

ETC Grant Center News

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

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Community Profile: Allakaket, AK

Several Native groups have lived in this area, including Koyukon Athabascans and Kobuk, Selawik, and Nunamiut Eskimos from the north and northwest. The various bands established joint settlements after 1851. A post office was opened in 1925. In 1938, the community was named Allakaket. In spring of 1964, a flood caused by ice jamming inundated 85 percent of the community. In September 1994, flood waters destroyed and swept away nearly all of the community's buildings, homes, and food caches for the winter. Residents rebuilt near the old city site. Currently, Allakaket is experiencing melting permafrost causing some buildings to lose their gravel pads. Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Transportation has moved the Allakaket airport away from the flood zone. This year, the old runway road was washed out and the City of Allakaket has already repaired it. The 2010 U.S. Census indicates a population of 105 in Allakaket.

Current Funding Opportunity

1. [State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#)

Eligible Projects: Public facilities construction, improvements, water and sewer systems, flood and drainage facilities; boardwalks; demolition of real property; fire protection facilities and equipment; planning; and a list of special economic development projects.

Eligibility: Municipal government entities, i.e., home rule, first, second and third class boroughs, unified municipalities and first and second class cities. Partnering with your local city would be a great idea to help get funding for an important community project.

Due Date: December 1, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Amount Available: \$850,000 maximum.

2. [Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration \(EDA\) Public Works Program.](#)

Eligible Projects: Traditional public works projects, including water and sewer systems improvements, industrial parks, business incubator facilities, expansion of port and harbor facilities, skill-training facilities, and brownfields redevelopment.

Eligibility: Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes.

Due Date: No submission deadlines under this opportunity.

Amount Available: Award Ceiling \$3,000,000; Award Floor \$100,000

You may obtain more information by clicking [here](#).

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
Cheforak	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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3. [Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, Inc.](#)

Eligible Projects: General operating grants are for ongoing operational costs, project-specific support for special events or initiatives, or capacity building for staff training, purchasing of equipment or other organizational development needs.

Eligibility:

- A Native American/Indigenous Peoples' initiative or project that accomplishes its work within the community it serves;
- Is Indigenous/Native led – at a minimum 80% of its board of directors/leadership (policy and decision-makers) are Indigenous Peoples;
- Has a majority Indigenous/Native American individuals on staff who are engaged at all levels of the organization/project, not solely as administrative or support staff and
- Has an annual operating budget of less than \$200,000.

Due Date: December 1, 2017

Amount Available: \$250 to \$10,000

Grant Tips

Be aware that preparing a grant will take significant time and resources. Preparing a proposal for a grant can be an involved process, requiring lots of documentation and coordination. Review the requirements of the grant and ensure that you fulfill all the necessary qualifications. If you do not meet all the specifications, do not apply. (Tip taken from *Guidelines for Seeking Funds & Grant Development*, Native Learning Center, Feb 2012, www.nativelearningcenter.com)

Grant Management Helpful Hints

- "Grants management" relates to all of the administrative tasks required to handle the money, reporting, and program implementation in a way that meets generally accepted standards as well as the requirements of the funding source.
- The funder wants to know that accounting and financial systems are in order and can adequately keep track of and report on income and expenditures. It's great if you're able to state that your books are audited annually by an independent CPA.
- The funder wants to know that your organization can handle the required reporting (both fiscal and programmatic) and has a track record of meeting deadlines.
- You also need to address how your organization will oversee program implementation. Is strong leadership in place that will ensure the program operates as planned, document progress, and manage it appropriately? Application guidelines usually lay out the information the funder wants to see. (These hints retrieved from *The Grantsmanship Center* at <https://www.tgci.com/what-grants-management>.)

ETCs in the News

- [Governor Walker announces new climate change task force, which will generate recommendations by September 2018](#)
- [Newtok says state agency blocked access to disaster funding](#)

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 Max at (907) 729-4521.**

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