

CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN ALASKAN COMMUNITIES

Catalog of Federal Programs

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Coastal Erosion Working Group
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In February 2015, the newly established Arctic Executive Steering Committee (AESC), in one of its first actions, established a Coastal Erosion Working Group (CEWG). The CEWG, which included representatives from the Executive Office of the President as well as ten Federal agencies, was tasked with examining opportunities for Federal action to address the imminent threats that coastal erosion and flooding pose to Alaskan Arctic coastal communities. Representation on the working group drew from both headquarters and the Alaska region, ensuring good knowledge of State and local stakeholders' needs.

One of the recommendations that the CEWG presented at the June meeting of the AESC, was to catalog Federal programs that could be useful for Alaskan coastal communities seeking to address erosion, flooding, and other resilience challenges. The following "Catalog of Federal Resilience Programs for Alaskan Communities" was developed by the CEWG in response to this recommendation. We hope this resource will support communities in Alaska in identifying Federal resources available to help address some of great challenges they are facing.

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Overview

According to the U.S. National Climate Assessment, over the past 60 years, climate change has caused the Alaskan Arctic to warm twice as rapidly as the rest of the United States, and accelerated rates of erosion caused by the combination of repeated extreme weather events, thawing permafrost, and decreased arctic sea ice are threatening the way of life in native villages.

Developed under the leadership of the Arctic Executive Steering Committee's (AESC) Coastal Erosion Work Group (CEWG), this catalog of Federal technical assistance programs and funding resources is the result of collaboration across Federal agencies to identify existing programs that may be used to assist coastal communities in Alaska facing challenges associated with climate-related risks. Although a variety of Federal programs are available to provide assistance, lack of information about the full range of resources available can present a barrier to communities securing assistance. This compendium is intended to help Alaskan communities identify Federal resources that can be used to support local efforts to gather and evaluate information about the risks posed by coastal erosion and other hazards; building capacity to mitigate those risks; advance onsite measures; and, if necessary, relocate community assets.

Each program's entry describes its purpose and funding potential, eligible applicants, and activities typically undertaken with its support. The Quick Reference Program Matrix serves to identify which programs can support the following activities:

Information Gathering and Evaluation: Risk assessment and monitoring activities, including assessing hazards like coastal erosion, mapping subsistence patterns, and tracking natural climate variability;

Capacity Building: Training, education, and community planning efforts, including digital access to tools and development of administrative needs to inform resilience planning;

On-site Measures: Maintaining and strengthening infrastructure, land, and livelihoods within a community. Examples include redesigning roads and evacuation routes due to climate change impacts and investing in infrastructure that generates economic returns; and

Relocation: Activities that support the relocation of entire communities or certain community assets, including new site identification and development.

Contributing agencies include the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Transportation, Homeland Security, Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. While this guide attempts to be as comprehensive as possible in describing relevant Federal grant programs, programs are continually evolving and are subject to change.

About the Arctic Executive Steering Committee

President Obama established the AESC in his January 2015 [Executive Order 13689](#) on *Enhancing Coordination of National Efforts in the Arctic*. The Executive Order directed Federal agencies to strengthen international cooperation to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions driving climate change, understand more fully and manage more effectively the adverse effects of climate change, protect life and property, develop and manage resources responsibly, enhance the quality of life of Arctic inhabitants, and serve as stewards for valuable and vulnerable ecosystems. The AESC was charged with guiding executive departments and agencies and enhancing coordination of Federal Arctic policies across agencies and offices, and with State, local, and Alaska Native tribal governments and stakeholders.

The CEWG, co-chaired by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of the Interior (DOI), was created to examine opportunities for improving Federal actions to address the imminent threat of coastal erosion and flooding impacting Alaskan Arctic coastal communities.

Quick Reference Programs Matrix

Agency	Program	Page	Information Gathering		Capacity Building				On-Site Measures				Relocation		
			Risk Assessment	Monitoring	Technical Training	Environmental Education	Preserving Traditional Lifestyles	Strategic Planning	Infrastructure Strengthening	Coastal Erosion Control	Recovery of Critical Infrastructure	Economic Development	Site Evaluation	Development	Infrastructure
Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency	Flood Mitigation Assistance	12						X	X						
	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	12						X	X	X	X				
	Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program	13						X	X	X	X				
	Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning	13	X	X	X			X							
Department of Commerce - Economic Development Authority	Economic Adjustment Assistance Program	14	X					X	X		X	X	X	X	X
	Public Works Program	14							X		X	X		X	X

Agency	Program	Page	Information Gathering		Capacity Building				On-Site Measures				Relocation		
Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy	15	X					X							
	Alaska Ocean Observing System	15	X	X											
	Analyze, Forecast, and Support	16	X	X											
	Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping Program	16	X	X											
	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan	16	X	X					X						
	Climate Program	17	X		X	X									
	Observations	17	X	X											
Department of Energy	Alaska START Program	17			X	X		X	X		X	X			X
	Tribal Energy Program	18			X	X		X	X		X	X			X

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Department of the Interior	Alaska Climate Science Center	19	X	X	X			X					X		
	ANILCA Sec. 1318 Historic Assistance	19						X							
	Landscape Conservation Cooperatives	19	X	X											
	North Slope Science Initiative	20	X	X			X								
	Subsistence – ANLICA Title VIII	20						X	X						
Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs	Cooperative Landscape Conservation	20					X								
	Indian Energy Resource Development Program	21					X					X			X
	Tribal Transportation Program	21								X			X		X
Department of Transportation	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Return	22							X	X			X		X

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Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration	Airport Improvement Program	22							X						X
	Federal-aid Highway Apportioned Funds	23							X			X			X
Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration	Tribal Transportation Program	23						X	X			X			X
Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration	Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program Tribal Transit Program	24						X	X		X				X
Environmental Protection Agency	Alaska Native Villages Grant	24			X				X						X
	Clean Water Act Indian Set-Aside Program	25						X	X						X

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Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program	25								X						X	
	Environmental Justice Small Grants	26							X								
	Indian General Assistance Program	26	X	X													
	Office of Water Climate Ready Water Utilities Program	27	X							X							
	Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Tribal Set-Aside Program	27								X	X						X
Health and Human Services	ACF/ANA Environmental Regulatory Enhancement	28			X		X	X					X				
	CDC/NCID/ Arctic Investigations Program	29	X	X			X										

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Health and Human Services	CDC/NIOSH American Indian/ Alaska Native Program	29			X	X									
	CDC/NIOSH Climate Change Initiative	30	X												
	NIH/NIEHS Alaska Community Action on Toxics	30	X	X	X	X	X	X							
	NIH/NIEHS Research to Action	31	X	X	X	X	X	X							
	NIH/NIEHS The Center for Indigenous Environmental Health Research	31	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grant	32	X	X	X						X			X	X
	Emergency Solutions Grants Program	33								X	X				
	Indian Community Development Block Grant	33								X	X	X		X	X

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Department of Housing and Urban Development	Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims – 203(h)	34												X	
	Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act - Indian Housing Block Grant Program	34	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
	Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program	35												X	
	Title VI Loan Guarantee Program	35							X	X	X			X	X
US Army Corps of Engineers	Continuing Authorities Program	35							X	X					
	International and Interagency Support Services	36	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
	Planning Assistance to States	36	X					X					X		
	Tribal Partnership Program	37	X					X	X	X			X	X	X

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US Department of Agriculture	Business and Industry Loan Guarantee	37										X			
	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	38												X	
	Electric Loans	38							X						X
	Rural Business Development Grant	38										X			
	Rural Energy for America Loans and Grants	39							X						X
	Sewer, Water, Solid Waste Loans and Grants	39							X						X
	Single Family Direct and Guaranteed Loans	40												X	
	Single Family Repair Loans and Grants	40									X				
	Telecom Loans	41							X						X

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Program Name: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Purpose: Authorized to reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by eliminating the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the NFIP.

