.
- To pay for assistance to any private business not at least 51% owned by U.S. citizens.
- To pay any costs of acquiring real estate, building construction, or equipment.

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**Rural Development Initiative Fund****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Investments

**Program Goals:**

To provide loans for working capital, equipment, construction, or other commercial purposes.

**Resource Provided:**

Maximum loan amount is \$100,000 for one person or up to \$200,000 for two or more persons.

Interest rate is fixed at time of loan approval, 1% below the prime rate, not to be less than 6%.

Maximum loan term is 25 years. The term will be based on the collateral offered, the useful life of the asset being purchased, the size of the loan, and the needs of the applicant.

**Eligibility:**

Businesses must be located in a community with a population of 5,000 or less that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks or with a population of 2,000 or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks. Loans must result in the creation of new jobs or the retention of existing jobs in the eligible community. A reasonable amount of non-state funding must be included as part of the total project cost.

**Alaska Program Status:**

As of June 2009, there were 29 loans valued at \$3.5 million.

**Comments:**

There is a \$100 application fee. A 1% origination fee is due at closing. All expenses incurred by the department in processing the application must be paid by the applicant. Expenses may include the cost of title insurance, recording fees, appraisals, travel, or other direct costs.

Loan funds generally may not be used to reimburse costs incurred more than six months prior to submitting an application. The funds generally may not be used to refinance long-term debt. A person who has an existing loan under this program may not be granted another loan until the original loan has been repaid. Loans must be secured by adequate collateral, such as a mortgage or other security instrument, real property, or other tangible assets.

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## Rural Economic Development Loan Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

### Program Goals:

Provides zero interest loans to rural electric or telephone cooperatives for pass-through to projects that promote rural economic development and job creation.

### Resource Provided:

Loans at zero interest with a ten-year repayment to the eligible cooperative that re-lends the funds to a local entity to promote financially viable projects. The ultimate borrower can be a for-profit private business.

### Eligibility:

Cooperatives that are current or former borrowers of the Rural Utility Service (Old Rural Electrification Administration)

### Alaska Program Status:

Applications compete for funding on a national basis each quarter.

### Comments:

Eligible projects include business expansion and start-up, community development, business incubator projects, etc.

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## Rural Energy Related Training

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED)

### Program Goals:

To provide training opportunities to local residents on their energy projects and infrastructure. The intent of the training is to ensure that the community personnel have the best skills to sustain the infrastructure in a business-like manner. Proper training allows operators to keep their facilities code-compliant.

### Resource Provided:

Examples of services include:

- Advanced Power Plant Operator Training
- Bulk Fuel Business Training
- Bulk Fuel Operator Training
- Electric Utility Business Training
- Hydro Training
- Itinerant Bulk Fuel Training
- Power Plant Operator Training
- Utility Clerk Training (PCE Clerk Training)

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## Rural Energy for America

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development

### Program Goals:

To provide loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses (including eligible electric utilities) to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements in an effort to reduce energy costs and energy consumption.

The program also supports and stimulates rural economic development by helping agricultural producers and rural small businesses create new sources of income, new jobs, and new uses for agricultural products and wastes.

### Resource Provided:

Grants cannot exceed 25% of eligible costs. Grants for renewable energy projects can range from \$2,500 to \$500,000; grants for energy efficiency can range from \$1,500 to \$250,000. Loan guarantees can be up to 75% of eligible costs; combinations of grant and loan guarantees can be up to 75% of eligible costs.

### Eligibility:

Rural: Any community with fewer than 50,000 people. Eligible applicants: Agricultural producers, including foresters and fishers; small businesses (as per the Small Business Administration's NAICS size standards); and electric utilities, including tribal or governmental electric utilities and 501(c)(12) electric cooperatives. All applicants must demonstrate financial need.

### Alaska Program Status:

One small, on-farm biodiesel project has been funded to date. New and expanded interest is quickly developing from rural electric utilities, remote village stores, and other various rural small businesses.

### Comments:

The 2008 Farm Bill more than doubled funding by including mandatory funding of \$55 million, nationally.

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## Rural Fire Assistance Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: National Park Service

### Program Goals:

To increase safety, effectiveness, and capacity of primary rural fire department cooperators critical to assisting the U.S. Department of the Interior in the protection of the public, natural, and cultural resources and important values in Wildland Urban Interface communities.

To focus financial and technical assistance on cooperative fire suppression resources to facilitate safety for all firefighters, maximize cost-effective fire management operations, and enhance wildland fire protection coverage on Department of the Interior lands.

### Resource Provided:

In the FY 2009 cycle, RFA program funding priorities included:

- Personal protective equipment and basic gear (e.g., gloves, hardhats, wildland Nomex shirts, trousers, coveralls, eye and ear protection, canteens, fireline packs, and lanterns)
- New generation fire shelters and case (training shelters also allowed)
- Communications equipment (e.g., P-25 compliant hand-held radios and mobile units for ground vehicles)
- Basic tools and equipment (e.g., hand tools, belt weather kits, hoses, fittings, and accessories)
- Wildland fire training.

### Eligibility:

Rural or volunteer fire departments that fight wildland fires on Department of Interior land.

### Comments:

Applications for FY 2010 will be due spring of 2010.

