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GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION is happy to announce a **NEW SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 and preference given to organizations with annual operating budgets under \$200,000. The goal of this grantmaking program is to foster a more effective, sustainable conservation movement through funding to strengthen its leadership base, encourage collaboration and help leaders and organizations navigate changing political and economic climates. Details can be found at www.alaskaconservation.org/grant-opportunities/small-grants-program.

OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY intends to solicit applications from Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native regional corporations and village corporations) and tribal energy resource development organizations under the following topic areas:

- Conduct energy options analyses
- Establish baseline energy use
- Develop energy organizations
- Conduct climate resiliency planning
- Establish policy, regulations, and codes to reduce energy use or promote energy develop
- Obtain skills and training related to energy use and development

It is expected that proposed activities will result in specific measurable results or end-products that will lead to the development and deployment of energy solutions, and/or build knowledge or skills necessary to implement successful strategic energy solutions. [U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs: Notice of Intent: First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands](#) **Deadline:** Unspecified

Contact: Christina Dunn at tribal@ee.doe.gov **Eligibility:** Native American tribal governments and Native American tribal organizations are eligible to apply. **Award Information:** Unspecified at this time.

****COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: RURAL & TRIBAL PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** provides technical assistance for tribes and rural communities of less than 50,000 people to plan system start-up, transit service improvements, facility development, marketing, transportation coordination, and staff training. This is a technical assistance opportunity funded by USDA and administered by the Community Transportation Association of America. **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis **Contact:** Charles Rutkowski at (800) 891-0590 ext. 719 or rutkowski@ctaa.org **Eligibility:** Requests for technical assistance may be submitted by private for-profit businesses, nonprofit organizations, or federally recognized tribes. Other public entities are not eligible. Rural is defined as an area with a population of less than 50,000.

****NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER: SMALL RURAL HOSPITAL TRANSITION PROJECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** provides technical assistance to small hospitals in rural, persistent-poverty areas to help prepare and assist them in moving from a

fee-for-service and volume based payment system to one that is dependent on value and quality. Technical assistance will focus on:

- Improving key financial ratios and profitability
- Improving patient care and operations related to rural relevant measures
- Addressing and meeting local clinical need in an economically viable manner

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis **Contact:** Bethany Adams at (859) 806-2940 or badams@ruralcenter.org **Eligibility:** Hospitals must be located in a rural community or a persistent poverty county that has 49 staffed beds or less as reported on the hospital's most recently filed Medicare Cost Report. Hospitals may be for-profit or nonprofit. **Award Information:** Onsite consultation technical assistance will be provided to nine selected hospitals that meet eligibility, readiness, and participation requirements.

October 31

Deadline for application for **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROJECTS**.

The federally-funded program provides up to 50 percent matching grants for acquisition or development of parks and other public outdoor recreation facilities. State, regional and local entities with the legal authority to provide park and recreation services on public lands are eligible to apply. The application package, including blank forms, examples and rating criteria is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/lwcf.htm> or by contacting LWCF Grants Administrator Jean Ayers at jean.ayers@alaska.gov or call 907-269-8694.

**** November 4**

Deadline for application for the **EE-Kickstarter Competitive Award**. AHFC has allocated \$150,000 to assist facility owners to implement energy efficiency projects. Kickstarter competitive awards will be given to at least 15 facility owners across Alaska to accelerate energy efficiency project development. The maximum award is \$10,000 per facility owner. This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is open to School Districts, Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA's), Federally Recognized Tribes, and Municipalities with a population base of 20,000 or less. Funding provided through the United States Department of Energy. Applications and instructions for this Funding Announcement can be found at <https://www.ahfc.us/pros/notices/funding-availability/>. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm Local Anchorage Time, November 4, 2016. Please direct questions and submissions to rjordan@ahfc.us or 907-330-8115.