Eligible Applicants: States, U.S. territories, Federally-recognized tribes apply on behalf of local communities, who must be participating in the NFIP.

Funding Range: Severe Repetitive Loss structures can be funded at 100% federal cost; repetitive loss structures can be cost-shared at 90% federal cost. Insured structures and planning grants are cost-shared at 75 percent federal, 25 percent non-federal. Maximum Federal share for planning sub-applications per Applicant is \$50,000 for State plans and \$25,000 for local plans. Technical assistance up to \$50,000 is available for states who were awarded FMA grant funds totaling at least \$1million in FY 2014.

Program Activities: Projects include the elevation, relocation and acquisition of flood prone structures, and projects to address minor, localized flooding issues, such as upgrading culverts, building detention ponds, and otherwise improving local stormwater management facilities.

Because this program is funded by resources collected from NFIP policyholders, the recent focus of the program has been on mitigating severe repetitive loss structures in order to reduce the drain on the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF).

Severe repetitive loss structures and repetitive loss structures are prioritized for funding to maximize cost-effectiveness and reduce claims to the NFIF.

Additional Information: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1432854343618-674f4cfd5dd49813a9aef429e5d49c7d/FMAFactSheetFY2015.pdf>

Program Name: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Purpose: Provides grants to states, Indian tribal governments and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the recovery from a disaster.

Eligible Applicants: Funds become available only after a disaster is declared. The Governor of the state determines availability, however it is frequently available anywhere within the state or tribe in which the declaration was made.

Funding Range: The amount of assistance available under the HMGP is a percentage of FEMA's assistance made available under the response and recovery programs for the declared major disaster.

HMGP funds are generally 15 percent of assistance under these programs for states with a Standard State Mitigation Plan and 20 percent of assistance under these programs for those with an Enhanced State Mitigation Plans. Small impoverished communities may be eligible for up to a 90% Federal cost share in accordance with the Stafford Act.

Program Activities: Some examples of projects eligible for HMGP and the PDM grant funds include the development of all-hazards mitigation plans at the tribal, state and local levels, the seismic retrofitting of critical public buildings, and acquisition, relocation or elevation of flood-prone properties located in the floodplain.

Additional Information: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

Program Name: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)

Purpose: Designed to assist States, territories, Federally-recognized tribes, and local communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program.

Eligible Applicants: States, U.S. territories, Federally-recognized tribes.

Funding Range: In 2015, each state is eligible to receive a set aside of 1 percent of the total appropriated PDM funding, or \$250,000; \$5 million is set aside for Federally-recognized Tribal governments to receive a set aside of 1 percent of the total appropriated PDM funding, or \$250,000; The balance of PDM Grant Program funds will be distributed on a competitive basis to all eligible applicants.

Program Activities: Elevation, acquisition, or floodproofing structures, seismic or wind retrofit of structures, major or minor flood hazard reduction activities, mitigation planning

Additional Information: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1432847398289-878c470e718239eedcaadc8d52ea1823/PDMFactSheetFY2015.pdf>

Program Name: Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP)

Purpose: Not only is flooding one of the most common and costly disasters, flood risk can also change over time because of new building and development, weather patterns and other factors. FEMA is working with federal, state, tribal and local partners across the nation to identify flood risk and help reduce that risk through the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) program.

Eligible Applicants: State, regional, Tribal, and local communities can use enhanced hazard data to make more informed decisions regarding risk.

Funding Range: Varies.

Program Activities: Risk MAP provides high quality flood maps and information, tools to better assess the risk from flooding and planning and outreach support to communities to help them take action to

reduce (or mitigate) flood risk. Each Risk MAP flood risk project is tailored to the needs of each community and may involve different products and services.

Additional Information: <http://www.fema.gov/risk-mapping-assessment-and-planning-risk-map>

Department of Commerce (DOC) – Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Program Name: Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Purpose: Helps communities design and implement strategies to address evolving economic changes that are causing or threaten to cause serious structural damage to the underlying economic base or undermining locally-developed development goals.

Eligible Applicants: (1) District Organization of a designated Economic Development District; (2) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (3) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (4) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (5) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Funding Range: Investments range from \$100,000 to \$1,250,000; the average is approximately \$829,000.

Program Activities: Can be used to conduct feasibility or environmental studies, capitalize revolving loan funds, and to fund the construction of publicly-owned infrastructure, such as water and sewer facilities, access roads, rail spurs, and broadband, to support the expansion of area businesses; business incubators; job training facilities; and other infrastructure investments.

Additional Information: <http://www.eda.gov/pdf/about/Economic-Adjustment-Assistance-Program-1-Pager.pdf>

Program Name: Public Works Program

Purpose: The Public Works Program provides strategic-investments to help communities build or expand access to the infrastructure assets that are the most basic building blocks of an economy and are required to support the growth and economic development of distressed regions.

Eligible Applicants: (1) District Organization of a designated Economic Development District; (2) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (3) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (4) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (5) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Funding Range: Investments range from \$200,000 to \$3,000,000, the average is approximately \$1.4 million.

Program Activities: Traditional infrastructure through this program including water and sewer system improvements, industrial parks, business incubator facilities, expansion of port and harbor facilities, skill-training facilities, and the redevelopment of brownfields. Also, technology-based facilities; research and development commercialization centers; facilities for workforce development; wet labs; multi-tenant manufacturing facilities; research, business and science parks with fiber optic cable; and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

Additional Information: <http://www.eda.gov/pdf/about/Public-Works-Program-1-Pager.pdf>

DOC – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Program Name: Alaska Center for Climate Assessment & Policy

Purpose: NOAA’s Regional Integrated Sciences & Assessments (RISA) program supports research teams that help expand and build the nation’s capacity to prepare for and adapt to climate variability and change.

Eligible Applicants: NOAA 5 year funding agreement with ACCAP; ACCAP awards funding to other entities to accomplish its five year goals.

Funding Range: Varies.

Program Activities: Partner with stakeholders to inform realistic community plans and climate adaptation strategies using the most scientifically accurate, reliable, and up-to-date information.

Additional Information:

<http://cpo.noaa.gov/ClimatePrograms/ClimateandSocietalInteractions/RISAProgram/RISATeams/ACCA/P.aspx>

Program Name: Alaska Ocean Observing System

Purpose: Address regional and national needs for ocean information, gather specific data on key coastal and ocean variables, and ensure timely and sustained dissemination and availability of these data.

Eligible Applicants: AOOS Funding is based on a five year plan focusing on: safe marine operations; coastal hazard mitigation; tracking ecosystem and climate trends; and monitoring water quality.

Funding Range: \$0-\$500k.

Program Activities: (1) Enables advances in scientific understanding to support the sustainable use, conservation, management, and understanding of healthy ocean and coastal resources.

(2) Improves the Nation’s capability to measure, track, explain, and predict events related directly and indirectly to weather and climate change, natural climate variability, and interactions between the oceanic and atmospheric environments.

Additional Information: <http://www.ioos.noaa.gov/regions/aos.html>

Program Name: Analyze, Forecast, and Support

Purpose: Field forecast and warnings, facilities supporting the mission and programmatic leadership in the provision of life saving decision support services.

NWS has initiated Impact Based Decision Support Services (IDSS) to provide better, more useful information to partners, emergency managers, and decision makers to foster an appropriate public response.

Eligible Applicants: None, work is performed by NOAA.

Funding Range: N/A

Program Activities: Provides decision support services, warning coordination, and Arctic environmental intelligence (timely, reliable, and actionable information to help plan for and adapt to economic and ecological impacts, including disasters) to the State of Alaska and Alaska Native partners, industry and community stakeholders, and federal and other local officials.

Addresses mitigation science and technology gaps in the Arctic as well as forecast challenges to improve IDSS), such as: scarcity of in-situ observations (e.g., wave, ocean, and ice buoys, weather observation platforms, river gauge) in the Arctic; performance concerns with weather, water, ocean and wave prediction models in the Arctic region as compared to the rest of the US; and the lack of maturity of tactical and medium range weather and sea ice modeling capabilities.

Additional Information: <http://www.weather.gov/organization/afs>

Program Name: Integrated Ocean & Coastal Mapping Program

Purpose: Planning, acquiring, integrating, and disseminating ocean and coastal geospatial data and derivative products in a manner that permits easy access to and use by the greatest range of users.

Eligible Applicants: Participation in the IOCM approach (map used many times) is voluntary but coordination with and leveraging of other partner efforts are encouraged.

Funding Range: N/A

Program Activities: Federal mapping coordination.

Additional Information: <http://iocm.noaa.gov/>

Program Name: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP)

Purpose: Area Committees -- composed of federal, state, and local government officials -- must develop detailed, location-specific Area Contingency Plans.

Eligible Applicants: Federal, state, and local government officials serve on the committees. Participation and input by Alaska Native entities to the committees is encouraged.

Funding Range: N/A

Program Activities: Planning, preparedness, and exercises support resiliency to oil spills. Environmental Sensitivity Indices (ESI) maps and other tools assess the risk from oil spills and would also be useful potential species impacts.

Additional Information: <http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/>

Program Name: Climate Program

Purpose: Fund high-priority climate science, assessments, decision support research, outreach, education, and capacity-building activities designed to advance our understanding of Earth's climate system, and to foster the application of this knowledge in risk management and adaptation efforts.

Eligible Applicants: None, work is performed by NOAA.

Funding Range: Varies.

Program Activities: Varies.

Additional Information: <http://cpo.noaa.gov/>

Program Name: Observations

Purpose: Collection of space, atmosphere, water, and climate observational data owned or leveraged by National Weather Service. The Office is responsible for the development, acquisition and management of cost-effective observing technologies, hardware and software enhancements, maintenance and repairs, logistics, cost management, technical data verification, and life-cycle replacements of NWS observational platforms.

Eligible Applicants: None, work is performed by NOAA.

Funding Range: N/A

Program Activities: Weather and sea ice observations.

Additional Information: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/osd/portal.shtml>

Department of Energy (DOE)

Program Name: Alaska Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) Program

Purpose: To provide technical assistance in strategic energy planning to accelerate clean energy and energy efficiency projects and move projects closer to implementation.

Eligible Applicants: Any Indian Tribe, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

Funding Range: Varies.

Program Activities: The START team, which consists of DOE, including its national laboratories, and the Denali Commission, along with DOE's national laboratories and other local and national experts, assists rural Alaska Native communities in developing strategic energy plans to help mitigate the impacts of climate change by conducting energy awareness and training programs, and pursuing new renewable energy and energy efficiency opportunities. As a competitive technical assistance opportunity, Alaska START is aimed at achieving the following goals:

- Reducing the cost and use of energy for rural Alaska consumers and communities
- Increasing local capacity, energy efficiency, and conservation through training and public education
- Increasing renewable energy deployment and financing opportunities for communities and utilities.

Additional Information: <http://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/office-indian-energy-start-team>

Program Name: Tribal Energy Program

Purpose: To provide financial and technical assistance that enables tribes to evaluate and develop their renewable energy resources and reduce their energy consumption through efficiency and weatherization.

Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, nations, Alaska Native villages; other organized tribal groups and communities – including Alaska Native regional and village corporations; tribal energy resource development organizations.

Funding Range: Varies.

Program Activities: DOE's Tribal Energy Program promotes tribal energy sufficiency and fosters economic development and employment of energy efficiency on tribal lands through the use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies through government-to-government partnerships. The Tribal Energy program provides financial opportunities through a competitive process; technical assistance through DOE's national laboratories; and education and training through webinars, student internships, and workshops to help build the knowledge and skills essential to developing, implementing and sustaining energy efficiency and renewable energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Additional Information: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>

Department of the Interior (DOI)

Program Name: Alaska Climate Science Center

Purpose: The Alaska Climate Science Center (AK CSC) provides scientific information, tools, and techniques that managers and other parties interested in land, water, wildlife and cultural resources can use to anticipate, monitor, and adapt to climate change.

Eligible Applicants: Any

Funding Range: No specific funding levels or deadlines.

Program Activities: The Center and its partners provide expertise in climate science, ecology, environmental impacts assessment, modeling, cultural impacts, and advanced information technology.

Additional Information: <https://www.doi.gov/csc/alaska/>

Program Name: Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sec. 1318 Historic Assistance

Purpose: Technical assistance in preserving cultural resources.

Eligible Applicants: All Tribes and Corporations in Alaska.

Funding Range: No specific funding levels or deadlines.

Program Activities: Wide variety of activities related to cultural resources.

Additional Information: Telephone: (907) 644-3456

Program Name: Landscape Conservation Cooperatives

Purpose: Science and technical assistance.

Eligible Applicants: Any village or other entity.

Funding Range: No specific funding levels or deadlines.

Program Activities: Examples: provide tools to assess coastal hazards, including accelerated coastal erosion associated with climate change. Specific projects include: acquisition and analysis of imagery to quantify historical erosion rates and enable communities to consider the stability of existing and future infrastructure; data and modeling needed to predict the severity of flooding based on the circumstances and magnitude of storms; community vulnerability assessments that incorporate coastal erosion as well as other aspects of coastal change.

