**Solid Waste Funding Providers Session Notes – AFE 2012**

*This session had panelists from USDA (Misty Hull: 907-761-7733), ALPAR (Mary Fisher: 907-274-3266), EPA (Mary Goolie: 907-271-3414 and Santina Gay: 907-271-3413), RurAL CAP AmeriCorps (Charlie Ess: 907-865-7355), and ADOT (Ethan Birkholz: 907-451-2381) to speak about funding opportunities for village Environmental Programs & Projects.*

* ALPAR has $300 to $2500 grants available for recycling. There are also grants for Alaska Recycles Day that will be available in October. Alaska Recycles Day is in mid-November. They provide free litter bags and free recycling bags for cans. There is also a youth litter patrol grant. Go to <http://www.alparalaska.com/wp/> for contact information.
* IGAP can help with funding to do compliance enforcement with ordinances.

Question and Answer

* **How do we motivate our AmeriCorps volunteer?**
	+ Contact Charlie Ess with RuralCap. He is the program coordinator. His phone number is 907-865-7355. He can work with you.
* **Does DOT do repairs to water and sewer projects that are located in the flood plain?**
	+ No, they fund roads and boardwalks. USDA-RD has funding for water/sewer repairs and extensions.
* **Who does HAZWOPER training?**
	+ It might be most cost effective to bring a trainer to your community with EPA IGAP funds to train a bunch of people at once. IGAP will pay for training in Anchorage or Bethel. Ted Jacobson is a good contact for upcoming HAZWOPER training. His phone number is 907-865-7363. IGAP can pay for supplies. Your regional Brownfield program might offer trainings. Contact SeaPro if you’re in southeast at 907-225-7002. Or go to [www.OSHAcampus.com](http://www.OSHAcampus.com) to do online training. If you don’t have access to free training, this is probably the cheapest way to get your HAZWOPER certification. Also see <http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/HAZWOPER.pdf>
* **How can we work with other communities to get Brownfield competitive grants, such as Cleanup & Assessment Grants?**
	+ No other communities have done this in the past, but it is a great idea! It is especially good to show on your funding application that you are working with another community and that you are pooling your funds together.
* **Can the Brownfield money be used for training?**
	+ No, it is for planning and cleanup costs. But the capacity building Brownfield Tribal Response program can provide money for training. The 24 HAZWOPER and 2 day spill-response training that was held so far in Cordova, Port Heiden, and this summer Kalskag are provided to Native communities under a prevention of future brownfield program.
* **Is the USDA-RD water funding program a loan or a grant?**
	+ Both. There is more loan money available than grant money. Equipment can be purchased with grants or loans, but it needs to be tied to a construction project. You need a 25% match at least. Contact Misty Hull at 907-761-7733.
	+ Zender Environmental can help you with applying for funding. <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>

**NOTE: For more environmental funding information, go to** [**http://www.zendergroup.org/funding.html**](http://www.zendergroup.org/funding.html)