****November 14**

Deadline for applications for the **US FISH & WILDLIFE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**, a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the [North American Wetlands Conservation Act](#). These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. From September 1996 through April 2016, some 1,600 partners in 750 projects have received more than \$43.2 million in grants. They have contributed another \$155 million in matching funds to affect 359,000 acres of habitat. Go to [U.S. Small NAWCA Grant](#) to learn how to apply. For more information, go to <https://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/small-grants.php>.

November 17

Deadline for requests for proposals for the **DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATIONISTS 2017** from the **NATIONAL FISH and WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF)** in cooperation with its federal partners, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Forest Service (USFS) announce an initiative to connect youth to the outdoors by providing financial support for conservation employment programs. The initiative, Developing the Next Generation of Conservationists, brings together public and private partners to support those organizations that are developing innovative conservation job opportunities for youth on public lands. These job opportunities, in turn, expose young people, particularly urban, tribal and minority youth, to the natural world and career opportunities available in conservation. In 2017, approximately \$1.5 million (\$1,000,000 BLM, \$225,000 Reclamation and \$350,000 USFS (subject to appropriations) will be available for matching grants nationwide. The funding is part of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC) effort to provide meaningful employment opportunities to young Americans to protect, restore, and enhance our nation's great outdoors. Project work funded through this program is restricted to habitat and species restoration projects that directly benefit BLM, Reclamation and USFS facilities, lands, programs or mission.

**** November 18**

The purpose of the **RURAL ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE GRANT PROGRAM** is to reduce the disproportionate number of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. The Youth Development and Culture Grant Program targets both a reduction in the disproportionate contact Alaska Native youth have with the juvenile justice system in Alaska, and an increase in the ability of the Alaska Native communities ultimately funded through this program to better develop and manage Department of Health & Social Services grant programs. **Contact:** Amy Modig at amodig@ruralcap.com or (800) 478-6343 **Eligibility:** 1. Applicants must be a federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or public or private nonprofit institution in rural Alaska. 2. Applicant organizations proposing projects with significant impact on rural Alaska Native youth ages 12-17 may apply. 3. To ensure funding opportunities reach a wide variety of communities, applicants who have received 3 or more previous DJJ Youth Development and Culture Camp Grant Program awards are not eligible to apply. **Award Information:** Rural CAP anticipates funding up to five projects of up to \$8,000.

November 30

Deadline for applications for **[NOAA'S TEACHER AT SEA PROGRAM](#) for 2017.** Applications and references are accepted only through the online application system from November 1–30. Interested applicants should (1) visit the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) to learn more about program eligibility and expectations and (2) download the [pdf preview of the application](#).

****December 1, 2016**

NTCA THE RURAL BROADBAND ASSOCIATION: SMART RURAL COMMUNITY COLLABORATION CHALLENGE will provide funding to support the development and implementation of innovative broadband-enabled solutions to support rural commerce, healthcare, public safety, economic development, education, energy, or other community-oriented initiatives. **Contact:** smarrural@ntca.org **Eligibility:** Application is limited to telco members of NTCA. If a community or tribe is interested, they should reach out to their telecom provider. **Award Information:** Up to \$5,000 will be made

December 19

Deadline for applications for the **MARINE DEBRIS RESEARCH GRANT** for proposals for research on marine debris impact and behaviors. This opportunity provides funding to support eligible organizations to conduct research directly related to marine debris through field, laboratory, and modeling experiments. Applicants requesting funding for research that explores the ecological risk associated with marine debris, determines debris exposure levels, and examines the fate and transport of marine debris in nearshore, coastal environments are welcome to apply. Projects may address one or more of these research priorities and should be original, hypothesis-driven projects that have not previously been addressed to scientific standards. For questions on the opportunity, please contact Peter Murphy (peter.murphy@noaa.gov). MDP Summary - <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>, Grants.Gov Full Opportunity - <http://www.grantbs.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=289016>.