These projects are underway or are newly completed. A shared effort is planned by LCCs in Alaska to work with partners and communities to utilize these tools and information during the winter of 2015-16.

Additional Information: Arctic Landscape Conservation Cooperative: <http://arcticlcc.org/>

Western Alaska Landscape Conservation Cooperative:
<https://westernalaskalcc.org/SitePages/Western%20Alaska%20LCC.aspx>

Program Name: North Slope Science Initiative

Purpose: To facilitate and improve collection and dissemination of ecosystem information pertaining to the Alaskan North Slope region, including coastal and offshore regions. To improve scientific and regulatory understanding of terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecosystems for consideration in the context of resource development activities and climate change.

Eligible Applicants: Any.

Funding Range: No specific funding levels or deadlines.

Program Activities: Provide resource managers with the data and analyses they need to help evaluate multiple simultaneous goals and objectives related to each agency’s mission on the North Slope. The NSSI uses and complements the information produced under other North Slope science programs. The NSSI also facilitates information sharing among agencies, non-governmental organizations, industry, academia, international programs, and members of the public to increase communication and reduce redundancy among science programs.

Additional Information: <http://www.northslope.org/>

Program Name: Subsistence – ANLICA Title VIII

Purpose: Technical assistance related to subsistence.

Eligible Applicants: Any Tribe or village in Alaska.

Funding Range: No specific funding levels or deadlines.

Program Activities: Examples: 1) subsistence mapping in coastal communities to document where people go for particular resources at particular times of the year; and 2) document the flow of resources through sharing networks, which could be greatly disrupted if whole communities and groups of families are relocated.

Additional Information: Telephone (907) 644-3596.

DOI – Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Program Name: Cooperative Landscape Conservation (shifting to Tribal Climate Resilience in FY16)

Purpose: Funding for tribal climate adaptation, and ocean & coastal planning. Engagement and technical support, not operational funds.

Eligible Applicants: Federally Recognized Tribes.

Funding Range: Current administrative limit is \$250k per award.

Program Activities: BIA is investing in technical assistance to support adaptation planning, including coordination, training, travel support for relevant training, and digital access to data and tools.

Additional Information: <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/climatechange/index.htm>

Program Name: Indian Energy Resource Development Program

Purpose: Assist tribes in development of tribal energy resources. This includes the Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program to build capacity to develop conventional or renewable energy resources on Indian lands.

Eligible Applicants: Federally Recognized Tribes.

Funding Range: Varies depending on appropriations.

Program Activities: The TEDC grant program helps tribes in assessing, developing, or obtaining the managerial, organizational and technical capacity needed to develop energy resources on Indian land and to account properly for resulting energy production and revenues.

Additional Information: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DEMD/TEDCP/index.htm>

Program Name: Tribal Transportation Program

Purpose: To provide funding to tribes for access to basic community services that enhance the quality of life in Indian country, such as construction and/or reconstruction of roads, bridges, docks and trails. The TTP replaces the former Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program. Note that this program is the same as the Department of Transportation's (DOT) TTP, although DOT can additionally provide strategic planning.

Eligible Applicants: Federally Recognized Tribes.

Funding Range: TTP is formula funded.

Program Activities: New roads can be built based on the specific needs for evacuation routes, or redesigning if impacted roads by changes due to climatic variances (flooding, snow fences and road shelters, etc.). TTP funds can also be used for facility preservation, road maintenance and bridge maintenance, as well as "emergency relief for federally owned roads" (this includes tribal or native roads and facilities that are transportation related). Equipment storage, material storage, equipment purchase are other allowable uses.

Additional Information: BIA: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/Transportation/index.htm>;

DOT: <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ttp/>

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Program Name: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Return (TIGER)

Purpose: Discretionary grants that focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for disconnected communities, while emphasizing improved connection to employment, education, services and other opportunities, workforce development, or community revitalization.

Eligible Applicants: State, local and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

Funding Range: \$500M nationwide funds. Funding cannot exceed \$200M and no more than \$125M in a single state. TIGER can cover up to 80% in an urban area and 100% in a rural area. Minimum award for urban is \$10M and rural is \$1M. The annual funding for TIGER changes annually based on the appropriations and authorizations.

Program Activities: Eligible projects for TIGER Discretionary Grants are capital projects that include, but are not limited to: highway or bridge projects eligible, (including bicycle and pedestrian related projects); public transportation projects; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure); and intermodal projects. Eligibility requirements must be satisfied.

Additional Information: <http://www.transportation.gov/tiger>

DOT – Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Program Name: Airport Improvement Program

Purpose: Airport improvement planning and development.

Eligible Applicants: Public-use airports included within the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

Funding Range: State of Alaska: 93.75% Federal, 6.25% cost sharing.

Program Activities: The AIP is authorized to provide grant funding for eligible airport improvements as requested by eligible airport sponsors. This would potentially include measures to safeguard airport infrastructure from erosion.

Additional Information: <http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/>

DOT – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Program Name: Federal-aid Highway Apportioned Funds

Purpose: Planning, preventive maintenance, infrastructure preservation, construction of highways and bridges, safety, congestion mitigation, and air quality improvement.

Eligible Applicants: State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Funding Range: Alaska receives approximately \$480M in apportionment funds annually. Federal share is typically 80%.

Program Activities: In Alaska, Federal-aid highway apportioned funds may be used for roads, pedestrian facilities, and snowmobile trails. Funding may be available to assist villages with improving or repairing roads and boardwalks.

Additional Information: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/projects.cfm>

Program Name: Tribal Transportation Program (TTP)

Purpose: To provide funding to tribes for access to basic community services that enhance the quality of life in Indian country, such as construction and/or reconstruction of roads, bridges, docks and trails. The TTP replaces the former Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program. Note that this program is the same as the DOI BIA TTP, although DOT can additionally provide strategic planning.

Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized Tribes.

Funding Range: In MAP-21, the TTP is authorized at \$450 million/year and funds are distributed through a statutory formula. The federal share is 100%.

Program Activities: Eligible uses for TTP funds are identified in 23 USC 202(a). These include transportation planning, design, construction, and maintenance of roads and bridges as well as any other project that would be eligible under Title 23. The project must be on or for a facility that provides access to or is located within tribal land. The planning and construction of emergency escape or relocation routes are eligible activities.

Additional Information: DOT: <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ttp/>;
BIA: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/Transportation/index.htm>

DOT – Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Program Name: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program Tribal Transit Program (TTP)

Purpose: Provide grants to Indian tribes for program activities eligible under FTA’s Rural Areas Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311.

Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native villages, groups, or communities.

Funding Range: \$25 million formula program and \$5 million discretionary program. Discretionary funds are made available annually on a competitive basis.

Program Activities: Operating assistance to enable tribes to start new transit services; capital to enable tribal investment in new or replacement equipment; and funding for tribal transit planning studies. Examples of eligible resilience projects may include elevating or relocating transit assets that are located in a special flood hazard area, protecting transit assets vulnerable to high winds, installing mitigation measures that prevent the intrusion of floodwaters into underground segments of a public transportation system, strengthening systems that remove rainwater from public transportation facilities, and other projects that address identified vulnerabilities. However, relocating non-transit assets would not be considered an eligible resilience project.