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## GNPN\$ Rural Housing and Economic Development Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### Program Goals:

The Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) Program provides for capacity building at the state and local level for rural housing and economic development and provides for supporting innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. This program is established to assist nonprofit organizations in rural communities across America. HUD defines rural in three ways:

- A place having fewer than 2,500 inhabitants
- A county or parish with an urban population of 20,000 inhabitants or less
- Any place with a population not in excess of 20,000 inhabitants and not located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area.

### Resource Provided:

In FY 2009, grants of up to a maximum of \$300,000 will be competitively awarded to successful applicants through a selection process conducted by HUD in accordance with the HUD Reform Act.

### Eligibility:

Eligible Grantees: Eligible applicants are local, rural non-profits, community development corporations (CDCs), federally-recognized Indian tribes, state housing finance agencies (HFAs), and state, community, and/or economic development agencies.

Eligible Activities: Possible activities include preparation of plans or architectural drawings, acquisition of land and buildings, demolition, provision of infrastructure, purchase of materials and construction costs, use of local labor markets, job training and counseling for beneficiaries, and financial services such as revolving loan funds and Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). Other possible activities include: homeownership and financial counseling; application of innovative construction methods; provision of financial assistance to homeowners, businesses, and developers; and the establishment of CDFIs, lines of credit, revolving loan funds, microenterprises, and small business incubators.

### Alaska Program Status:

Application: After HUD publishes a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program, applicants must submit specific information about a proposed project or activity in their application. After HUD makes conditional selections, applicants must then submit additional information. For more information, see <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/rhed/index.cfm>.

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## Rural Power Systems Upgrades

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED)

### Program Goals:

To eliminate safety hazards, enhance efficiencies, and provide technical assistance to assess system deficiencies and design solutions, and carry out project evaluation process.

### Resource Provided:

Upgrades may include efficiency improvements, powerhouse upgrades or replacements, line assessments, lines to new customers, demand-side improvements, and repairs to generation and distribution systems. System upgrades to be funded may be identified through a variety of ways, including via technical assistance, advanced by the local community, or directed by the legislature.

Examples of programmatic efforts include:

- Rebuilding or replacing worn-out diesel generator units
- Rebuilding or replacing old and hazardous distribution systems
- Constructing new power generation systems that meet state and federal codes
- Including heat recovery systems, where possible, in new powerhouses
- Force account labor and technical assistance to rural communities through AEA personnel and/or contractors with experience in rural construction.

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## Rural Utility Business Advisor (RUBA) Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA)

### Program Goals:

RUBA provides on-site and off-site assistance to local governments and water/wastewater and sanitation utility service providers across rural Alaska.

### Resource Provided:

Fiscal and managerial assistance.

### Eligibility:

Any rural Alaskan local government unit, including city, tribal, borough, for-profit, or non-profit community associations.

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## SBA Business Development Assistance to Small Businesses

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

### Program Goals:

To help prospective and current business persons improve skills necessary to manage and operate a business.

To provide debt capital to new and existing small businesses.

### Resource Provided:

Advisory services, such as the (SCORE) Counselors to America's Small Business, loan guaranties for eligible small businesses, and the University of Alaska Small Business Development Center (UASBDC), which provides counselors for free one-on-one business counseling, business training workshops, and a small business learning center that provides books, videotapes, microcomputers, and business software for hands-on learning. Also provides government contracting assistance and aid to developing women- and minority-owned businesses.

### Eligibility:

Assistance may be provided to existing and potential small businesspersons. A small business is one that is independently-owned and -operated and not dominant in its field.

### Alaska Program Status:

A district SBA office is located in Anchorage. There is a SCORE counselor available daily, as well as SBA staff to answer inquiries and make referrals.

### Comments:

The SBA provides other special programs such as International Trade and Women's Business Ownership.

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## SBA Loans for Small Businesses

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

### Program Goals:

To assist people to enter and remain in business by providing loan guarantees, management counseling and training, and assistance in obtaining government procurement contracts.

### Resource Provided:

Loan guarantees, advisory services, and counseling, administered primarily through partnerships between SBA and banks or private entities.

**Guaranty Loans:** These loans, made by banks, may take several forms. All of SBA's financial assistance programs are under this section. The borrower initiates the loan request to a local lender, who applies to SBA for its guaranty. SBA will guaranty 85% on loans of \$150,000 or less and 75% on loans worth between \$150,000 and \$2 million.

**Specialized Loans:** These include the 7(a) Loan Program, Express Loan Program, 504 Loan Program, Export Loan Program, Capline Loan Program, and Surety Bond Program. (See website for more details.)

### Eligibility:

Applicants must meet SBA size standards for small businesses. Credit criteria are much the same as used by banks. Applicants must work with a lending institution that will, in turn, arrange the loan guaranty with SBA.

Eligible projects are business real estate, inventory purchases, machinery and equipment, leasehold improvements, working capital, and, in some circumstances, debt consolidation.

### Alaska Program Status:

Technical assistance is provided through SBA resource partners: Small Business Development (SBDC), the Women's Business Center, and SCORE.

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## Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (National): Seventh Generation Fund

### Program Goals:

The Seventh Generation Fund provides seed money, organizational support, and technical training to Native grassroots community-based projects striving for holistic community health and renewal. The program supports traditional agriculture, renewable forms of energy, and sustainable strategies for development that preserve or restore traditional lifeways for future generations.

### Resource Provided:

Cash grants of up to \$10,000. Technical assistance is provided as well.

### Eligibility:

Must be a Native-run community or tribal organization. Seventh Generation Fund supports indigenous communities' initiatives only.

### Comments:

Funding for capital projects is limited.

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## Silver Hand Permit Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Education & Early Development (DEED), Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)

### Program Goals:

To identify and promote Alaska Native art produced in the State of Alaska by Alaska Natives who are residents of the state.

### Resource Provided:

The Silver Hand Permit Program is designed to identify authentic Alaska Native art and handicrafts produced within the state by Alaska Natives. The official identifying symbol is the Silver Hand logo: a silver hand on a black oval background with the words "Authentic Native handicraft from Alaska" printed at the top. ASCA administers the program for certifying eligible artisans, distributes Silver Hand tags and stickers to qualified individuals, and oversees enforcement of program regulations.

### Eligibility:

A permit to use the Silver Hand seal on handicrafts may be issued to applicants who:

- Are residents of the state
- Document that they are an Alaska Native
- Certify that they will affix the seal only to a handicraft made entirely by the applicant, within the state, and wholly or in significant part of natural materials
- Are 18 years or older

The Silver Hand Program has a \$20 fee for a two-year permit.

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## Small Business Assistance Center (SBAC)

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Office of Economic Development (OED), Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

### Program Goals:

The Small Business Assistance Center (SBAC) is designed to be a one-stop shop in assisting small and large businesses, entrepreneurs, start-ups, and local Alaskans in answering the most common questions about starting and running a small business.

### Resource Provided:

The SBAC links people or businesses to the State of Alaska's network of partners like the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs), the Made In Alaska (MIA) program, the Buy Alaska program, or anyone else capable of helping a business start-up.

Some examples of the information provided are:

- How do I start my business?
- Where do I go for financing?
- How do I write a business plan?

### Eligibility:

Anyone seeking assistance or directions may use this service. The Office of Economic Development also has professional staff members the public may consult by appointment, phone, or e-mail.

### Alaska Program Status:

This is a free service provided by the Office of Economic Development and is not funded by any program.

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**Small Business Development Centers(SBDC)****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: University of Alaska and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

**Program Goals:**

The SBDC offers free business counseling by professional staff consultants and volunteers. The SBDC also offers business training through workshops, seminars, and conferences on marketing, loan proposals, record keeping, business plans, and other business-related areas. In addition, the SBDC maintains a business library stocked with books, periodicals, videotapes, computers, and business software for use by small business owners.

Additional programs designed to promote the growth and development of small business offered through the SBDC network include the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) which provides assistance with government contracting; Buy Alaska, which works to promote in-state purchase of goods and services via the Buyer-Seller Network; and the Technology Research and Development Center (TREND).

**Eligibility:**

Counseling is free, confidential, and available to all Alaskans. A small fee may be charged for workshops, seminars, and conferences. Small businesspersons are encouraged to avail themselves of the services.

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## Small Business Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Investments

### Program Goals:

To create significant long-term employment and diversify the economy by providing start-up and expansion capital for small businesses. Emphasis is placed on projects that promise the greatest long-range positive economic impact on a community.

### Resource Provided:

Financing of either industrial or commercial ventures will be considered. The interest rate is prime minus 4%, is no less than 4%, and is fixed at the time of loan approval. The term of the loan will be determined by the Loan Administration Board. The maximum loan term is 20 years. The maximum loan amount is \$300,000, and the minimum is \$10,000.

### Eligibility:

Applicants will be required to obtain additional private, non-public financing, generally in an amount not less than twice the amount requested under the application. Loans may be made to companies that are located in rural areas, as defined by the program guidelines, and are small businesses, as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

### Alaska Program Status:

The fund is established by statute and funded jointly by the state and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). As of June 2009, there were 58 loans valued at \$6.2 million outstanding.

### Comments:

In order to be funded, the project must be located in an eligible area (affected by high unemployment, low average income, etc.) as determined by the EDA. There is a \$200 application fee and a 1% origination fee due at closing.

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## Snow Survey and Water/Climate Services Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Program Goals:

To provide snow, water, and climate data interpretation and products for public and private organizations, land users, and managers and to support NRCS and soil and water conservation district priorities.

### Resource Provided:

Near real-time climate data through appropriate use of the data acquisition system (meteorburst technology) and monthly reports of snow and climate records collected by the cooperative network.

### Eligibility:

Public and private landowners; businesses; local, state, and federal governments; and Alaska Native tribes.

### Alaska Program Status:

Program data and information is delivered by NRCS field offices, Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) offices, and soil and water conservation districts through public meetings, newsletters, and reports. The responsibility for collecting the snow survey information is a highly cooperative effort that includes many partners: private individuals, local soil and water conservation district members, and local, state, and federal governments.

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## Snowmobile Grant Program

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Natural Resources

### Program Goals:

Development and maintenance of snowmobile trails, providing for safety and education programs relating to snowmobile use, and easement acquisition.

### Resource Provided:

Grants are available for easement acquisition, equipment rental or purchase, and construction or maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities. Matching funds are required for trail development grants. No match is required for safety and education grants.

### Eligibility:

Public agencies, businesses, private citizens, and non-profit organizations are eligible.

### Alaska Program Status:

Application forms and deadlines are available at <http://www.alaskastatetrails.org>

### Comments:

Applications are available on the website, and the due date is August 1. Trail development and maintenance grants are 75/25 matching grants. There is no required match for safety and education grants. This state grant program is made up of money received from the registration of snowmobiles (\$5 a year).