****December 20, 2016**

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANTS provide funds to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to brownfields sites. Among other things, funding may be used for the health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from a brownfields site. Assessment Grant funds may not be used to conduct cleanups. Assessment grants for individual applicants can be either community-wide or site-specific. Community-wide proposals are appropriate when a specific site is not identified and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on more than one brownfield in its community. **Contact:** Jerry Minor-Gordon at minor-gordon.jerry@epa.gov

Eligibility: The following entities are eligible to apply for an Assessment Grant.

- Local government
 - Land clearance authority
 - Government entity created by state legislature
 - Regional council
 - Redevelopment agency
 - State
 - Indian tribe (other than in Alaska)
 - Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community
- Award Information:** The estimated total funding available is \$54,000,000 and 234 cooperative agreements are expected to be awarded. The maximum award amount is \$42,000,000.

****December 20, 2016**

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: BROWNFIELDS

CLEANUP GRANTS Brownfields Cleanup grants provide funding for a grant recipient to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields sites. Funds may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and/or hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances comingled with petroleum). **Contact:** Susan Morales at morales.susan@epa.gov or (206) 553-7299 **Eligibility:** The following entities are eligible to apply for a Cleanup Grant.

- Local government
- Land clearance authority
- Government entity created by state legislature
- Regional council
- Redevelopment agency
- State
- Indian tribe (other than in Alaska)
- Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community
- Non-profit organization

Award Information: Approximately \$54,000,000 will be made available and 294 cooperative agreements are expected to be awarded. The maximum award amount is \$12,000,000. An applicant may request up to \$200,000 to address hazardous substances and/or petroleum contamination at a specified site. An applicant requesting both hazardous substances and petroleum cleanup funding at the same site must submit one proposal, which cannot exceed \$200,000 total. An applicant can submit up to three site-specific cleanup proposals.

December 20, 2016

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR ADOLESCENT AND

TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH TREATMENT IMPLEMENTATION This program provides funding to states, territories, or tribes to increase access to and improve treatment for adolescents and/or transitional aged youth with substance use disorders and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. Programs are intended to bring together stakeholders in order to strengthen an existing network that will enhance or expand treatment services, develop policies, expand workforce capacity, disseminate evidence-based practices, and otherwise improve integration and efficiency of substance use disorder treatment. **Contact:** Eileen Bermudez at (240) 276-1412 or FOACSAT@samhsa.hhs.gov

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are state governments and federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations. **Award Information:** The total program funding available is \$9,600,000 and 12 awards are expected to be made. The maximum award amount is \$800,000. The project period will be up to four years.

****December 31, 2016**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UTILITIES PROGRAMS: FY 2017 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM supports the following activities:

- Evaluating current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources in rural areas;
 - Providing technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills in rural areas;
 - Providing technical assistance and/or training to help associations reduce the solid waste stream; and
 - Providing technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills in rural areas which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements. **Contact:** Lavonda Pernell at (202) 720-9635 or lavonda.pernell@wdc.usda.gov
- Eligibility:** Private, non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. **Award Information:** An estimated \$4,000,000 in total program funding will be made available and forty grants are expected to be awarded.

****December 31, 2016**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UTILITIES PROGRAMS: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed an pre-application with the Rural Utilities Service in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. **Contact:** Anita O'Brien at (202) 690-3789 or anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov **Eligibility:** Private, non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. **Award Information:** An estimated \$19,000,000 in total program funding will be made available and 17 grants are expected to be awarded.

****August 31, 2017**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TRIBES FOR FY 2017 The Bureau Program (Technical Assistance Program [TAP]), provides technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. The TAP is intended to establish cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to ensure that tribes have the opportunity to participate fully in the Reclamation Program as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. **Contact:** Darren Olson at (303) 445-3697 or dolson@usbr.gov **Eligibility:** Native

American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) are eligible to apply. Award Information: A total of \$200,000 in program funding will be made available and 20 cooperative agreements will be awarded of Reclamation, through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes