

Solid Waste Funding Opportunities

The below list of typical solid waste funding is not comprehensive and communities should still look for other opportunities. Consider grants that may not be solid waste related but that might work for your project. For example, community facility money might work for a recycling center. Economic development funds might work for creating a regional transfer station. At-risk youth money might work for youth involvement.

USDA

1. **Water and Waste Grant (WWG)** If you are looking to fund larger solid waste infrastructure, such as heavy equipment, fencing, pre-fabricated storage hazardous waste storage sheds, manufactured burnboxes, car crusher, wood chipper, etc., or to fund a larger construction project like a new landfill, major landfill upgrade, or site closure, the best chance for funding may be through the USDA Rural Development grant and loan program. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWEP_HomePage.html

You will need a 25 % match if you choose to apply for the grant instead of the loan, but

2. **The “PPG”** If you are interested in construction of a new landfill or other SWM facility, you will need USDA approved planning documents. The good news is that the Preplanning Grant (PPG) can fund these documents. The bad news is that the 25% match must be cash. There is also a SEARCH grant with no match required, but the ceiling is \$30,000—likely only feasible for road communities or updating / modifying existing reports.

Zender Environmental can help you with all of these applications.

For more information about USDA grants see <http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/usda.pdf>

To access all of the forms, go to : <http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/usda.forms.pdf>

To have an application mailed to you please contact:

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 USDA Rural Development
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3.###Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Most communities' solid waste projects will *not* qualify for this grant, but it is worth looking at. Assists **rural** tribes and local governments that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water *due to an emergency*, or in which such decline is considered imminent. Funds must be used to obtain or maintain adequate quantities of water that meets the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act. **Actual erosion of a dumpsite into a river that is used for drinking water can**

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count as an emergency. Having your dumpsite expand towards the river is likely not enough. Nor is having an unpermitted or unsafe site enough. It must be an emergency that threatens the community water supply. Max award is \$100,000 to \$500,000.

<https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=e811ba84656ff2fe06f31cd5bc2653a2>

Multimedia/Community Environmental Demonstration Grants

This program funded multiple demonstration grants of \$5k to \$30k over the last 8 years, many of which were SWM related. It is not funded for the FY16 year as of this printing, but you can contact Kristin K'eit, Zender Program Manager at 444 5616 or Desirae Roehl, ANTHC, at 729-349 to find out any updates.

ALPAR's Recycling Grant Program

ALPAR's Recycling Grant program is available to communities and non-profits to promote economically feasible recycling programs in Alaska. Proposals will be accepted until all funds are disbursed. Requests between \$250 and \$2,500 are preferred. Total available is about \$22,000. Funds must be used for specific programs/projects such as purchase of equipment or education and public awareness efforts. ALPAR is the statewide coordinator for America Recycles Day and makes a special effort to award smaller grants (\$250 - \$1000) to support America Recycles Day events and promotions surrounding the November 15 annual day of celebration and awareness. Go to www.americarecyclesday.org for ideas. For more information, contact Mary Fisher 907.644.7968, alpar@gci.net

BIA

1. **“High priority Projects”**– (“IRRHPP”). Through the Transportation Program – landfill roads can be classified as “high priority project”. This provides extra, pretty immediate funds to build a road. Requirements are 1) that it is designated as the highest priority road project for your tribe, 2) it is on your Roads Inventory, 3) your annual funds are not enough money to build the road, 4) you need less than \$1 million. AND it scores high on a priority ranking by BIA. To score high – an emergency (such as a washout or erosion) or serious health and safety risks must be present. If you have an open dump where high exposures to smoke, wastes, etc. are present and you want to build a new landfill with road that will reduce or eliminate effects of breathing smoke, uncontained, unseparated wastes, etc. you can make a very good case for high priority. Let us know if you would like help in documenting your health risks—we have done this for communities that have been successful in high priority designation. Call 1-800 645-8465.
2. **Discretionary Funding**– Like most agencies BIA may have “discretionary funding” at the end of the year. This is unspent money from their budget. Well-defined, short projects with good results are great for this. For example, you have a dump cleanup project that will greatly reduce safety risks but need money for gas to operate the heavy equipment. Usually you just need a 1-page very brief description of what you want to do and how much it costs. Almost any type of project is eligible, but it does depend on funds availability. Also if you are selected, be sure to follow up on any of the paperwork immediately. For environmental money, contact Mark Kahklen,