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## Soil Survey Program

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Program Goals:**

To provide soil and accessory natural resource inventory data and maps to assist land owners and land managers in planning activities.

**Resource Provided:**

Physical and chemical data, location maps, and interpretive data of major soil groups and associated natural resources. Information provided in both GIS format and interactive website access.

**Eligibility:**

Information provided to the general public; private landowners; businesses; local, state, and federal governments; and Alaska Native tribes.

**Alaska Program Status:**

Broad inventory coverage is available for the entire state of Alaska. More detailed information is available for the entire roadbelt/railbelt area, Seward Peninsula, sections of Southeast and Southwest Alaska, and several villages. The program is a highly cooperative effort that includes private organizations; local, state and federal agencies; and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. An ongoing effort is underway to collect additional detailed coverage in high priority areas of the state.

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## Southeast Alaska Business Consulting Services

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (Alaska): Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC)

### Program Goals:

The mission of the Business Assistance Center (BAC) is to empower entrepreneurs in Southeast to be more successful by providing advice, information, and the tools of analysis.

### Resource Provided:

JEDC's business consultants work with existing and expanding businesses through a process of confidential counseling and coaching. Once a business's specific need or problem has been identified, a consultant will work one-on-one with the business to solve it. Counsel might center on revenue growth, cost analysis, market research, business planning, financing, expansion, customer service, marketing and sales, accounting and record keeping, human resources, and/or e-commerce.

Coaching can also increase personal and business success by helping business persons to develop sound leadership capabilities, rediscover passion, navigate changes in the global economy, become more efficient, clarify goals, and achieve greater satisfaction with their business.

JEDC's Business Consulting Service features a highly-paid professional staff, and participating independent consultants with extensive consulting and entrepreneurial experience.

### Eligibility:

A request for consulting services and initial consultation are free of charge to all businesses in Southeast Alaska. The initial phase offers up to 20 hours of consulting and coaching services at \$25 per hour. If you wish to go further, the cost in the second phase becomes \$60 per hour for up to another 30 hours.

### Comments:

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## Southeast Alaska Revolving Loan Fund

**Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC)

**Program Goals:**

The Southeast Alaska Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) was established to help business owners create and retain quality jobs throughout Southeast Alaska. The RLF makes direct loans to new and expanding business that cannot qualify for traditional bank financing but which otherwise appear likely to succeed.

**Resource Provided:**

Direct short-term (up to 5-year) loans for projects located within the municipal boundaries of Juneau, Hoonah, and Haines under separate revolving loan funds have been created for each of these communities. The RLF also makes direct loans throughout Southeast Alaska (except in Juneau) through its USDA Intermediary Relending Program (USDA-IRP). Loans range in size from \$5,000 to \$300,000, based on need, funding, program limits, and the availability of traditional or other financing. The RLF can help arrange multi-creditor financing for larger projects and typically attempts to leverage its loan funds with banks or other public and private financing.

**Eligibility:**

The maximum loan amount is determined in part by the number of jobs created or saved by the borrower's business. One full-time equivalent position is required for each \$30,000 of RLF loan funds. Preference is given to applicants providing manufacturing or highly-paid jobs. Juneau-based loans require bank participation. Applicants may not have delinquent obligations owed to federal, state, or local governments. The primary criteria for consideration are dedicated and experienced management, past performance, current economic viability of the business, and clear competitive advantages. All applicants must have a complete and current business plan. Potential applicants are encouraged to call to discuss their project before applying.

**Comments:**

The RLF provides financing for most business needs, including debt refinancing, purchase of fixed assets, permanent working capital, construction, and leasehold improvements.

Loans are priced to reflect risk and to encourage businesses to "graduate" to conventional bank financing as soon as possible. Each financing package is customized to meet the overall cash flow needs of the business. Extensive technical assistance is provided before and throughout the loan term by the RLF and Juneau Economic Development Council's business counselors, timber industry experts, and extensive network of consultants and business contacts, who will help entrepreneurs with financial management, marketing, manufacturing processes, and general business management to ensure each borrower's business succeeds and the jobs created are sustainable.

Successful loan applicants also are referred to Tlingit Haida Central Council's business counselors and the business counselors at the Juneau and Ketchikan Small Business Development Centers.

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## Starting a Small Business - Publication

**Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Office of Economic Development (OED)

**Program Goals:**

To aid people interested in learning what they need to do before starting their own business.

**Resource Provided:**

Starting a Small Business is a publication produced by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to assist persons interested in starting a business in this state. The information in this publication is designed to help Alaska business owners and entrepreneurs think and act in ways that improve their chances of success. It is intended primarily as a guide to the many sources of detailed information and assistance available to entrepreneurs.

**Eligibility:**

Anyone interested in starting a small business.

**Comments:**

An on-line version of the guide is available by going to [http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/small\\_bus/pub/StartingaSmallBusiness.pdf](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/small_bus/pub/StartingaSmallBusiness.pdf)

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GP B G NP N \$ **State Training and Employment Program (STEP)****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Program Goals:**

The State Training and Employment Program (STEP)'s purpose is to:

- Enhance the quality of in-state job training and employment assistance and to make in-state job training and employment assistance more easily available to employers, employees, and future employees
- Prevent future claims against unemployment benefits
- Attract new businesses through the availability of a skilled labor force and reduction of employer unemployment insurance costs
- Ease the impact of Alaska's economic fluctuations through training or retraining of workers for new and/or emerging industries and technologies
- Promote local hire.