Additional Information: http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/15926_3553.html

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Program Name: Alaska Native Village Grant

Purpose: To assist Alaska Native Villages and Alaska rural communities with the construction of new or improved drinking water and wastewater systems.

Eligible Applicants: The applicant must be an unincorporated community that has between 25 and 600 people; a second-class city (no population limits); or a first class city with not more than 600 residents.

Funding Range: Funding varies.

Program Activities: The program is planning, designing and constructing new and or improved water and wastewater infrastructure in various communities throughout the State of Alaska to improve the health and sanitation conditions in rural Alaska.

The ANV Program provides technical support to communities to design and construct water and wastewater systems. It is meant to assist Alaska Native Villages and Alaska rural communities with the construction of new or improved drinking water and wastewater systems. This funding can also be used to provide training and technical assistance in the operations and maintenance of these systems.

Additional Information: <http://water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/wastewater/Alaska-Native-Village-and-Rural-Communities-Grant-Program.cfm>

Program Name: Clean Water Act Indian Set-Aside Program

Purpose: Provides funding, 2% of the CWA SRF, for wastewater infrastructure to Indian tribes and Alaska Native Villages. The CWISA Program is administered in cooperation with the Indian Health Service (IHS). EPA uses the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System priority lists to identify and select projects for CWISA program funding. To be considered for CWISA Program funding, tribes must identify their wastewater needs to the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System.

Eligible Applicants: All federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and tribes on former reservations in Oklahoma are eligible for CWISA Program funds.

Funding Range: Funding varies.

Program Activities: The program is planning, designing and constructing new and or improved wastewater infrastructure in various communities throughout the State of Alaska to improve the health and sanitation conditions in Alaska Native Villages. EPA issues all or the vast majority of funds to the Indian Health Service for Administration.

Additional Information: <http://water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/wastewater/clean-water-indian-set-aside-grant-program.cfm>

Program Name: Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program

Purpose: Provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. The CPS Program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks; Federally recognized tribal governments; or Tribal organizations (includes American Indian/Alaska Native groups, cooperatives, partnerships, associations).

Funding Range: Up to \$120,000.

Program Activities: Funds enable community-based organizations to partner with stakeholders from across industry, government, academia to develop and implement solutions that will significantly address

environmental and/or public health issues at the local level. Projects must use the CPS Model, comprised of seven elements of a successful collaborative partnership, to address local environmental and/or public health issues.

Additional Information: <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-cps-grants.html>

Program Name: Environmental Justice Small Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this grant program is to support activities designed to empower and educate communities to understand environmental and public health issues and to identify ways to address these issues at the local level. EPA anticipates awarding up to 25% of fiscal year 2015 awards to fund projects that support community climate resiliency.

Eligible Applicants: Incorporated non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions; federally recognized tribal governments; or tribal organizations.

Funding Range: Varies (up to \$30,000).

Program Activities: Supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health concerns in their communities. Successful collaborative partnerships involve not only well-designed strategic plans to build, maintain, and sustain the partnerships, but also working towards addressing the local environmental and public health issues.

Additional Information: <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

Program Name: Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)

Purpose: Provide General Assistance Program (GAP) grants to federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia for planning, developing, and establishing environmental protection programs. The GAP program is exempt from competition, therefore, applications that meet the stated requirements in program regulations and guidance will be funded if funds are available.

Eligible Applicants: All federally recognized tribes in Region 10 are eligible to receive funds. Tribal consortia that meet the eligibility requirements may also receive funding, if available.

Funding Range: Typically \$75,000 - \$125,000 per year per grantee in Alaska (special projects not included).

Program Activities: Funding is provided under GAP for the purposes of planning, developing, and establishing tribal environmental protection programs. For example a tribe could use GAP funds to develop a climate change adaptation plan or to establish environmental protection programs that compliment non-environmental protection programs.

Activities related to establishing education, outreach, public participation, compliance assistance, and coordination programs for tribal environmental staff to work effectively with regulated entities are allowable.

Specific examples of allowable activities: climate change vulnerability/risk assessment; climate change preparedness/adaptation program (e.g., zoning rules and regulations; tax incentives; building codes/design standards; utility rates/fee setting; public safety rules and regulations); outreach and education; emergency management powers; community outreach/education programs; developing voluntary or partial environmental protection programs; participating in environmental policy making; coordinating with EPA or other federal agencies on the implementation of federal environmental protection programs; and entering into joint environmental protection programs with neighboring tribal, state, or local environmental agencies.

Additional Information: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/TRIBAL.NSF/Grants/IGAP>

Program Name: Office of Water Climate Ready Water Utilities Program (CRWU)

Purpose: Assists drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities, in addressing climate change impacts. Through the development of practical and easy-to-use tools, EPA promotes a clear understanding of climate science and adaptation options by translating complex climate projections into accessible formats. This information helps utility owners and operators better prepare their systems for the impacts of climate change.

Eligible Applicants: All water utilities can ask for assistance.

Funding Range: No direct funding. This is a technical assistance program.

Program Activities: Extreme weather events, sea level rise, shifting precipitation patterns and temperature variability, all intensified by climate change, have significant implications for the sustainability of the water sector. By planning for, assessing and adapting to these challenges, the water sector can fulfill their public health and environmental missions and begin the process of becoming climate ready.

Additional Information: <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/climate/index.cfm>

Program Name: Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Tribal Set-Aside Program

Purpose: Provides grants to Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and to the State of Alaska for the benefit of the native villages. The grant funds are used to address the most significant threats to public health associated with Public Water Systems that serve Indian Tribes. Most types of projects that improve the health of the public being served by the public water system are eligible for funding, 2% of the SDWA State Revolving Fund.

Eligible Applicants: Any federally recognized Indian tribe is eligible to receive a project grant through the program. Eligible systems must serve tribes or Alaskan Native Villages, though they can be owned by someone other than the tribe. Private systems are also eligible.

Funding Range: Funding varies.

Program Activities: The program is planning, designing and constructing new and or improved drinking water infrastructure in various communities throughout the State of Alaska to improve the health and sanitation conditions in Alaska Native Villages. Funds may also be used to conduct project feasibility studies, engineering design work, and for project administration. EPA issues all or the vast majority of funds to the Indian Health Service for Administration.

Additional Information: http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/dwsrf/allotments/tribes.cfm

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Program Name: Administration for Children and Families (ACF) / Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Environmental Regulatory Enhancement

Purpose: To provide funding for the costs of planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the capability of tribal governing bodies to regulate environmental quality pursuant to federal and tribal environmental laws.

Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized Indian tribes; Consortia of Indian tribes; Incorporated non-federally recognized tribes; Incorporated state-recognized tribes; Alaska Native villages, as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and/or non-profit village consortia; Non-profit Alaska Native Regional Corporation/Associations in Alaska with village specific projects; Other tribal or village organizations or consortia of Indian tribes; and Tribal governing bodies (IRA or traditional councils) as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Funding Range: \$300,000 per Budget Period.

