

ANCSA Partnership Group Public Meeting

Topics

Agency Updates

Update on available funding for ANCSA Contaminated Lands:

- Brownfields
- EPA Contaminated Lands
- EPA Environmental Justice Community Change Grants

January 17, 2024



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Agenda

- Introductions/Housekeeping
- Agency Updates
- Update on funding sources:
 - Brownfields
 - 2024 EPA Contaminated ANCSA Lands
 - EPA Environmental Justice Community Change Grants
- Community Feedback Exercise
- Open Question and Answer



Introductions

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)

ANCSA Contaminated Lands contact:

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Contamination Support Program Manager

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Environmental Program Coordinator

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Introductions

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Contaminated ANCSA Lands contact:

Stephen Nguyen

Kenneth Andraschko



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Introductions

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)

Contaminated ANCSA Lands contact:
Nick Waldo



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Introductions

Alaska Native Village Corporation Association
(ANVCA)

Contaminated ANCSA Lands contact:
Curtis McQueen



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Housekeeping

- 1) Silence cell phones
- 2) Avoid side conversations/please mute yourself on zoom
- 3) Listen with an open mind
- 4) For questions:
 - Q&A at the end of the session
 - Online:
 - Send questions through zoom chat
 - *send a direct message to Kevin
 - In-person:
 - Bailey with microphone
 - *contact Lisa Griswold via email: Lgriswold@anthc.org*



Housekeeping

For more information: [ANTHC's ANCSA PG Meetings Archive](#)

March 22, 2023 Meeting (ANCSA PG Meeting #5)

- ANCSA-Conveyed Contaminated Lands Background
- ANCSA Partnership Group Formation
- DEC's work on the Site Inventory
- Agency Plans for Funding
- Community Feedback Exercise
- Other Potential Sources of Funding
- Question and Answer Session



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July 12, 2023 Meeting (ANCSA PG Meeting #6)

- Agency Updates
 - DEC plans for funding
 - ANTHC plans for funding
 - EPA Common Operating Picture Update
 - EPA ANCSA Funding Program Update
- ANCSA Partnership Group Charter
- Community Feedback Exercises
- Question and Answer Session



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November 15, 2023 Meeting (ANCSA PG Meeting #7)

- EPA Regional Administrator Casey Sixkiller
- EPA Common Operating Picture Demonstration
- Agency Updates
 - DEC plans for funding
 - ANVCA Introduction
 - ANTHC plans for funding



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United States Environmental Protection Agency Contaminated ANCSA Lands Update



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State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Contaminated ANCSA Lands Update



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Alaska Native Village Corporation Association Contaminated ANCSA Lands Update



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Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Contaminated ANCSA Lands Update



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Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Current focus:

- Re-vamping ANTHC website
- Developing Fact sheets and outreach materials
- Identifying communities for in-person assistance in summer 2024
- Identifying two hub communities to host 2-day ANCSA trainings
- Assisting entities apply for 2024 EPA ANCSA Contaminated Lands funding



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Update on Funding Resources



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Update on Funding Sources:

Brownfields

Best for: Sites with reuse plans

Eligible applicants: public and quasi-public entities including States, local governments, Tribes*, Alaska Native Corporations

Eligible sites: publicly owned, and where real or perceived contamination has hindered property reuse

Pros: funding made available every year; multiple types available

Cons: has fairly strict eligibility requirements



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Brownfield Funding Available

Type	Activities	Funder	Eligible applicants	Funding amount
<u>EPA Competitive Grants</u>	Assessment or Cleanup	EPA	States, 501(c)3s, local governments, Alaska Native Corporations and tribes (other than AK)	\$500,000 - \$2 million depending on type
<u>Targeted Brownfield Assessment</u>	Assessment Only	EPA	States, 501(c)3s, local governments, Alaska Native Corporations and Tribes	Varies
<u>DEC Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup (DBAC)</u>	Assessment or Cleanup	ADEC	States, 501(c)3s, local governments, Alaska Native Corporations and Tribes	Varies





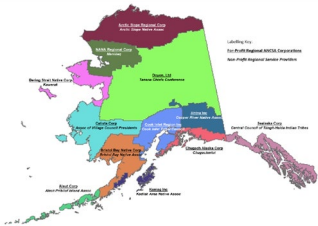
Contaminated ANCSA Lands

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Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program

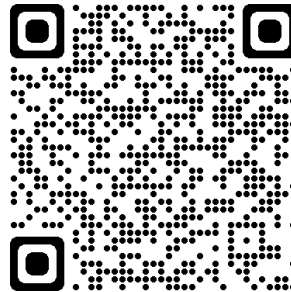
Updated Grants Guidance Available!