**Resource Provided:**

STEP is funded by one tenth of one percent (.1%) of employee contributions to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund. These employee contributions are deposited in a special Employment Assistance and Training Program Account within the state General Fund and are accessed through grants or individual training vouchers.

**Eligibility:**

Job training for persons who:

- Are unemployed and receiving unemployment insurance benefits
- Have exhausted their UI benefits
- Are employed but likely to lose their job due to the job's elimination or due to obsolescence of their job skills
- Worked in a job covered by UI but are ineligible for benefits because the job was seasonal, temporary, or part-time and/or wage contributions were insufficient
- Are underemployed.

**Alaska Program Status:**

STEP was created by the legislature in 1989 to be more responsive to Alaska job market conditions and be more flexible than federally-funded training programs. The legislature made the STEP program permanent April 19, 2009, and it was approved by the governor on June 20, 2009.

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## State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

### Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

### Program Goals:

To schedule the program of federally-funded surface transportation improvements in Alaska.

### Resource Provided:

Design and construction of transportation improvements throughout the state.

The STIP includes six elements using federal highway funding and eight elements using federal transit funding:

#### Federal Highway Program

- National Highway System (NHS)
- Alaska Highway System (AHS)
- Community Transportation Program (CTP)
- Trails & Recreational Access for Alaska (TRAAK)
- Ferries and Ferry Facilities
- Federally Required and Preventive Maintenance

#### Federal Transit Program

- Program Passenger Operations
- Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
- Ferries and Ferry Facilities
- Fixed Guideway
- Bus and Bus Facilities
- Program Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Grants
- Program Rural Capital and Operating Grants
- New Freedom Initiative

CTP and TRAAK projects are nominated and scored. Funding is provided based on scores. Program Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Grants and Program Rural Capital and Operating Grants are selected competitively. Grants are provided based on reimbursements for allowable expenditures. (Funds are not provided in advance of expenditures.)

### Eligibility:

- Discuss your project with your area planner in a DOT Regional Office. Planning support is ongoing, and DOT will support communities in looking ahead together by encouraging land-use planning, if the community is interested. Map of area planners is on-line at: [http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip\\_stip/map.shtml](http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip_stip/map.shtml).

- Information on the nomination process and criteria for selecting projects is located at: [http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip\\_stip/stip10\\_13.shtml](http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip_stip/stip10_13.shtml).
- Prepare a nomination form for CTP or TRAAK projects or grant application for transit projects. (Project nomination cycles occur approximately every 2 years, usually early in each odd year.)
- Community projects may become part of larger Regional Transportation Plans (Southeast, Southwest, Y-K Delta, Northwest, Interior and Copper River Delta Regions) and include a public process.
- The project is scored by DOT Regional and Statewide Offices.
- Projects must be a public asset (road, trail, ferry, bus) and no restrictions or limitations are permitted as to who may use the facility.
- Because of the complexity of the rules governing the use of federal highway funds, projects are generally not delegated to the applicant. Instead, Alaska DOT&PF will oversee the design and construction of successful projects.

### Alaska Program Status:

Last year, Alaska received about \$250 million of federal aid transportation funding for discretionary use on surface transportation improvement projects. Nominations for Community Transportation (CTP) and Trails and Recreational Access (TRAAK) projects are normally evaluated for funding every two years; however, due to an expected downturn in federal aid, ADOT&PF may need to limit the number of new CTP and TRAAK projects considered each cycle. Funding in 2010 and beyond is dependent upon reauthorization of the federal highway program. Though no decision has yet been made, significant changes in funding, eligibility, and limitations appear likely. Thus, future opportunities to access these funds cannot be guaranteed.

Nominations for transit human services-related grants will continue to be evaluated and awarded under competitive Alaska Mental Health Trust, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, New Freedom Beyond the ADA, and Job Access and Reverse Commute programs. Public transit funds are provided through a formula process.

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## Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation Program Long Term Economic Deterioration Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)

### Program Goals:

To assist state and local areas in the development and implementation of strategies designed to arrest and reverse the problems associated with sudden and severe economic dislocation or long-term economic deterioration.

### Resource Provided:

Project grants.

### Eligibility:

State or political subdivisions, Alaska Native entities, and public or private non-profits.

### Alaska Program Status:

See also the description for Grants for Public Works and Development Facilities and the related technical assistance program. Sitka received a Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation grant for \$50,000 following the pulp mill closure. The State of Alaska received \$100,000 for evaluation of utilizing the Adak Naval Air Station after its planned closure. Western Alaska Fisheries Disaster and Norton Sound Fisheries Disaster grants were also issued under this program. Facilities grants are frequently in the \$500,000 to \$2.5 million range. The Community Development Quota Organizations have been good partners in matching their regions' projects.

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## Support for Planning Organizations Economic Development Districts; Redevelopment Areas

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)

### Program Goals:

To foster regional economic development planning and implementation capability through Economic Development Districts (EDDs) and redevelopment areas.

### Resource Provided:

Grants for district or area administrative and professional services. Minimum of 25% non-federal match required. Native entities may be eligible for 100% grants.