Program Activities: The ERE program supports the principle that projects must follow tribal cultural preservation and natural resource management priorities in order to achieve environmentally healthy, sustainable Native American and Alaska Native communities. The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) is therefore interested in supporting locally designed projects that strengthen tribal environmental regulatory programs in a manner consistent with the goals of native communities. Program areas of interest for this FOA include, but are not limited to, the following:

Providing training and education to employees responsible for enforcing, or monitoring compliance with, environmental quality laws; Developing laws, regulations, and ordinances to protect the environment; Enforcing and monitoring environmental quality laws, regulations, and ordinances; Establishing baseline condition for regulatory purposes; Informing the community about regulations and environmental

stewardship; Building the technical and program capability of the tribe or organization to perform essential environmental program functions to meet tribal and federal regulatory requirements; Establishing demonstration projects to exhibit technologies, which can lead to compliance with environmental regulations.

Additional Information: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/index.cfm?switch=foa&fon=HHS-2014-ACF-ANA-NR-0777>

Program Name: Center for Disease Control (CDC) / National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) / Arctic Investigations Program (AIP)

Purpose: AIP's mission is the prevention of infectious diseases in people of the Arctic and sub-Arctic. AIP places a special emphasis on diseases of high incidence and concern among the Alaska Native and other northern indigenous peoples. AIP conducts infectious disease surveillance, evaluate prevention services, and conduct applied research in collaboration with our partners.

Eligible Applicants: N/A

Funding Range: Intramural.

Program Activities: AIP focuses its research on priority areas that are of regional importance. These priority areas include: Surveillance in Alaska; Elimination of health disparities; Emerging infectious diseases; Preparedness and response; Circumpolar health; Water and sanitation. Focusing on these priority areas allows AIP to achieve its mission of preventing infectious diseases in the Arctic and sub-Arctic. These research priorities also provide a platform for strong partnerships, which combine CDC subject-matter expertise with local knowledge and community involvement. By working together, AIP has become a national and international research leader.

Additional Information: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dpei/aip/>

Program Name: CDC – National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) American Indian/Alaska Native Program

Purpose: Collaborate with American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, organizations and partners to provide occupational safety and health (OSH) support.

Eligible Applicants: Tribal representatives, tribal employers, or their designees in need of occupational safety and health support can contact CDC/NIOSH directly to access a variety of programs.

Funding Range: N/A

Program Activities: Addresses occupational safety and health in tribal communities. NIOSH provides technical expertise in OSH through field studies and investigations, conducts health hazard evaluations (HHEs) and fatality investigations, and provides resources on specific OSH topics. We can offer technical assistance (tribal representatives, tribal employers/employees, and their designees). These include Health Hazard Evaluations, Fatality Investigations, and safety program support.

Additional Information: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>

Program Name: CDC –NIOSH Climate Change Initiative

Purpose: Ensure current, emerging, and anticipated worker safety and health issues associated with climate change are appropriately identified and prioritized, and to determine the most important actions that are appropriate for CDC/NIOSH to address. Can provide technical assistance regarding occupational safety and health issues.

Funding Range: No direct funding, no cost for technical assistance.

Program Activities: Promote and coordinate intramural and extramural research, support and help facilitate other CDC/NIOSH initiatives with climate change implications, establish research priorities, recommend appropriate policies to CDC/NIOSH Leadership, interact with other agencies and organizations involved with climate change and participate on standard setting or technology development committees and work groups; Prepare and publish communication products regarding worker safety and health and climate change; Coordinate the provision of occupational safety and health related technical assistance to communities affected by climate change.

Additional Information: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/climate/default.html>

Program Name: National Institute of Health (NIH) / National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Alaska Community Action on Toxics - Protecting the Health of Future Generations: Assessing and Preventing Exposures

Purpose: This community-based participatory research project investigates exposures to two classes of emerging endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) with the Yupik people of St. Lawrence Island (SLI) in the *Alaskan Arctic*. Exposure to POPs from both distant and local sources is a trend in the Arctic that is likely to increase due to increased global use and production of EDCs and climate warming. The aim of this exposure assessment is to provide information, ownership of data, and training for the people of SLI so that they can plan and participate in public health actions to reduce environmental health risks.

Eligible Applicants: Yupik people of St. Lawrence Island (SLI) in the Alaskan Arctic.

Funding Range: N/A

Program Activities: The purpose of this project is to initiate research partnerships that work in collaboration with the two Yupik villages of SLI to assess multiple exposure routes of two emerging EDCs-polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and perfluorinated compounds (PFCs). The project will assess exposures to PBDEs and PFCs in surface waters through analyses of contaminant levels and biomarkers for xenobiotic chemicals in the threespine stickleback fish. The research team will also analyze household dust for PBDEs and PFCs. Because the Yupik people of SLI depend on the harvest of wild foods to sustain them and their way of life, the research team will analyze levels of PBDEs and PFCs in traditional foods which are likely a major exposure pathway due to the biomagnification of POPs in marine mammals and fish that are critical components of the Yupik diet. This study will include a human

biomonitoring component in order to assess levels of PBDEs and PFCs in human blood serum in relation to measures of thyroid health.

Finally, the research team collaborates with the leadership, elders, and youth of SLI to develop measures to prevent and mitigate environmental exposures through community educational programs and public policy actions, including community-based research institutes for college credit, health fairs for all community members, and workshops for health care providers.

Additional Information:

http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/portfolio/index.cfm/portfolio/grantDetail/grant_number/R01ES019620

Program Name: NIH / NIEHS Research to Action

Purpose: Bring together community members and environmental and occupational health researchers to investigate the potential health risks of environmental and occupational exposures that are of concern to the community. The overall goal is to support changes to prevent or reduce exposure to harmful environmental exposures and improve the health of a community.

Eligible Applicants: All projects must include at least one research scientist in environmental or occupational health sciences in addition to at least one member of a community-based organization (CBO) who works directly and regularly with the affected community. The partnership between the research scientist and CBO should be equitable and draw upon the unique strengths that each brings to the partnership. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions encouraged to apply.

Funding Range: Direct costs must be less than \$500,000 in any year, and need to reflect actual needs of the proposed project. The maximum period is 5 years.

Program Activities: Data collection, translation of research into public health action, and project evaluation are all required. Information collected will be translated into public health action using a variety of strategies; applicants must develop an education, outreach, prevention or intervention program(s) designed to improve overall understanding of the problem amongst community members, healthcare professionals or policymakers and to promote actions that will prevent or reduce harmful environmental / occupational exposures and improve human health. Finally, applicants must implement an evaluation plan to assess project outputs and impacts relevant to the proposed project's goals and objectives.

Additional Information:

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/programs/peph/prog/rta/index.cfm>

Program Name: NIH/NIEHS The Center for Indigenous Environmental Health Research

Purpose: Partner with American Indian and Alaskan Native communities to build capacity to evaluate environmental health exposures, increase environmental health literacy and resilience, and inform program and policy development. The Center's Community Engagement Core will collaborate with

American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities to develop culturally-relevant policies and assets-based programs that reinforce resilience to mitigate adverse health effects.

