

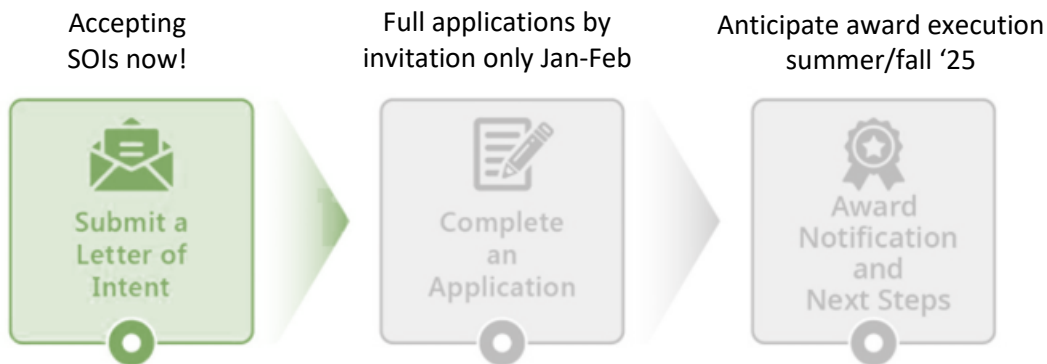


Statement of Interest (SOI) Form

Non-Federal Match/Cost-Share for Other Federal Infrastructure Grants

REVISED CLOSING DATE: SOIs MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM AKST ON JANUARY 31, 2025.

The Denali Commission is inviting statements of interest for rural Alaska infrastructure projects in need of local match or non-federal cost share for other federal funding. Many Alaska communities lack the tax base or resources necessary to meet cost share requirements. This opportunity aims to provide financial support to meet local match requirements, enabling infrastructure projects in rural areas that often face challenges in securing funding for critical needs such as energy, healthcare, community wellness, climate resilience, broadband, housing, and sanitation. Please note that waterfront transportation projects are eligible for this opportunity, but surface transportation projects are not; applications for those projects should apply to the Denali Commission's FY25 Surface Transportation Match and Gap Funding SOI.



Overview

The Commission announces the availability of funds for Non-Federal Match for Federal Infrastructure Projects that make small scale community improvements. This announcement commits up to \$7,000,000 for the purpose of this opportunity from funds received from a Legislative Grant from the State of Alaska, appropriated pursuant to the provisions of AS 37.05.316, Grants to Named Recipients, SSLA 2024, SB 187, Chapter 8, Section 4, Page 42, and Line 19, "funding to the Denali Commission for Non-Federal Match for Federal Infrastructure Projects."

Applicants may request up to \$1,000,000 per community for each application submitted through this funding opportunity.

The Commission will consider requests for public infrastructure projects that meet the following criteria:

- The project has already secured federal funding that requires a local match.
- The project is currently applying for or plans to apply for funding that requires a local match.

Eligible Project Activities

Respondents are encouraged to identify specific, shovel-ready infrastructure improvement projects and specify the funding needed for their completion. For projects involving equipment purchases or repairs, no more than 5% of these funds may be used for administrative expenses. For all other projects, administrative expenses are capped at 10% of the total grant award.

Examples of projects activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Renewable energy projects such as solar, wind, or hydroelectric installations; grid modernization or resilience projects; energy efficiency improvements in public buildings; rural power distribution projects.
- Expanding high-speed internet access in underserved or rural areas, installing fiber-optic networks, or creating public Wi-Fi zones.
- Upgrading communication systems for emergency services, constructing emergency operations centers, or improving disaster response capabilities.
- Building or upgrading schools, healthcare clinics, libraries, community centers, and public safety facilities like fire stations or emergency shelters.
- Affordable housing initiatives, development of senior or low-income housing, and improvements to existing public housing units.
- Construction of solid waste facilities, recycling centers, hazardous waste disposal, or composting systems.
- Building seawalls or levees, floodplain restoration, wildfire mitigation efforts, or retrofitting buildings for climate resilience.
- Construction or renovation of hospitals, mental health centers, addiction treatment facilities, or wellness centers.
- Construction or upgrades to water treatment plants, installation of sewage systems, development of stormwater management facilities, or improvements to drinking water infrastructure.

The cost of repair and upgrade of equipment to a project proposal should not exceed 30 percent of the proposed total project. The Commission will consider funding requests for activities that:

- Demonstrate project readiness
- Support planned land use, local or regional plans, and the pursuit of housing and economic development opportunities
- Improve community health, safety, and sustainability
- Expand public facilities in underserved areas
- Protect ecologically sensitive, erosive, or potentially erosive sites
- Improve system resiliency to extreme climate trends and natural disasters

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible projects must benefit the public in Alaska. Eligible applicants include municipal, borough, and tribal governments; Indian Tribes as defined by Title 25 US Code § 5304; regional tribal non-profit organizations; regional housing authorities; and other non-profit organizations.

Entities which do not have an active or pending award with the Denali Commission will be prioritized under this funding opportunity.

Review and Evaluation Process

The Commission will evaluate statements of interest on a rolling basis. A review committee of Commission staff and subject matter experts will conduct a conformance review and evaluate statements according to the priorities listed above, beginning to invite successful respondents by about January 15 to submit applications. Invitations for applications will give interested parties approximately 45 days to respond with a full proposal. Commission staff and subject matter experts will evaluate full applications. The Commission hopes to make awards in late spring 2025 but it's possible the application review and award notification process could take longer and awards may not be executed until fall 2025. The Commission reserves the right to partially fund projects, subject to the quality of funding assistance requests received and other relevant considerations.

This funding opportunity will close JANUARY 31, 2025. All Statements of Interest must be received by 5:00 pm Alaska Standard Time on January 31, 2025 to be considered under this funding opportunity.

Statement of Interest Form

Non-Federal Match/Cost-Share for Other Federally Funded Projects

Applicant Information

Please provide the following information.

Applicant (organization/entity): _____
 Applicant’s Representative (name): _____
 E-mail: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): _____
 Project Location/Community Served: _____
 Name of Primary Funding Agency: _____
 Title of Primary Funding Program: _____
 Match % Required: _____
 Anticipated Denali Commission Funding Request: _____
 Estimated Total Project Cost: _____
 Does project involve equipment purchase or repair? Y/N: _____
 Anticipated \$\$ request for equipment repair/purchase: _____
 Grant # or Funding Code (if available): _____
 Timeline (when notification is needed): _____
 Anticipated procurement and construction start dates: _____

Project Type

Please select the project type that best fits your proposed project. Check only one box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation/Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Infrastructure Protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare/Community Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Infrastructure |

Statement of Interest

Please provide information addressing each of the following questions using the spaces below:

1. What is the infrastructure problem and who will benefit from your proposed project?
2. What is the proposed project solution?
3. What activities have been completed to make your project “shovel-ready”?
4. What are your current grant or other funding sources?
5. What are project elements that have key funding needs?

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Statement of Interest (continued):

4. What sources of funding have you secured or are pending? Please list your primary funding, local contributions, and other funding sources, if any.

5. What are project elements that have key funding needs?

6. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your proposed project?

Funding Request

Please provide the following information.

Total Project Cost:	
Amount of Funds Requested:	

Please note that the Commission typically operates on a reimbursement basis. Payments will be made in accordance with [2 CFR 200.305](#) by electronic transfer in response to a Standard Form 270 (SF-270). Requests for reimbursements are processed as needed.

Acknowledgements and Signature

- I acknowledge that I am duly authorized to represent my organization
- I certify that my organization is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service

Signature/Date:

Submission

Please save a copy of this completed form for your records and send a copy of the Statement of Interest Form to the Commission via email at projects@denali.gov with “Non-Federal Match for Federal Infrastructure” in the email subject line.

Deadline:	Rolling Basis
Submit Applications:	projects@denali.gov
Direct Questions to:	Janet Davis, Grants Officer jdavis@denali.gov Jocelyn Fenton, Director of Programs jfenton@denali.gov
Email Subject Line:	Non-Federal Match for Federal Infrastructure
