



## Region 10 Contaminated Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Lands Assistance Program Overview

<b>Grant &amp; Funding Type</b>	<b>Cooperative Agreements for Assessment, Cleanup, and Community Engagement</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	Congress appropriated funding for EPA to establish the Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program to assist Tribal entities in Alaska with addressing contamination on lands conveyed pursuant to ANCSA. The objectives are to provide non-competitive funding to characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement activities related to these lands, and carry out cleanup activities at ANCSA sites contaminated at the time of conveyance.	
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federally Recognized Tribes in Alaska</li> <li>• Alaska Native Regional Corporations</li> <li>• Alaskan Native Village Corporations</li> <li>• Intertribal Consortia comprised of Alaskan Tribal Entities</li> <li>• Alaska Native Nonprofit Associations</li> <li>• Alaska Native Non-Profit Organizations</li> </ul> <p><i>Indian Tribal Government and Intertribal Consortium are defined in 40 CFR Parts 35.502 and 35.504. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 establishes eligible entities.</i></p>	
<b>Eligible Sites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land or a site conveyed pursuant to ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.),</li> <li>• Site(s) listed in the EPA's Contaminated ANCSA Sites Inventory, and</li> <li>• If the applicant is not the owner of the contaminated site(s), then EPA will require documentation that the owner will provide access to the site and support taking action to address contamination.</li> </ul> <p>Link to the EPA ANCSA Inventory: <a href="https://bit.ly/4bkL5cB">https://bit.ly/4bkL5cB</a></p> <p>Note: Any eligible lands or sites that were not originally included in the BLMs ANCSA Inventory prior to 2023, can now be submitted for contamination verification. If these requirements cannot be demonstrated with the materials submitted to EPA, then the site may be a good candidate for verification and/or on-site assessment. The site may also be eligible for funding in the future, or eligible for funding in a different EPA grant program such as a Brownfield program.</p>	
<b>Eligible Site Contaminants</b>	Contamination resulting from oil as well as hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) at the time of conveyance. Solid waste is not eligible for funding unless it is commingled with oils and/or hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. <a href="https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-cercla-overview">https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-cercla-overview</a>	
<b>Award Amount</b>	Up to \$3M per project. Multiple projects may be requested and awarded.	
<b>Matching Funds</b>	No Match Required.	
<b>Application Due Date</b>	Rolling Applications as funds remain available. Please contact Project Managers to indicate interest before submitting a funding request.	
<b>Priorities</b>	<p>EPA may prioritize sites for funding utilizing the below factors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk to human health and or the environment (immediate and significant).</li> <li>• If the federal government actively caused contamination prior to conveyance or had jurisdiction, custody and control of the lands contaminated at the time of conveyance.</li> <li>• Primary responsible party is not financially viable despite the presence of an identified non-federal party that is primarily responsible for the contamination.</li> <li>• Lands in locations that may be impacted by near-term climate change.</li> <li>• EPA may prioritize projects which help achieve geographic diversity of projects across Alaska.</li> </ul>	
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