Eligible Applicants: N/A

Funding Range: N/A

Program Activities: The specific aims of the CEC are: 1) Dialogue: To equitably engage AI/AN stakeholders and CIEHR members for the ethical and culturally-appropriate translation and application of Center findings; 2) Knowledge: To strengthen the environmental health literacy (EHL) of AI/AN leaders, policy-makers and community members; 3) Action: To strengthen community resilience and capacity to promote environmental health in AI/AN communities on tribal lands and in urban settings; and 4) Evaluation: To assess the effectiveness of the CEC activities and contributions to the mission of the Center. The CEC will achieve the aims by utilizing long-term partnerships with tribal, rural, and urban AI/AN communities. The CEC will also build on the knowledge, lessons learned, strategies, and resources from the two established Centers located at the same institution: the Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center and Center for American Indian Resilience. All CEC strategies and activities will be informed by community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles, which have been shown to be effective in AI/AN communities. Major strategies will include: 1) guiding the development of Community Advisory Boards (CABs) for each proposed research project and pilot projects; 2) giving presentations at tribal meetings, AI/AN health events, regional forums and national conferences; 3) conducting baseline assessments of EHL, implementing EHL community interventions and testing effectiveness; 4) developing and administering CBPR training to tribal leaders, community members, and researchers; 5) identifying and implementing strategies for enhancing community assets and resilience that improve health, build community capacity, and foster policy change; and 6) conducting short, mid, and long-term evaluation of CEC activities. The CEC will collaborate with the CABs and AI/AN partners to disseminate and translate successful research outcomes to tribal leadership, local communities, regional and national AI/AN forums, and scientific audiences to reduce environmental health risks and build AI/AN resilience across the U.S.

Additional Information:

http://projectreporter.nih.gov/project_info_description.cfm?aid=8994391&icde=25964664&ddparam=&dvalue=&ddsub=&cr=3&csb=default&cs=ASC

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Program Name: Community Development Block Grant

Purpose: To provide funding to metropolitan cities, urban counties and states to support their housing and community development strategies to develop viable urban communities.

Eligible Applicants: Funds are allocated by formula to metropolitan cities, urban counties and States.

Funding Range: Annual formula grants are provided to Alaska's two CDBG grantees – the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Program Activities: Develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons.

Additional Information:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment

Program Name: Emergency Solutions Grants Program

Purpose: To provide grant funds to State and local governments for the rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelter for the homeless, for the payment of certain expenses related to operating emergency shelters, for essential services related to emergency shelters and street outreach for the homeless, and for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing.

Eligible Applicants: The homeless, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

Funding Range: Annual formula grants for the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Program Activities: Rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelter for the homeless, for the payment of certain expenses related to operating emergency shelters, for essential services related to emergency shelters and street outreach for the homeless, and for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

Additional Information: portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudprograms/esg

Program Name: Indian Community Development Block Grant

Purpose: Development of viable Indian and Alaska native communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Eligible Applicants: Federally-recognized Tribes or Indian Organizations on behalf of Federally-recognized Tribes. For the standard ICDBG program, applicant must submit an application under the annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Applications for imminent threat grants are processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Funding Range: The Alaska Office of Native American Programs has an estimated ICDBG allocation for FY2015 of \$6,500,000 for grant awards. The ICDBG program also has a national set-aside of approximately \$3,500,000 to fund Imminent Threat applications.

Program Activities: The competitive ICDBG program may be used for new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of residential units and public facilities as well as housing services, economic development projects. There is also a national set-aside for ICDBG Imminent Threat (IT) grants that are intended to alleviate or remove threats to health or safety as described at 24 CFR Part 1003, subpart E.

These grants provide a solution to problems of an urgent nature that were not evident at the time of the ICDBG Single Purpose funding grant cycle or require immediate action. These are non-competitive grants up to \$450,000 (\$900,000 for Presidentially-Declared Disasters) on a first come first serve basis. 70 percent of each grant must support activities that benefit low and moderate income persons.

Additional Information:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/fundingprogram#IHBG

Program Name: Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims – 203(h)

Purpose: This program provides mortgage insurance to protect lenders against the risk of default on mortgages to qualified disaster victims.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible customers are anyone whose home has been destroyed or severely damaged in a Presidential declared disaster area.

Funding Range: No down payment is required. The borrower is eligible for 100 percent financing. Closing costs and applicable fees must be paid according to program requirements.

Program Activities: Insure mortgages.

Additional Information: portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudprograms/mifdv_section203h

Program Name: Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) - Indian Housing Block Grant Program

Purpose: Supports a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas.

Eligible Applicants: Federally-recognized Tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entities are eligible to participate in this program.

Funding Range: Annual formula block grant to Indian Tribes and/or TDHEs. Alaska recipients received \$94,588,589 State-wide in FY 2015 for the Indian Housing Block Grant program.

Program Activities: IHBG funding can be used for a variety of activities including new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, housing services, and crime prevention. The Title VI loan guarantee program can be used to leverage all the above activities with a private market loan.

Additional Information:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/fundingprogram#IHBG

Program Name: Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program

Purpose: Provides homeownership opportunities to Native American living on trust, restricted, and simple fee land.

Eligible Applicants: Native Americans, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities.

Funding Range: Varies.

Program Activities: This program offers HUD approved loan guarantees to private sector lenders who make home mortgage loans to eligible participants.

Additional Information:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/fundingprogram#IHBG

Program Name: Title VI Loan Guarantee Program

Purpose: To obtain financing for up to five times the amount of the Tribe's annual NAHASDA IHBG.

Eligible Applicants: Federally Recognized Tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entities are eligible to participate in this program.

Funding Range: Varies.

Program Activities: Financing can be used for any affordable housing purpose in accordance with an approved Indian Housing Plan.

Additional Information:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/fundingprogram#IHBG

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Program Name: Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)

Purpose: Plan, design, and construct certain flood risk management and navigation improvements without specific congressional authorization. The basic objective of this program is to allow the Corps to respond more quickly to problems or needs where the apparent project scope and costs are small.

Eligible Applicants: State, Local, and Tribal Governments and ANCSA Corporations.

Funding Range: The amount of Federal participation is limited by Congress, and varies for each individual authority, however it is typically \$5 million Federal, cost shared 65% Federal, 35% Non-Federal.

Program Activities: Several authorities exist under CAP which allow the Corps to assist communities with aquatic ecosystem, flood damage reduction, small navigation, and emergency streambank and shoreline protection projects. An example of the type of work supported by this program is the construction of a small revetment at Shishmaref to reduce risks of coastal erosion.

Additional Information:

[http://planning.usace.army.mil/toolbox/agree.cfm?Id=229&Option=Continuing%20Authorities%20Program%20\(CAP\)&List=Process](http://planning.usace.army.mil/toolbox/agree.cfm?Id=229&Option=Continuing%20Authorities%20Program%20(CAP)&List=Process)

Program Name: International and Interagency Support Services

Purpose: Planning, design, and/or construction for others.