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Environmental Specialist (907) 271-4004 Mark.Kahklen@bia.gov For an application, go to: <http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/bia.pdf>

3. **Water Management, Planning, and Pre-Development Program Grants**

Keith Kahklen, 1-800-645-8397, press 8, 586-7318, 586-7204, Keith.Kahklen@bia.gov, Manager, Branch of Natural Resources. Some Tribes have used this grant to help with monitoring water quality affected by the dump site, or to search for better drinking water sources that aren't potentially contaminated, etc. Usually due on Sept 15th.

You can also ask Keith about the Water Resources Technician Training Program. This sends someone from your tribe for several weeks (usually in New Mexico) to get trained on water quality. In addition, the program has paid a salary for the Technician for one year of \$20,000. So you can have someone monitor your site, as well as scope out potential new sites.

4. **IRR** - Please be sure your tribe is up-to-date on your Indian Reservation Roads Inventory. Some tribes have regional groups that take care of this for them. If you aren't sure about your IRR, ask your administrator. This is often the best bet for tribes to build a landfill road. But the landfill road must be on the Inventory. And it must be in the location and length that is needed. Usually there is an early Fall deadline for submitting new roads. Once you have roads on the inventory, your tribe will get money each year to spend on roads, save, use as collateral, use as a match for USDA landfill money, or use for planning or maintenance. Find out about your IRR. You can always call BIA Transportation and they can help you find out your details. Telephone: 1-800-645-8465 press 4 then press 2, 907-271-4400, email: alaska.transportation@bia.gov

Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

<http://www.anaalaska.org/>

ANA grants can be hard to get, but they do offer great assistance in writing their grants. You might fit your SWM needs into one of these categories:

1. Environmental Regulatory Enhancement

"The purpose is to strengthen tribal governments through building capacity within the tribes to identify, plan, develop and implement environmental programs in a manner that is consistent with tribal culture." For example, Yukon River Watershed Council Science Education/Water Quality Monitoring Program was partly funded with this.

2. Governance, Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) for Capacity building.

ANA holds FREE grantwriting workshops in the regional hubs. Go to <http://www.anaalaska.org/home/training/training> to see when the ERE and SEDS trainings will be held. They also offer free project development assistance which can really help a project score highly. Go to <http://www.anaalaska.org/home/technical-assistance> for technical assistance.

Visit <http://www.anaalaska.org/> for details. They've got an informative website.



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The State of Alaska

1. CIP (VSW/ANTHC) Make sure your new landfill is on the CIP list (state capital improvement project). You can find an application at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/vsw/>. This web page also has the CIP lists so you can see if you are on it. If you don't see your project, contact your Tribe's sanitation engineer. The list of engineers for each village is at: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/vsw/pdfs/village_project_engineer_contacts.pdf

2. STIP (DOT) This is the state transportation improvement project list. It works similarly to the CIP—Contact your region's DOT rep to find out whether your proposed landfill road is on the list (and if so, when they think it might get funded). DOT also has a high priority project process. So your road can jump to the top of the list if you can show serious health and safety issues.

STIP info is at : www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/stip#

For contact information in your region go to

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/stip/assets/dotplanners.pdf>

3. CAPSIS

The state legislature will sometimes fund projects directly. Best to work with your state senator/house rep well in advance to get them interested. The application is done online and once you put in a project, it keeps getting submitted each year.

