

ETC Grant Center News

Monthly Update from the Environmentally Threatened Communities Grant Center

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Shishmaref, Alaska

Community Profile: Shishmaref, AK

Shishmaref is located on Sarichef Island, in the Chukchi Sea, just north of the Bering Strait. Shishmaref is five miles from the mainland, 126 miles north of Nome, and 100 miles southwest of Kotzebue. The village is surrounded by the 2.6 million-acre Bering Land Bridge National Reserve. It is part of the Beringian National Heritage Park, endorsed by Presidents Bush and Gorbachev in 1990. The village is facing an imminent threat from increased ocean storms and erosion. At the 2010 U.S. Census, the population was 563.

News

In July, the ETC Grant Center submitted three grant applications to the Denali Commission Village Infrastructure Protection (VIP) program. Applications were submitted for funds to assist in raising several homes located in the flood plain and in danger of the next flooding event; to save a home in imminent danger of being lost due to erosion of the river bank below; and to work on site and foundation stabilization for critical community infrastructure (a combined utility building) threatened by degrading permafrost.

The VIP grant opportunity was timely for the needs of communities enduring damage and destruction from flooding, erosion, and permafrost degradation. Several communities responded to the ETC Grant Center with interest in this funding opportunity. The VIP program has \$1 million to grant. The three grants that the ETC Grant Center submitted requested a total of \$370,698. Award decisions are expected to be made by the end of August 2017.

Current Funding Opportunities

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDG)

Since 2003, NSEDG has annually set aside money to contribute to regional efforts to fund programs, projects and activities benefiting *member communities*. There are two categories that qualify for funds: fisheries-related projects and projects that are not related to fisheries.

To be eligible to receive grant funding from NSEDG, an entity must be a municipal government, federally recognized tribal government, non-profit organization, or a local, state, or federal agency located in an NSEDG member community.

The deadline to submit 2018 Outside Entity Funding applications for fisheries-related project proposals is October 13, 2017. Proposals not related to fisheries must be submitted by January 15, 2018. Information on how and where to submit applications will be included in the application packet which will be available soon. For more information contact: **Sterling Gologergen**, Community Development Coordinator at (907) 443-2477 or (888) 650-2477.

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
- Damaged or destroyed critical infrastructure
- Relocation
- Health and safety concerns

ETC Grant Center Eligible Communities¹

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 Center priority shall be given to the 31 communities identified in GAO report 09-551 as threatened by flooding and erosion.

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Bethel Community Services Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation considers three sizes of grants (mini, major and private endowment grants).

Eligibility –To be eligible for grants, an applicant organization should be a *community within the Y-K Delta Region*, and must have tax-exempt nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, or as a public or governmental agency, or as a federally recognized Alaskan Native organization. Business/Enterprise Investments have no such restriction.

All grant requests must address the Foundation’s mission and priorities in these areas:

Bridge Grants: Our top priority is to work in collaboration with other organizations and institutions to plan and fund community improvements.

Capital Grants: Supporting new construction or repairing or remodeling existing buildings to better accommodate the provision of community services and cultural activities.

Operating Grants: Will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Business/Enterprise Funding: Applicants should have a prepared business plan when applying.

Funding Preferences: Prior to submitting a grant request, applicants are encouraged to first contact the Foundation to discuss eligibility and funding priorities. The Foundation prefers to fund in concert with others and to respond to needs outside of those covered by traditional funding streams. Additionally, requests that identify needs not currently met through other funding sources will also receive preference.

These grants work well when needing matching funds for a State or Federal grant application. For more details, please see the grant application package at <http://www.bcsfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/BCSF-Funding-Application.pdf> and/or the BCSF website at <http://www.bcsfoundation.org/grant-ansapplicatio/> . You may also contact Lisa Whalen at Lisa@bcsfoundation.org, or by phone at (907) 545-1855, with questions.

Free Training for Grant Writers

For those interested in learning how to successfully write grant applications, the ETC Grant Center recommends a free grant writing training video series that is available online! C. June Strickland, PhD, RN, of the University of Washington, School of Nursing, has developed this series. You will enjoy her direct and easy-to-understand method of delivery!

[C. June Strickland](#) developed a series of tribal training lectures as part of the “Building a Sustainable Indian Tribal Infrastructure for Translational Research” project.

Please note: You will need to download [Adobe Connect Add-in](#) to watch the lectures.

- [Writing the Successful Proposal](#)
- [Organizing For Proposal Development](#)
- [Statement of Need and Literature Review](#)
- [Writing Goals and Objectives and Linking to the Time Line](#)
- [Methods Proposal Development Training](#)
- [Preparing the Proposal Budget](#)
- [Planning and Submitting Grant Proposals for Federal Funding](#)
- [Challenges for Tribes in Planning & Submitting Federal Grant Proposals](#)

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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