

## **Funding Source Panel Question & Answer Session**

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### ***16 Annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management***

***Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska***

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The Denali Commission provides grants for Health facilities, energy programs, bulk fuel, tank farms, renewable energy projects, power plants, and construction of new clinics. The Denali Commission will continue to work with rural communities. The Denali Commission can assist Tribes with planning and can provide technical assistance. Funding for these projects are declining because of federal legislation committees in Washington, D.C.

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Work w/ EPA, state...

Now has 500 projects, but can only fund 25-30 projects a year

Try to fund the most needy projects: score-based on sanitation deficiency systems.

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BIA provides grants up to \$25,000 for small environmental projects to Alaska Tribes.

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Environmental, social services, languages, assets for independence, in conjunction w. office for community services

The Federal government contributes, secondary education, or repairing or purchasing a new home

Training starts in November

ANA website – FOA [www.ana.alaska.org](http://www.ana.alaska.org)

Environmental enhancement, flexible

20% match

FOA – due in April

Long-distance project development – education, evening classes for 6 weeks will be offered

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No funding, people-power, talk to staff

USDA, EPA funding

AmeriCorp programs

Backhaul, recycling, health & wellness, Raven program-environmental

10 vista openings in the spring raven, birch or vista member, serve 12 months

Training, \$1200/mo AmeriCorp, \$1100/mo vista; educational award over \$5000

Must be 18 yrs by January, when program starts

Application due November 5

Vista Feb mar, 1 yr

AmeriCorp – hands-on, community directed

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EECEG Energy efficiency

Economic stimulus program

Alaska Region & pac nw area

Tribal Energy Program

FOA by thanksgiving

20-25 tribes each year

\$100,000 to \$1 mill awards

AK tribes have not fully interacted yet, should ask for programs in Alaska

Training, regional workshops

BIA Tribal conference, will return in November

Questions:

Small solid waste dumps

USDA – yes: up to 25%, need 25% match can be from any other source

**Funding for renewable energy, cultural camps?**

DOE: Dept of energy grants conservation block program, plus annual foa

Planning grants, renewable energy,

Denali commission Pay someone to help do it in your community

Fund renewable & alternative energy projects

Not funding renewable, but emerging energy program

Might not have been proven in Alaska, but used in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries

Farming Alaska energy program sometime in the next 3 months

## **Alaska Energy Authority**

### **Leveraging will there ever be a multi-community workshop**

ANA: will look at other agencies, 20% match cannot be other federal funds

Denali Commission – leverage different funding sources, have a meeting with all the funders at one time if possible, offers to convene and reach out to other entities, teleconference, brain storm

DOE: willing to consider it, request tech assistance through website, may schedule meetings in communities, DOE hasn't done I.H.S before

### **Is IHS the require RUBA or tie into that process**

IHS: yes, when we score projects, if they owe money to other agencies like IRS, it might be seized. Need to make sure the funds will not be seized.

### **Why doesn't IHS provide funds for water & maintenance systems?**

Not allowed, we build facilities, no funding for operation & maintenance

ARUC program with .... To collect fees to

Has been successful in operating w/ other communities

### **Is there a way to improve update facilities**

Sanitation Efficiency Program, clean water program, clean drink water,

State of Alaska also uses that program

Document IHS problem has a health impact

Engineer is assigned to each community

Work with the engineer,

### **If Alaska tribes are over 40 % of the tribes, and needs and health risks are bigger, why not more funding**

# of homes w/ no water/sewer, see number of homes

We are competing w// other 12 ISH areas, who complain we get more money, more than the other areas, other tribes think their needs are as great as ours

AK is more expensive & complicated, but there is only a certain amount of funding, but we get a high percentage of it

Of the \$25k grant, is it restricted to cleanup...;

BIA – for any potential environment project to be evaluated by our staff

Schools, state of Alaska, BIA does not have jurisdiction

**For backhaul, electronic waste, funding sources to transport recycle material, where can we get assistance?**

ANA has funded projects, but it needs to be a team effort, but time-consuming, especially if it needs to be barged, willing to look into that