<https://www.epa.gov/r10-tribal/contamination-ancsa-conveyed-lands#grants>

Program Guidance outlines eligibility, requirements, and application process.

- ✓ Non-competitive funding for Cooperative Agreements.
- ✓ Funding requests accepted on a rolling basis.
- ✓ Up to \$3M per project for 5-year project period.
- ✓ No matching funds required.
- ✓ Multiple projects may be requested per applicant.

If interested, please contact EPA Project Managers ***before*** submitting funding requests.



CONTAMINATED ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT LANDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DECEMBER 2023

Assistance Agreement Program Guidance for
Federally Recognized Tribes in Alaska,
Alaska Native Regional Corporations,
Alaskan Native Village Corporations,
Alaska Native Nonprofit Organizations,
Alaska Native Nonprofit Associations, and/or
Intertribal Consortia comprised of Alaskan Tribal Entities

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Rolling Basis**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: **EPA-OLEM-R10-NC-24-01**

ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER: **66.965**

EJ Community Change Grants

Targeted Investment Area that include :

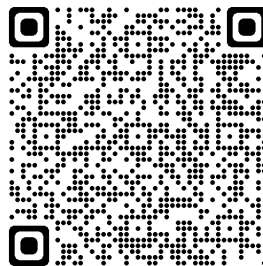
- Focus on the clean-up of contaminated lands conveyed through ANCSA.
- Focus on other forms of pollution reduction.
- Focus on Alaska-specific climate action strategies.

Notice of Funding Opportunity

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-pro>

Contact: Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights

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EPA Announces \$150 Million to Fund Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants for Alaska Native Villages

Contact: Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR_comms@epa.gov)

SEATTLE (Nov. 21, 2023) — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced approximately \$2 billion in funding available to support community-driven projects that deploy clean energy, strengthen climate resilience, and build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges. An estimated \$150 million of this funding has been dedicated to fund projects benefitting federally recognized Tribes in Alaska. Community Change Grants are the single largest investment in environmental justice going directly to communities in history, and will advance collaborative efforts to achieve a healthier, safer, and more prosperous future for all. These funds, part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, are made possible by the President's Inflation Reduction Act—the biggest-ever investment in clean energy and climate action.

EJ Community Change Grants

Additional Information

Informational Webinars:

- Webinar and Presentation from December 7, 2023 recorded and posted



Technical Assistance:

- Assists eligible applicants to apply and use EPA grant funding.
- Can receive TA in all stages of the Community Change Grants.
- This includes application support, capacity building, project planning, and more.
- Two TA programs for the Community Change Grants:
 - Community Change Technical Assistance (CCTA)
 - Community Change Equitable Resilience Technical Assistance (CCER TA)

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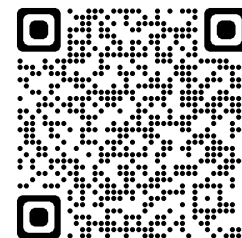
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Website: <https://www.epa.gov/r10-tribal/contamination-ancsa-conveyed-lands>

Community Feedback Exercise (30 minutes)

- 1) Are you planning on applying for financial assistance for a site this year?
- 2) If yes, what type of assistance will you be applying for?
- 3) If not, why not? Do you need other types of assistance before applying or is there another reason?
- 4) What types of assistance do you think you will need to pursue funding?
- 5) What concerns do you still have about ANCSA-conveyed contaminated sites?
- 6) Is there anything you wish was better understood by the agencies presenting today?
- 7) What would you like to see covered in a future ANCSA Partnership Group meeting?



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Question and Answer



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Thank you for Attending Today!



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