You must be a city or a tribe without a city to apply. You will need your community's login information. Most communities already have a password, but if you've never used this, then you'll need to get one. Ask your administrator and if they don't know, contact your house or senate rep's office and let them know you are interested in submitting a project for consideration. They will give you login info and can help navigate you through. It is a pretty easy application. Go to;

<http://www.legfin.state.ak.us/ProjectBackup/enterCapitalProjects.php>

An example of an SWM project that was funded is at:

http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/funding_ex_alaska%20legis.pdf

4. State Brownfield Program:

Contact [Amy Dieffenbacher](#), *Environmental Program Specialist*#

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They operate a program that grants free site assessments and some limited cleanup, to awardees, called "DBA" program with an annual application deadline. They also have lots of information and technical assistance for contaminated site issues.

<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/brownfields.htm>

USFWS

Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) usually due in the fall. This might tie in if you are trying to protect or monitor or plan for subsistence that might be impacted by your solid waste.

<http://www.fws.gov/grants/tribal.html>

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EPA

Region 10 tribal grants page:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/TRIBAL.NSF/webpage/Tribal+Grants/>

Note – also look at Region 10 grants page for non-tribal specific grants at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/homepage.nsf/information/grants> And National EPA tribal grants solid and haz waste directly related grants are at:

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/grantsandfunding/topic-waste.htm>

Some grants that have been used to fund SW related projects:

1. **Interagency Tribal SW Assistance**
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/grantsandfunding/topic-waste.htm#swr>
2. **Hazardous Waste Management**
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/grantsandfunding/topic-waste.htm#hwr>
3. **Climate Change** (tie-in to permafrost or erosion melt and monitoring, planning, etc.)
<http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/tribal/index.html>
4. **Wetland Program Development** (protecting the wetland by cleaning up the site...)
http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/wetlands/index.cfm
5. **Environmental Education** <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>
6. **Environmental Justice** <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/ej/grants/index.html>
7. **USEPA Targeted Brownfield Assessments** (TBAs) Application and Information (this is free site assessment, no application deadline, for a similar program as the State's DBA program):
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/7780249be8f251538825650f0070bd8b/005df9235f56290e882567990080b48f!OpenDocument>
Contact Joanne LaBaw, labaw.joanne@epa.gov, with questions. (206) 553-2594.
EPA Brownfields grant page http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant_info/index.htm

8. **EPA IGAP (and Special IGAP) Funding**

http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/TRIBAL.NSF/Grants/igap_2014

The FY 2014 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) Funding Announcement keeps the base funding level for FY 2014 at \$125,000. Additionally, the announcement allows Tribes / Tribal Consortia to apply for Optional Special Project Funding by submitting one or more components for optional special projects directly benefiting multiple Tribes.

Per the 2014 funding announcement, requests from Tribes / Tribal Consortia with GAP grants must be postmarked by January 15, 2013.

Rasmuson Foundation

A small grant (up to \$25,000) that is open year-round for Alaska non-profits is the Rasmuson Foundation "Tier 1" grants. Tribes are eligible if the project is for the entire community and will have a broad community impact and equipment to start or improve



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a recycling program would certainly qualify. These grants fund only capital projects – meaning equipment and supplies. Examples of eligible expenses are heavy equipment for recycling activities (for ex. balers), a vehicle to pull trailers of recyclables (but not regular trash collection), or a building for storing recyclables and equipment. They have funded past projects that support a wide range of community activities, including occasionally solid waste projects, such as Koyuk’s “Recycling project: Two trashcans for each household, 4-wheeler, battery bins”. If you develop your project to be a key part of community well-being, then your project might be funded. Contact Aleesha Towns-Bain with questions at 297-2875 or Jeff Baird at 297-2831 or jbaird@rasmuson.org.

If you are considering applying for this grant, **look at what types of past projects have been funded**, and think about how your project can **integrate into a community project that accomplishes similar goals** as past funded projects.

Here is a search page for **past funded** projects:

<http://www.rasmuson.org/PastAwards/Search/search.php>

Under Award Type, click on the dropdown menu to “Tier 1”. Then hit search so see the full range of projects (skip Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau). Find several that you think are most similar to what you want to do, and look these specific projects up. You can also click on your region to search regional grants.

Here is the grant information page:

<http://www.rasmuson.org/index.php?switch=viewpage&pageid=32> . If you would like our assistance in ideas, organizing, etc., please contact us and let us know.

Rasmuson Foundation likes to see **well-organized grant requests**. One idea is to **look at the other rural Villages that have been funded** (regardless of what they asked for). Then **contact them** to ask if they would be willing to share their application, or to give you any funding and reporting tips.

There are also some great resources for helping you prepare your application. The following blog post has tips for preparing a successful Tier 1 application:

<http://www.rasmuson.org/blog/?p=3405>. You can check out this slideshow as well for more ideas:

<http://www.slideshare.net/RasmusonFoundation/how-to-prepare-a-tier-1-application>

The Rasmuson Foundation also offers Tier 1 workshops to help you prepare your application. The best way to find out about these workshops is to subscribe to the blog (enter your email in the upper right-hand corner of this page:

<http://www.rasmuson.org/blog/>) or check them out on facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/rasmusonfoundation>.

HUD

1. **Indian Community Development Block Grant** – The ICDBG is great because it is a block grant—eligible uses of the funding is wide ranging. These can be used for pretty much any solid waste need. There is no real ceiling but awards in the hundred’s of thousands are common. The deadline is typically in the winter and there is often training held just prior to the due date. A training manual is located at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/icdbg.cfm>

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Community Development Block Grant The CDBG is for cities, or in some cases tribes without city governments, and is somewhat similar to the ICDBG. The State of Alaska operates this program. Go to

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrants.aspx> for information on how to apply and to find out when the training is.

Applications are typically due in winter. Ceiling award is \$850,000. Ekwok received several hundred thousand dollars to provide a match for their new landfill in YR2015.

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NOAA

Community-based marine debris prevention and removal and marine debris prevention and outreach <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding>. We don't know of communities that have used this with specific reference to landfills, but if you have a landfill that is dropping off chunks of wastes into the ocean, or if you are concerned with waste material on your coast such as abandoned boats, fishing gear, etc., you may be eligible.

Alaska Conservation Foundation

Alaska Conservation Foundation offers grants in a few different areas. The most relevant grant is the Alaska Native Fund which has three main goals: 1) Leverage more foundation and donor resources for Alaska Native organizations; 2) Support Alaska Native strategies and solutions on environmental issues; and 3) Build relationships that will grow and strengthen the conservation movement in Alaska. In 2012, the grantees were awarded from \$10,000 to \$20,000. You must submit a letter of inquiry first, typically due in the last half of the year. Please refer to the website for more information

<http://alaskaconservation.org/grant-opportunities/alaska-native-fund/> or contact Program Manager, Loren Peterson lpeterson@alaskaconservation.org or (907) 276-1917. #

Alaska Community Foundation

The Alaska Community Foundation offers a **Capacity Building for Charitable Organizations** (CBCO) grant program. The CBCO grants could be used for training, developing a backhaul plan, or other efforts that would build your community's ability to perform backhaul. Applications are reviewed every two months with review dates on February 1, April 1, June 1, August 1, October 1, and December 1. Please be aware that you cannot apply for a Rasmuson Foundation Tier 1 grant if you apply for a CBCO grant. Contact ACF for clarification at 907- 334-6700 or info@alaskacf.org. Visit their website for more information:

<http://www.alaskacf.org/GrantsScholarships/CompetitiveGrants/tabid/177/Default.aspx> You can also look into their grant guidelines for more information on what types of activities are eligible for grant funding:

<http://www.alaskacf.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Grants/2012%2006%2025%20Capacity%20building%20program%20grant%20guidelines.pdf>

Private Foundation Funding

A number of foundations provide funding for purposes that may fit your program needs.

See www.zendergroup.org/docs/foundation_draft.doc

