

# ETC Grant Center News

Monthly Update from the Environmentally Threatened Communities (ETC) Grant Center

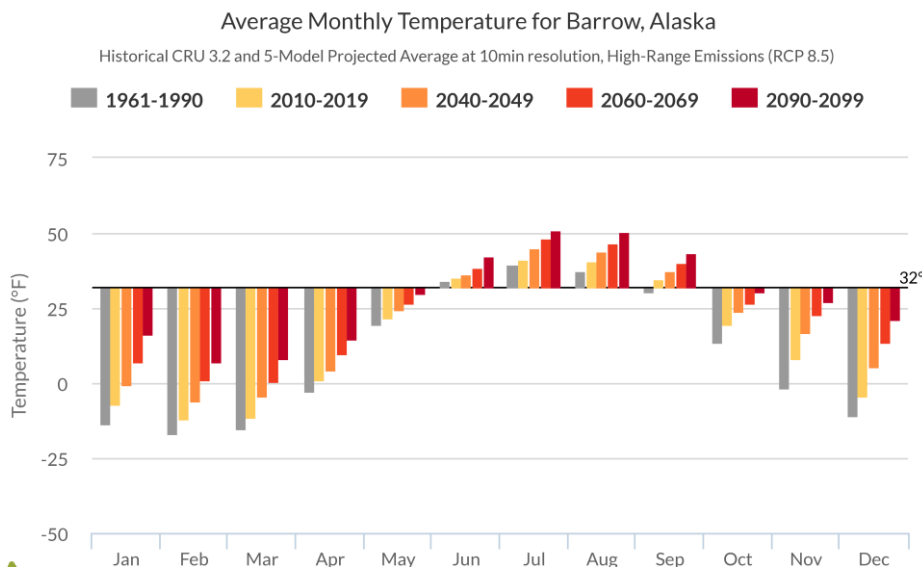
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Barrow (Utqiagvik)

## Community Profile: Utqiagvik, AK

Utqiagvik, the northernmost community in the United States, is located on the Chukchi Sea coast 725 air miles from Anchorage. Utqiagvik falls within the arctic climate zone, which is characterized by seasonal extremes in temperature. Winters are long and harsh, and summers are short but warm. The daily minimum temperature used to be below freezing more than 300 days per year. However, as is shown in the chart below, temperatures are expected to increase tremendously over the next century. During fall storms, Utqiagvik suffers severe erosion that damages roads, sometimes washing them away, and threatens critical infrastructure. The current population is 4,469.



Due to variability among climate models and among years in a natural climate system, these graphs are useful for examining trends over time, rather than for precisely predicting monthly or yearly values.

### The Grant Center can help with:

- Identification of funding opportunities
- Writing grant applications
- Grant management technical assistance

### 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>

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

Source: Scenarios Network for Alaska & Arctic Planning

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## Current Funding Opportunity

### [USDA Community Water Assistance Grants](#)

**Eligible Projects:** This program helps eligible communities prepare for, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Eligible projects are:

- Water transmission line grants to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply.
- Water source grants to construct a water source, intake or treatment facility

**Eligibility:** Federally recognized Tribes, nonprofit organizations, most state and local governmental entities

**Due Date:** Applications for this program are accepted year round.

**Amount Available:** Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000; Water source grants up to \$500,000.

## Upcoming Funding Opportunity

### [Indian Community Development Block Grant \(ICDBG\)](#)

**Eligible Projects:** There are three categories of funding: housing, community facilities, and economic development. Eligible project include new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of houses and public facilities, as well as housing services, and economic development projects. There is also a national set-aside for ICDBG Imminent Threat grants that are intended to alleviate or remove threats to health or safety as described at 24 CFR Part 1003, Subpart E.

**Eligibility:** Indian tribe, band, group, or nation (including Alaska Indians, Aleut, and Eskimos) or Alaska Native village which has established a relationship to the Federal government as defined in the program regulations. In certain instances, tribal organizations may be eligible to apply.

**Due Date:** This opportunity is generally announced in the spring and is due in May.

**Amount Available:** Unknown at this time. The Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA) has not yet been released. The 2017 award ceiling was \$600,000.

### **ARE YOU THINKING OF APPLYING? START PLANNING NOW.**

Planning can include talking with the Tribal Council and community members about prioritized projects. Hold a public meeting to discuss various projects and vote on which one will be applied for to ICDBG. Take minutes of the meeting and keep a sign-in sheet so that you can use each of these items in your application package.

## Community-based Monitoring

### **Does your community monitor erosion and flooding?**

Tracking the rate of erosion and the extent of flooding is critical for documenting storm impacts and for receiving funding. If your community is at risk of erosion and flooding and does not yet monitor these threats, we recommend you consider participating in the State of Alaska's Stakes for Stakeholders program. This program can provide monitoring training and help you manage and share the data. Participation costs approximately \$15,000 for the first year and \$5,000 for each subsequent year. Indian General Assistance Program funding can be used for this, or the ETC Grant Center can assist you in locating funding. For more information, contact Jaci Overbeck, Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys. 907-451-5026 or [jacquelyn.overbeck@alaska.gov](mailto:jacquelyn.overbeck@alaska.gov).

## ETCs in the News

[For Alaskan Coastal Village, Erosion Hits Home](#)

[How will climate change affect Arctic caribou?](#)

[Video: Newtok Relocation Layout Plan](#)

[Climate change damages to Alaska public infrastructure and the economics of proactive adaptation](#)

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## Grant Tips

**Be ready for any funding opportunity.** Many times, we receive funding opportunity announcements that give us only 30 days to apply. That may seem like a long time, but when you have multiple projects to manage, preparing a well-written grant, getting resolutions signed, pricing out the cost of the project you want to design or build, getting legitimate estimates from contractors, preparing documents for land conveyance, proof of ownership, or evidence of clear right-of-way can take a lot of time. Many of these things can be accomplished while you are waiting for the funding opportunity to be announced.

One of the easiest ways to be prepared for a grant is to have written record of the following company information in your office:

- Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number,
- Employer Identification Number (EIN),
- SAM Cage Code,
- Location of your latest audit report,
- Name of your book keeper and audit company, and
- The grants.gov username and password for your company.

These pieces of information are vital for any grant that you want to write.

Creating template language to be used in each grant is another great thing to do. You can create templates for your staff members' resumes or bio sketches. You can create templates for resolutions, community location description, location map, community history, population, and mission statement. These things are generally requested from funders, so it's great to have them already prepared. Contact the ETC Grant Center if you need assistance in developing templates.

## 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 management technical assistance. 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 Max at (907) 729-4521.**

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