

# THE ALASKA CLEARINGHOUSE



Connecting Alaska with ARRA funding opportunities



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# What is the Alaska Clearinghouse?



- **The Clearinghouse is a coalition made up of State, Federal and Non-Profit Organizations**
  - Alaska Legislature – Jon Bittner
  - Denali Commission – Adison Smith
  - US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Patrick Hatch
  - Rasmuson Foundation – Christopher Perez
  - Alaska Federal Executive Association

# What Does The Clearinghouse Do?



- We work with communities and organizations to match projects up with applicable grants
- We assist applicants in navigating federal grant requirements
- We perform community outreach
- We research funding opportunities
- We do data collection and organization
- And most importantly, we ensure that as many individuals, organizations and communities as possible receive the information they need to secure ARRA funds.

# What Kind Of Funding Do We Track?



- **We Track All Funding Opportunities Made Available Through The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 In The Following Categories:**
  - Competitive grants – These funds are allocated to federal, state or regional agencies, usually through existing grant programs, to distribute through a competitive grant process.
  - Formula funding to competitive grants – We try to keep track of any formula funding that is subsequently offered as competitive grants, but the information can be difficult to locate
  - Tax incentives/bonds – These programs provide tax breaks, rebates or bond authority to provide funding to eligible entities
  - Funding Alaska has received - Funding that the State has received through State agencies, tribes and named entities

# Available Funding Information

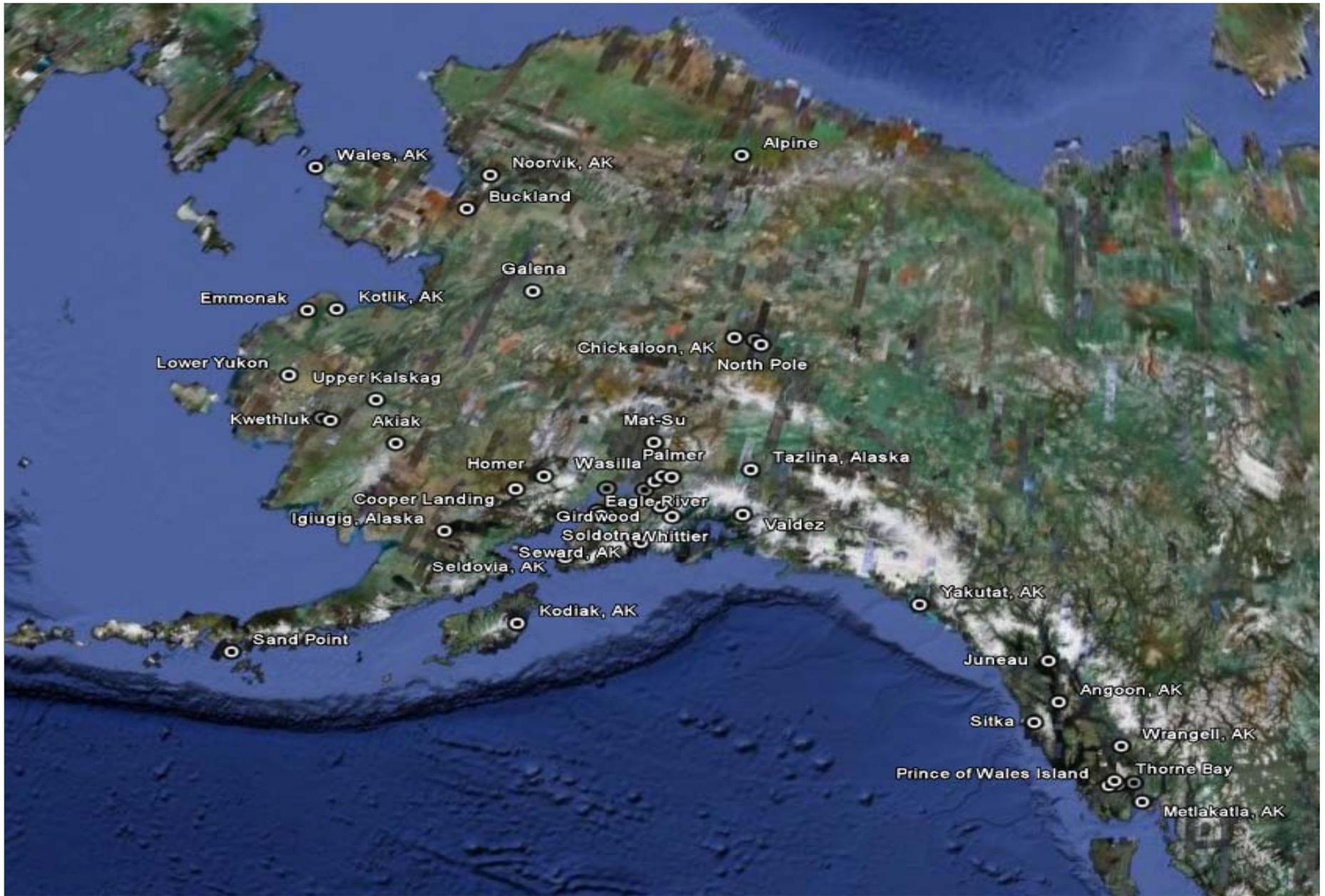


- **There are currently around 40 active grants that we are tracking, as well as various other ARRA funded loans, loan incentives, tax benefits and bonding authorities**
  - More become available every week
  - Period between notice and deadline for grants is short
- **The eligibility requirements and project restrictions are different for each one**
  - The Clearinghouse has a list of available funding opportunities with short summaries including eligibility information and grant program contact information on our website.

# Who has been contacting us?



- **Non-profits**
- **Municipalities**
- **Tribal organizations**
- **Private individuals**
- **Small businesses**
- **Utilities**
- **Legislative offices**
- **Worker training programs**



**LOCATIONS OF ALL CALLS TO THE ALASKA CLEARINGHOUSE BY CITY**

# How Do We Match Projects With Programs?

- When we receive ARRA funded project information we input it into our grant log
- When we receive project information, we input it into our call log
- After the project form has been filled out, we match the project to available funding opportunities using a combination of eligibility requirements and keywords
- The information is exported to a formatted report that automatically fills in the relevant information

The screenshot shows the 'DataEntryForm' application window. It features a top navigation bar with 'New Record', 'Search by field', 'Save', and 'Close' buttons. The main area is divided into several sections: 'Caller Information' (Caller Name, Organization, Email, Phone Number, etc.), 'Project Information' (Location, Response Notes), 'Organization Types' (a list with 'EO' selected), and 'Keywords' (a list with 'Keyword' selected). On the right side, there are 'Record Functions' (New Record, Save, Search by Field) and 'Match to Grants and Report' (Match Grants, Review Matches, Export Data for Report) buttons. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Record: 1 of 205' and 'No Filter'.

Project Information Form

The screenshot shows the 'EnterGrants' application window. It has a top navigation bar with 'New Record', 'Search by field', 'Save', and 'Close' buttons. The main area is divided into several sections: 'Contact Information' (Name, ID, Date Entered/Modified), 'Grant Application' (Type, Purpose, Eligible Applicants, Grantee Requirements, Status, State Participation, Local Government Participation, Tribal Participation, Originating Law), and 'EO Grants subform' (a list with 'EO' selected). The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Record: 1 of 180' and 'No Filter'.

Grant Information Form

# Finished Report

- The information in these reports is automatically pulled from our database records
- Report information includes:
  - Previous contacts, project background and overview, potential funding opportunities, contact info, and any additional information we may have
- Each finished report is sent to the project contact and then attached to the project record in the database for further reference

April 9, 2009 ALASKA CLEARINGHOUSE GRANT CASEFILE

GRANT APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT STATUS:** 4-9-09 sent out the grant suggestions below and asked if there was anything else we could do for Mr. \_\_\_\_\_. I indicated that we would continue to monitor the available grants and the eligibility requirements as that information became available in order to keep him informed. I will also forward this to Gene Kane and the Staff person from HUD to see if they have any further recommendations or insight for Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ regarding securing grants through their agencies.

#### OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

\_\_\_\_\_ has a very nice packet put together outlining past funding successes as well as their current needs. The projects listed in their packet include:

- A **water treatment facility** to deal with high levels of organic material. They need a \$12,500 match for a \$50,000 grant they got through USDA rural development program.
- Need to finish the **Davidson Landing harbor facility**. It is 2/3 complete and 2/3 unfunded
- **Thorne Bay road improvements**. A lot of roads need to be re-graded (costs roughly \$3/ft to gravel over roads there) and a new road needs to be built between a nearby village and Goose Creek (that road has made the top 10 STIP project list for Region 10).
- **Solid waste site** needs to be built, old one needs to be closed. They need an additional \$200,000 to open another solid waste site. It requires them to excavate the new cell, line the bottom with 5 feet of gravel. The old site needs to be covered over with 6 inches of top soil.
- **Downtown Development** to counteract decreasing number of businesses. Wants to use or sell 8 ocean front lots to increase business and tax revenues.
- **Multi-use facility** needs to be built. Their current facility is falling apart. They use it for all of their community gatherings including funerals. Want the new facility to include their City Hall, Health Clinic, Community Space and Library. They are planning on condemning the current community building.
- **Harbor clean up** needed. There are apparently a lot of batteries at the bottom of their harbor. They need to hire a diver team to go down and collect them all.
- **Sewage treatment plant** needs fixing. When it rains they have to process 400,000 gallons of water as opposed to the 20,000 they process normally. Need to fix the drainage problems.

#### POTENTIAL GRANT OPTIONS

##### 1. MARAD Assistance to Small Shipyards – Administered by the Dept of Transportation

The ARRA includes \$100 million for the Maritime Administration to invest in capital grants and related improvements to small shipyards located in or near maritime communities.

Eligible applicants are either a shipyard or a State or local government on behalf of a shipyard. The shipyard must be one in a single geographical location, located in or near a

# Current Initiatives



- We are going to host several informational seminars on a variety of grant topics that are of interest to the community
- We are reaching out to organizations in the State to inform them of potential funding opportunities they may not be aware of
- We have created an informational database that contains records of all of the individuals and organizations that have contacted us to date as well as the most current info on ARRA grants.
- We provide up to the minute e-mail alerts on new grant offerings of particular interest to organizations in Alaska and important changes to existing grant programs

# How Do You Get In Touch With Us?



- You can call the main line at (907) 271-1414
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