### Eligibility:

Public bodies (boroughs, cities, villages, tribal councils, regional Native nonprofits). At this time, because of limited funds, only regional entities (EDDs) and regional Native non-profit organizations can be considered. These are capacity-building grants.

### Alaska Program Status:

Lack of funds has limited economic development planning grants to Economic Development Districts and Regional Native Non-Profits. The Kenai Peninsula EDD, Prince William Sound EDD, Southeast Conference, and Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference are EDDs and ARDORs. The five Regional Native Tribal grants currently go to: Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (THCC), Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA), Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA), and Kawerak (also an ARDOR through the Bering Strait EDC). Occasional one-time CEDS planning grants may be available.

### Comments:

Funding is limited and competition is strong. Regional administrative grants usually range from \$50,000 to \$70,000 annually. Grants may be renewed annually if grantee's performance and proposed work plan are acceptable.

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## Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities - Section 811

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### Program Goals:

To develop rental housing with the availability of supportive services for very low-income adults with disabilities and to provide rent subsidies to projects that will make them affordable.

### Resource Provided:

HUD provides interest-free capital advances to non-profit sponsors to help them finance the development of rental housing, such as independent living projects, condominium units, and small group homes with supportive services for persons with disabilities. The capital advance can finance the construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition (with or without rehabilitation) of supportive housing.

The advance does not have to be repaid as long as the housing remains available for at least 40 years to very low-income persons with disabilities.

HUD also provides project rental assistance; this covers the difference between the HUD-approved operating cost of the project and the amount the residents pay -- usually 30% of adjusted income. The initial term of the project rental assistance contract is three years and can be renewed if funds are available.

Each project must have a supportive services plan. The appropriate state or local agency reviews a potential sponsor's supportive services plan to determine if the plan is well-designed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and must certify to the same. Services may vary with the target population but could include case management, training in independent living skills, and assistance in obtaining employment. However, residents cannot be required to accept any supportive service as a condition of occupancy.

### Eligibility:

Eligible Grantees: Non-profit organizations with a Section 501(c) (3) tax exemption from the IRS can apply to develop a Section 811. Occupancy of Section 811 housing is open to persons with disabilities. A qualified person must be 18 years or older and must have a disability meeting one or more criteria outlined in HUD Handbook 4571.2 (p. 1-5 to 1-6).

### Alaska Program Status:

The available program funds for a fiscal year are allocated to HUD's local field offices. Notice of Funding Availability for this program is announced each spring to solicit applications.

### Comments:

Applicants must submit an electronic application for a capital advance, including a Request for Fund Reservation (Form HUD-92016-CA) and other information in response to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the Federal Register each year. Applications must be submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Those selected for funding must meet basic program requirements, including non-profit status, financial commitment, and a certification from the appropriate state or local agency stating that the supportive services are well-designed to meet the needs of the intended residents. Awards are usually announced in the fall.

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## NP \$ Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program-Section 202

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### Program Goals:

To finance the construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition (with or without rehabilitation) of structures that will serve as supportive housing for very low-income elderly persons, including the frail elderly, and to provide rent subsidies for the projects to help make them affordable.

### Resource Provided:

Grants for supportive housing for very low-income elderly persons, including the frail elderly.

### Eligibility:

Eligible Grantees: Private non-profit organizations can apply to develop a Section 202 project. Public entities are not eligible for funding under this program.

Eligible Residents: Occupancy in Section 202 housing is open to any very low-income household comprised of at least one person who is at least 62 years old at the time of initial occupancy.

### Comments:

Applicants must submit an electronic application for a capital advance, including a Request for Fund Reservation (HUD Form 92015-CA) and other information in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the Federal Register each fiscal year. Applications must be submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov/>.

Those selected for funding must meet basic program requirements, including private non-profit status, financial commitment, and acceptable control of an approvable site. Awards are usually announced in the fall.

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## GP B \$ Technology Research and Development Center (TREND)

### Administrative Agency:

Nonprofit (Alaska): Technology Research & Development Center (TREND)

### Program Goals:

TREND is a partner program of the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), located at the Anchorage Small Business Development Center. The center supports small businesses in Alaska in the research and development of innovations and specializes in assistance with the federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

### Resource Provided:

**SBIR/STTR Program** - TREND is Alaska's premier resource for assistance with all phases of the SBIR and STTR program, including proposal development, technical merit assessment, and commercialization planning. The SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) and STTR (Small Business Technology Transfer) programs are two federal grant programs designed to stimulate technological innovation and provide opportunities for U.S. small businesses. Solicitations are released periodically from each of the agencies and present technical topics of research and development each agency is interested in funding. Companies are invited to compete for funding by submitting proposals addressing the needs of the agency's solicitation.

**Phase 0 Grants** - In an effort to increase the number of SBIR proposals funded from Alaska, the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) has partnered with TREND to establish a SBIR Phase 0 program. The Alaska Phase 0 Program provides grants up to \$5,000 to assist small businesses with SBIR/STTR proposal preparation.

**Outreach** - TREND is a statewide program, available upon demand to provide workshops and other services onsite in communities around the state. TREND is also available to speak to professional organizations or contribute copy to newsletter publications.

**Workshops** - As not only educational activities but also outreach events, TREND workshops both inform participants of and prepare them for research and development opportunities. Sample workshops:

- Introduction to SBIR
- Writing winning proposals
- Intellectual property
- Accounting/government audits

### Eligibility:

TREND services are available to Alaska small businesses and entrepreneurs.