Brownsfields – can a 2<sup>nd</sup> class city apply for cleanup reclamation because of it's associated with state of Alaska

Some funding for state loan, case by case basis, contact brownsfields, yes, can be eligible

**How can ANTHC help when a project is funded with ISH , city will not take responsibility**

ISH: basically said IHS is complicated

**Where can the city purchase honey bucket containers, company doesn't make them anymore**

ISH – ask engineers with ANTHC, we don't know

**BIA grant for environmental projects, how many each year, how much, want summary, name some of the projects**

We can only fund when we have enough year-end money

Fed money is less, cannot say how many can be funded, will look at them end of year, if more than \$25k, federal will look at it, if less, we check here

**Small communities – management, writing & reports are difficult for staff**

What can help communities manage these grants, grant reporting. Aid to Tribal government to help small communities to manage projects? Overwhelming for tribal office or city. NO PRIOR TRAINING, Tribes are in jeopardy because they cannot fulfill reporting requirements.

ANA – has streamlined the reporting – ask for quarterly information. Accountability. Want to make sure your project gets completed. All the reporting systems are different, different agencies should have the same reporting format.

DOE – will try to help, phone, internet. Ask for tech assistance on website; will call it organizational development, want to make sure projects succeed.

**Why are we obligated to write the grant if we cannot even spend it. DOE stimulus package grant, we have been reporting. We applied, got notice to do other report for money we haven't received and can't get the money?**

There are a couple of ways to draw out the money, other tribes get lost in the system and can't get the money.

**Will be back at BIA conference**

Where can we get info on money available for environmental projects?

BIA – we have packages,

Schools – there are deserted schools, built in 1950's – contaminated, are there funds for removal and demolition

BIA – no, we're working with state of Alaska

**Our water & sewer program is on hold for portion of our community, most of the funding goes to engineering, design**

There are 3 areas in Alaska, there are limits. Cheaper in Southeast and more expensive in western Alaska. Limited funding, some projects are infeasible and won't score very well

Design & engineering shouldn't be more than 10%, majority should be spent on construction of the project.

**Power plant, storm surge is threatening it, is there funding for emergencies, to move it?**

Denali: is it an AVEC community? Denali is not participating in emergency, state programs are for emergencies. We have funding for new facilities or upgrades through USDA. Funding for long-range strategies

**Eligible funding, can we use your federal funding as a match for other federal funding**

Denali: health program has had 50% and 20% match

Eligibility – some funders will not allow you to use our funds as a match because we use federal money

IHS – yes, there are contribution points, it helps your score

BIA I- projects are on a relatively small scale, there is a matching requirement

ANA – needs to be matching funds, but be creative, like office space, telephone, donated time, like from elders, some have even used BIA638 money

AmeriCorp – cannot use ..... as a match; Can count volunteer time, something like \$20/hour

DOE – no fund match requirements, depends on FOA

**If you have a fact sheet or handout, what is best way to contact you?**

DOE: [www.eecbg.energy.gov/](http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/)

AmeriCorp: [www.ruralcap.com](http://www.ruralcap.com) website

ANA: [www.ana.alaska.org](http://www.ana.alaska.org)

BIA: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/Alaska/index.htm>

IHS: [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov)

Denali: [www.Denali.gov](http://www.Denali.gov) , 271-1414, office is open, call first so you don't have to pay for parking

EECBG, can you extend the deadline? Now Sept 20

**What areas of the state are ideal for renewable energy sources? Wind energy, multi-agency cooperation to do a study of that. Reporting requirements, we are understaffed. Why not put DOE in one website? It's very complicated? Do you have money to help communities prepare to adapt to climate change?**

DOE: within 18 months know where it's going, spend it within 3 years,. DOE reporting, obtain your enrollment, trying to minimize reporting. Create your report, have to have a pin number.

Climate change – DOE doesn't have anything to deal with that. You're on the front lines, DC doesn't relate to it. NCAI – climate change. We have grants that are longer term to build projects, but not emergency projects.

Renewable energy authority, check our brochure, solar, wind, biomass... there are grants, measure wind, solar, geothermal

Alaska energy REEP website – see what we have