

# ETC Grant Center News

Monthly Update from the Environmentally Threatened Communities Grant Center



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Akiak, Alaska

## Community Profile: Akiak, AK

Akiak is located on the west bank of the Kuskokwim River, 42 air miles northeast of Bethel, on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Akiak is a Yup'ik Eskimo village with a reliance on subsistence and fishing activities. In 1880, the village of "Ackiagmute" had a population of 175. The name Akiak means "the other side," since this place was a crossing to the Yukon River basin during the winter for area Eskimos. The Akiak Post Office was established in 1916. A U.S. Public Health Service hospital was built in the 1920s. The city was incorporated in 1970. The 2016 Department of Labor population estimate was 389. Akiak has suffered from river erosion, threatening village homes.

## 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 had \$1 million to grant. Two of the three grant requests submitted by the ETC Grant Center were funded for a total of \$171,000.

## Grant Writing Training Coming Soon

We are still ironing out the details for grant writer training later this fall. This training is by invitation only. In September, those invited will receive registration information. Details will be coming soon!

## Grant Tips

Search for funding sources online for FREE!: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) (federal government funding); [www.usa.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml) (government funds); [foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder/](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder/); **Global Impact** – Connects donors and organizations ([charity.org](http://charity.org))

### 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 Communities<sup>1</sup>

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

*1. 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](mailto:mdfair@anthc.org).**

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