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## Trade Adjustment Assistance Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

### Program Goals:

The Trade Adjustment Assistance program (TAA) is a voluntary program for agricultural producers that offset the adjustment to competition from imports by providing cash payments and opportunities for job retraining. Certain fishermen and aquaculture producers may also qualify for TAA benefits.

### Resource Provided:

Cash payments.

### Eligibility:

Producers must submit a petition for a commodity to be approved for payments. After the commodity is approved or recertified by the Foreign Agriculture Service, all producers in an impacted area may apply for TAA benefits within the application period. Producers must document income and technical training requirements and meet specific eligibility requirements.

### Alaska Program Status:

As of time of publication, this program is not currently available in Alaska, although it has been in years past, based on petitions filed for salmon. Over \$5.5 million was paid out in Alaska over two years.

### Comments:

Eligible Alaska commodities have included salmon. Nationally, other petition commodities have included shrimp, olives, fresh potatoes, cabbages, apples, and oranges.

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## Value-Added Producer Grant

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development

**Program Goals:**

Assist eligible agricultural producers with marketing value-added agricultural products and producing farm-based renewable energy by providing financing for planning activities or working capital.

**Resource Provided:**

Grants are available for up to 50% of eligible costs. Matching funds from the applicant or a third party must be at least equal to the amount of grant funds requested. In-kind contributions are eligible if there is no conflict of interest, as determined by the agency.

Maximum grant awards: \$100,000 for planning grants and \$300,000 for working capital grants.

**Eligibility:**

- Agricultural producer (including fishers, shellfish farmers, and loggers)
- Independent producer
- Farmer or rancher cooperative
- Agricultural producer group
- Majority-controlled, producer-based business ventures

**Comments:**

This is a highly competitive national program with applications historically due in the spring of each year. In FY09, national funding was \$18 million.

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**Village Safe Water (VSW) Program****Administrative Agency:**

State Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water

**Program Goals:**

The role of the Village Safe Water Program is to work with rural communities to develop sustainable sanitation facilities. Goals of the program are to:

- Achieve accountability and performance excellence on projects
- Plan and advocate for sustainable facilities
- Promote staff learning, growth, and innovation
- Secure stable and diverse funding sources

**Resource Provided:**

The core services of the program are:

- To allocate and distribute funding for water and sewer studies and design/construction projects
- To administer grants according to the requirements of the funding sources
- To deliver projects by managing and completing project requirements

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for funding under the Village Safe Water Program, the applicant must be an unincorporated community that has between 25 and 600 people residing within a two-mile radius, a second-class city, or a first-class city with no more than 600 residents.

**Alaska Program Status:**

In May 2009, the program received \$24,260,000 in funding from the Indian Health Service (IHS) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (federal stimulus funding). Also, for state Fiscal Year 2010, the program received \$20,050,387 in funding from EPA, of which the state provided a 25% matching share. In addition, VSW receives additional funding from IHS each year, which has averaged about \$10 million for the past five years. Annual federal funding amounts have been decreasing 30% since 2006.

**Comments:**

VSW's capital funding allocation system is called the Capital Improvements Project (CIP). IHS's funding allocation system is called the Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS), which is a national system that captures all unmet needs of Native Alaska villages and Lower-48 Indian reservations.

Each system allocates funds annually for projects, and both were united in 2006 into one common database of unmet sanitation needs in rural Alaska. Together, the CIP and SDS allocate about 90% of all federal and state funding for rural sanitation projects in Alaska, with an annual average of \$100 million since 2001. CIP information and the application process can be found at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/vsw/index.htm>.

Contact the Department of Environmental Health and Engineering of the Alaska Tribal Health Consortium at 1-800-560-8637 or 907-729-3600 regarding SDS funding.

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## Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

### Program Goals:

To assist public entities such as municipalities, boroughs, special purpose districts, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations in rural areas or cities with fewer than 10,000 people, with priority given to entities with population under 5,500.

### Resource Provided:

Loan and grant funds to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve rural water, sanitary sewage, solid waste disposal, and storm wastewater disposal facilities and to construct, relocate, or make other public improvements necessary for the successful operation or protection of such facilities.

### Eligibility:

Public entities such as cities, boroughs, federally-recognized Alaska Native tribes, and non-profit corporations.

### Comments:

The 2009 FY allocation was \$7,062,000 in loans, \$933,000 in loan guarantees, and \$2,390,000 in grant funds. Loans have a maximum term of 40 years. Interest rates are set periodically and are based on current market yields for municipal obligations. Grants may be made for up to 75% of eligible facility development costs.

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## Watershed Protection Programs

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Program Goals:

To prevent flood and erosion damage and further the conservation and utilization of land and water.

### Resource Provided:

Technical and financial assistance.

### Eligibility:

Public and private landowners, state or local governments, and qualified Alaska Native tribes or tribal organizations. For the Small Watershed Program there must be a sponsoring local organization.

Eligible projects must employ measures that are adequate, safe, economically and environmentally defensible, and technically sound and must meet other requirements in federal statutes and regulations.

### Alaska Program Status:

Small watershed projects have been funded in the Badger Road Watershed, sponsored by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Delta Clearwater River Watershed, sponsored by the Salcha-Big Delta Soil and Water Conservation District and the State of Alaska.

Emergency watershed assistance has been provided to the rural communities of Noatak, Fort Yukon, Eagle, Dillingham, and Unalakleet.

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## Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program

### Administrative Agency:

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; Alaska Department of Fish & Game; National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

### Program Goals:

The goals of the CDQ program are to provide eligible western Alaska villages with the opportunity to participate and invest in fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI); to support economic development in western Alaska; to alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska; and to achieve sustainable and diversified local economies in western Alaska.

### Resource Provided:

A portion of the fishery quotas in the groundfish, halibut, and crab fisheries in the BSAI are allocated annually to the CDQ Program, under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (a federal law). The CDQ allocations are made from fishery quotas in the BSAI and include 10% of the pollock quota, 10.7% of the quotas for selected other groundfish target species, 10% of most crab quotas, and between 20% and 100% of halibut quotas. In 2007, the CDQ entities held \$543 million in total assets and \$170 million in total revenues. Approximately 40% (or \$70 million) of the total revenues were derived from royalties paid to the CDQ entities for the CDQ fishery allocations.

Since inception of the CDQ Program in 1992, the CDQ entities have generated more than \$204 million in wages, education, and training benefits.

### Eligibility:

Six CDQ non-profit managing organizations (CDQ entities) represent the 65 communities eligible for the CDQ Program.

They are:

- Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA)
- Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC)
- Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (CBSFA)
- Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF)
- Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC)
- Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association (YDFDA)

The Western Alaska Community Development Association (WACDA) is an administrative panel made up of a representative from each CDQ group. More information and links to the individual CDQ groups and WACDAs are on the NMFS website at:

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**Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)****Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Program Goals:**

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that encourages creation of high-quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of national, state, tribal, and local significance.

**Resource Provided:**

Through WHIP, the NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and others to develop upland, wetland, riparian, and aquatic habitat areas on their property. WHIP can provide a financial cost-share incentive up to 75% of project costs. Other contributing partners may reduce the landowner's 25% portion.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible, an entity must own or have control of the land that will be enrolled in the program for the duration of the agreement period. Eligible lands under the program are:

- Privately-owned land.
- Federal land where the primary benefit is on private or tribal land.
- State and local government land, on a limited basis.
- Tribal land.

**Alaska Program Status:**

Alaska's WHIP benefits include restoration and enhancement of critical salmon spawning, rearing, feeding, and escape cover, as well as Interior populations of whitefish and pike, which are crucial recreation and subsistence resources. WHIP provides low-impact approaches to restore fragmented moose and bear habitats, through the decommissioning or restoration of abused roads and trail areas. WHIP can help restore forest and woodland acres lost through spruce bark beetle and other forest destruction activities. Migratory birds and waterfowl heavily utilize WHIP shallow surface waters and surrounding area native plants. WHIP provides diverse ways for private citizens to become involved in wildlife conservation stewardship and to become educated and empowered in issues they see as important on their own property.

**Comments:**

For more information see <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farbill/2002/>.

To apply for the program, please contact one of the NRCS Field Offices in Alaska: Anchorage (271-2424); Aniak (675-4269); Craig (826-5690); Delta Junction (895-4241); Fairbanks (470-3159); Homer (235-8177); Juneau (586-7220); Kenai (283-8732); Mat-Su (373-6492); or Nome (443-6096).

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## World Trade Center Alaska (WTCAK)

**Administrative Agency:**

Nonprofit (Alaska): World Trade Center Alaska

**Program Goals:**

On behalf of members and community partners, the mission of WTCAK is to assist Alaskans in successfully competing for trade and investment in the global marketplace.

**Resource Provided:**

WTCAK's services include:

- Trade Capacity: Help Alaska companies to become export-ready through information, seminars, conferences, and other technical assistance.
- Trade Development: Research new markets and identify trade opportunities for Alaska companies.
- Trade Service: Support Alaska companies with the information and hands-on assistance needed to make trade happen. Connect Alaskan sellers with overseas buyers.
- Trade Facility: Make available office and conference room settings to facilitate business meetings and events.
- Trade Network: Provide members with access to facilities and support in more than 300 cities around the world.

**Eligibility:**

The WTCAK is a membership association of Alaskan firms and organizations. New membership fees vary depending on the size of the business.

**Comments:**

General trade inquiries, events, and luncheons are available to the general public.

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Youthbuild

**Administrative Agency:**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

**Program Goals:**

Youthbuild provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24. They gain these skills while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their own neighborhoods. Youth split their time between the construction site and the classroom, where they earn their GED or high school diploma, learn to be community leaders, and prepare for college and other postsecondary training opportunities. Youthbuild includes significant support systems, such as a mentoring, follow-up education, employment, personal counseling services, and participation in community service and civic engagement.

**Resource Provided:**

DOL's Employment and Training Administration allows Youthbuild to provide grants on a competitive basis to non-profit organizations to assist high-risk youth between the ages of 16-24 to learn housing construction job skills and to complete their high school education. Program participants enhance their skills as they construct and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons.

**Comments:**

Application: After DOL publishes a Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for the Youthbuild program, applicants must submit specific information about a proposed project in their application, including information on required match funds and the work-site description that demonstrates the availability of properties for building or rehabilitation. All grants deemed responsive to the SGA criteria are evaluated and selected based on a competitive panel review process.

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