Eligible Applicants: Federal State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Funding Range: No per-project limit, all costs are born by the supported entity.

Program Activities: Interagency and International Services (IIS) is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) program providing technical assistance to non-Department of Defense (DoD) federal agencies, state and local governments, tribal nations, private U.S. firms, international organizations, and foreign governments. Most IIS work is funded on a reimbursable basis. The Corps provides engineering and construction services, environmental restoration and management services, research and development assistance, management of water and land related natural resources, relief and recovery work, and other management and technical services. An example of the type of work provided by this 100% stakeholder-funded program is the initiation of an adaptation study for Denali Commission looking at protect in place versus relocation for 31 communities identified by the GAO.

Additional Information:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/MilitaryMissions/InteragencyInternationalSupport.aspx>

Program Name: Planning Assistance to States

Purpose: This program permits the Corps to use its technical planning expertise to supplement and support state and Indian tribe efforts to undertake broad, statewide, comprehensive water resources planning. Upon request, the Corps will cooperate with a state or tribe in the preparation of plans for the development, use and conservation of water and related land resources located within the state or tribal boundaries.

Eligible Applicants: State, Local, and Tribal Governments and ANCSA Corporations.

Funding Range: Cost shared at 50 percent federal, 50 percent non-federal. Limited to \$2 million per state or tribe annually. Individual studies generally range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Program Activities: Provides assistance to states, local governments, tribes and other non-federal entities for preparation of comprehensive plans for development and conservation of water and related land

resources. Studies are planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project construction.

Additional Information:

<http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Portals/34/docs/civilworks/CAP/Section22PlanningAssistancetoStatesandTribes.pdf> (note: each Corps District has information about this program on their website).

Program Name: Tribal Partnership Program

Purpose: Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with Indian tribes and the heads of other Federal agencies, to study and determine the feasibility of carrying out projects that will substantially benefit Indian tribes.

Eligible Applicants: Tribal Governments and ANCSA Corporations.

Funding Range: No per-project limit, cost shared based on project purpose.

Program Activities: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can conduct studies that will substantially benefit Indian tribes. Topics that could be studied include flood damage reduction, environmental restoration and protection, preservation of natural and cultural resources, and, other projects the Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with Indian tribes and the heads of other Federal agencies, determines to be appropriate. This program provides an opportunity to assist with water resources projects that address economic, environmental and cultural resources needs.

Additional Information: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/TribalNations.aspx>

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Program Name: Business and Industry Loan Guarantee

Purpose: Can assist rural business with construction, repairs, equipment, machinery, inventory and supplies.

Eligible Applicants: For-profit businesses, Nonprofits and cooperatives, Federally-recognized Tribes, Public bodies and Individuals in rural areas of 50,000 people or less.

Funding Range: \$5 – \$10 million loan limit with certain exceptions.

Program Activities: Eligible activities include but are not limited to: (1) business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development; (2) purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities; (3) purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, supplies, or inventory; (4) debt refinancing when new jobs will be created and other conditions are met;

(5) business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will keep the business from closing and/or save or create jobs.

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees/ak>

Program Name: Community Facilities Loans and Grants

Purpose: Finance essential rural community facilities.

Eligible Applicants: Public bodies, non-profits, Tribes.

Funding Range: Grants are limited to 75% of project cost but average about \$30,000 due to limitation of funding. No loan limit.

Program Activities: Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ak>

Program Name: Electric Loans

Purpose: Build and repair electric infrastructure.

Eligible Applicants: Electric co-ops and other utilities (primarily).

Funding Range: No loan limit.

Program Activities: Funds may be used to finance electric infrastructure for: maintenance; upgrades; expansion; replacement of distribution, sub transmission and headquarters (service and warehouse) facilities; energy efficiency; and renewable energy systems.

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-infrastructure-loan-loan-guarantee-program>

Program Name: Rural Business Development Grant

Purpose: Facilitate the development of small and emerging business.

Eligible Applicants: Public bodies, non-profits and tribes.

Funding Range: \$50,000 - 100,000 maximum grant (depending on activity type).

Program Activities: Congress historically has mandated a portion of this program's funding specifically for Federally Recognized Tribes.

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants/ak>

Program Name: Rural Energy for America Loans and Grants

Purpose: Purchase or install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements.

Eligible Applicants: Agricultural producers and rural small businesses.

Funding Range: Loan guarantees to \$25M; Grants to \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements or \$500,000 for renewable energy systems.

Program Activities: Funds may be used for the purchase, installation and construction of renewable energy systems, such as: Biomass (for example biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels); Geothermal for electric generation or direct use; Hydropower below 30 megawatts; Hydrogen; Small and large wind generation; Small and large solar generation; Ocean (tidal, current, thermal) generation.

Funds may also be used for the purchase, installation and construction of energy efficiency improvements, such as: High efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC); Insulation; Lighting; Cooling or refrigeration units; Doors and windows; Electric, solar or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots; Switching from a diesel to electric irrigation motor; Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment.

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency/ak>

Program Name: Sewer, Water, Solid Waste Loans and Grants

Purpose: Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

Eligible Applicants: This program assists qualified applicants that are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include: Most State and local governmental entities, Private non-profits and Federally-recognized Tribes.

Funding Range: Grants are limited to 75% of project cost. No loan limit.

Program Activities: Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of: drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution; sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal and closure; and storm water collection, transmission and disposal.

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/ak>

Program Name: Single Family Direct and Guaranteed Loans

Purpose: Finance the purchase of homes for rural residents.

Eligible Applicants: Low and very low income individuals in rural areas of 35,000 people or less.

Funding Range: The maximum loan amount an applicant may qualify for will depend on the applicant's repayment ability. The applicant's ability to repay a loan considers various factors such as income, debts, assets and the amount of payment assistance applicants may be eligible to receive. Regardless of repayment ability, applicants may never borrow more than the [Area's Loan Limits](#) (plus certain costs allowed to be financed) for the county in which the property is located.

Program Activities: Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities.

Additional Information:

Single Family Direct Loan: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-direct-home-loans/ak>

Single Family Guaranteed Loan: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-guaranteed-loan-program/ak>

Program Name: Single Family Repair Loans and Grants

Purpose: Finance repair of homes.

Eligible Applicants: Very low income homeowners in rural areas. Grants are only available to very-low income homeowners in rural areas that are at least 62 years old.

Funding Range: Loans up to \$20,000 at 1%, grants up to \$7,500. Loan grant combinations up to \$27,500 in certain circumstances.

Program Activities: Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards. Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants>

Program Name: Telecom Loans

Purpose: This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.

Eligible Applicants: Most entities that provide telecommunications in qualified rural areas including: State and local governmental entities, Federally Recognized Tribes, Non-profits, including Cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual association and For-profit businesses (must be a corporation or limited liability company).

Funding Range: No loan limit.

Program Activities: Funds may be used to finance broadband capable telecommunications service: Improvements; Expansions; Construction; Acquisitions (in certain cases); Refinancing (in certain cases).

Additional Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees>