

ETC Grant Center News

Monthly Update from the Environmentally Threatened Communities Grant Center

Issue 2, May 2017



Kivalina, Alaska

Community Profile: Kivalina, Alaska

Kivalina is at the tip of an 8-mile barrier reef located between the Chukchi Sea and Kivalina River. It lies 80 miles northwest of Kotzebue. In 2000, the community voted to relocate due to severe erosion and wind-driven ice damage. A new school site has been identified 7 miles north of Kivalina in Kisimigiqtuq. Design of an evacuation road is in progress.

FYI: Current Funding Opportunity¹

The Denali Commission has announced new funding available for small infrastructure protection. The Commission's Village Infrastructure Protection (VIP) Program is dedicated to assisting rural Alaska Communities that are threatened by erosion, flooding and permafrost degradation. As part of the VIP Program, the Commission has a total of \$1,000,000 available for Small Project Infrastructure Protection Grants. The objective of this opportunity is to aid rural Alaskan communities responding to local environmental events that do not meet minimum requirements for other state or federal emergency or disaster response and recovery programs. Accordingly, the Commission is seeking competitive grant applications for projects that will either, a) repair core infrastructure or housing that has been damaged by flooding, erosion, or permafrost degradation, or b) protect core infrastructure or housing that is threatened by flooding, erosion, or permafrost degradation. A list of example projects that could be the basis for a successful application is summarized below. This is not a comprehensive list of eligible projects.

1. Repair of flood damaged or displaced boardwalk, including anchoring mechanisms to reduce future flood damage to the boardwalk.
2. Replacement and/or upgrade of damaged water service line connections with flexible connections able to tolerate differential movement between the pipe and structure.
3. Implementation of emergency erosion protection measures to prevent localized damage to a barge landing facility. (Large coastal or riverine erosion protection projects including rock revetments or bulkhead works are beyond the scope of this program.)
4. Renovation of a village clinic foundation that is settling due to melting permafrost. In addition to leveling, the project should include elements to prevent future damage to the structure from permafrost degradation.
5. Relocation of residential buildings from a flood or erosion-prone site to higher more stable ground
6. Removal and disposal of storm and/or flood debris from community roadways.

Entities wishing to apply for this opportunity may download the full NOFO package from the Denali Commission website at <https://www.denali.gov/programs> Applicants may also request a hard copy of the package by contacting: Janet Davis, Denali Commission Grants Management Officer at jdavis@denali.gov or (907) 271-1414 or (907) 271-3036

The Grant Center can help with:

- Identification of funding opportunities
- Writing grant applications
- Grant administration support

Examples of ETC Issues:

- Receding shoreline
- Loss of or damage to homes
- Critical infrastructure damaged or destroyed
- Relocation necessary
- Health and safety concerns

ETC Grant Center Eligible Communities²

Akiak	Koyukuk
Alakanuk	Kwigillingok
Allakaket	Lime Village
Barrow	McGrath
Chefornak	Napakiak
Chevak	Newtok
Clarks Point	Nulato
Deering	Nunapitchuk
Dillingham	Port Heiden
Emmonak	Saint Michael
Eyak	Selawik
Golovin	Shaktolik
Hughes	Shishmaref
Huslia	Teller
Kivalina	Unalakleet
Kotlik	

1. ETC grant writing services for this opportunity will be provided on a first come, first served basis.
2. ETC Grant Center priority shall be given to the 31 communities identified in GAO report 09-551 as threatened by flooding and erosion.

About the Environmentally Threatened Communities (ETC) Grant Center:

The center was established with a Denali Commission Grant to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and will provide grant support to the 31 rural Alaska communities experiencing infrastructure impacts associated with environmental threats such as flooding, erosion, and melting permafrost. Support can include identification of funding opportunities as well as grant application writing and grant administration services. Grant Writer, Melodie Fair, M.Ed., has worked for nearly 20 years with Alaska communities as a researcher and grant writer in fields of health, energy, planning and rural development. **You may reach Melodie at (907) 729-2418 or mdfair@anthc.org.**

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FYI: Current Funding Opportunity #2

In a press release today (May 24, 2017), USDA Rural Development announced that they are seeking applications for grants to support the development of Rural Community Facilities. The Agency will make grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations) to provide associations Technical Assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. The Technical Assistance and/or training will assist communities, Indian Tribes, and Nonprofit Corporations to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, the Grantee can assist in identifying public and private resources to finance those identified community facility needs.

Eligible applicants are public bodies, Non-profit organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes.

The funds may be used to:

- Assist communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs;
- Identify resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources;
- Prepare reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities;
- Prepare applications for Agency financial assistance;
- Improve the management, including financial management, related to the operation of community facilities; or
- Assist with other areas of need identified by the Secretary.

Due date for this opportunity is July 24, 2017. Maximum grant award is \$150,000. Grant funds are limited and are awarded through a competitive process.

Matching funds are not required but preference is given to applications with cash matching funds.

In-kind contributions cannot be used as matching funds.

Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private and nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Interested applicants may find more information about this program at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-technical-assistance-and-training-grant> and in the Federal Register at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-23/pdf/2017-10487.pdf>