

## Exhibit 2. Application Form

Project title: City of Aniak Wastewater Lagoon Repair or Relocate Feasibility Study

Project location(s): Aniak Alaska

Name of applicant (organization/entity): City of Aniak Alaska

Name of applicant's representative (person): Diana Lehman City Manager

Name of applicant's project manager (person): Greg Hager Public Works Director

Name of applicant's financial contact (person): Lenore Kameroff Finance Officer

- ☒ I acknowledge that I am duly authorized to represent my organization
- ☒ I acknowledge that I have reviewed all information included in the original FOA and all subsequent information related to the FOA (if any) posted on the Commission's website
- ☒ I certify that my organization is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service
- ☐ If applicable, I confirm that my organization is authorized to apply on a tribal entity's behalf and have provided reference to an appropriate authorizing resolution included in the Appendix (not subject to the page limit)

Project Summary – please describe the project:

- identify the problem
- describe the project to address the problem identified
- summarize the steps (tasks) to accomplish the project
- schedule (start and end dates or milestones)
- provide the total cost of the project and amount of funding requested
- identify if the community/communities served is/are a distressed community, disadvantaged community, and/or Environmentally Threatened Community

Aniak is a second-class (off road system) city incorporated in 1972, which is 317 air miles west of Anchorage, with a population of 460 full-time residents. Approximately 70% of the residents are members of the Aniak Tribe. The modern village of Aniak was re-settled by Native and non-Natives in 1914 when a homesteader established a trading post on the south bank of the Kuskokwim River. A territorial school was built in 1936, an airfield in 1939, a levee in 1951, and a White Alice radar-relay site in 1956 (turned over to the school district in 1979, with PCB contaminants documented in 1997, scheduled for state destruction in 2024.) Aniak infrastructure choices and potential maladaptation have been driven by the territorial/federal/and state requirements and control of the runway. The city-owned sewage lagoon was constructed in 1987 near the runway on DOT/PF owned property. Due to past flood damage the lagoon system cannot be used as it was designed for and it is in danger from climate change-increased river and flood erosion. The second lagoon valve was buried during a flood in the 1990's and the single usable lagoon is operated as a raw sewage holding cell. A 2020 Village Safe Water project established that repairing the lagoon valve exceeded project funding available to Aniak. Eventually sludge in the in-use lagoon will require removal or abandonment of the lagoon and there is the expectation that riparian erosion or Kuskokwim River flooding may further compromise and damage the lagoons. All of these possibilities create a public health hazard. Upcoming renewal of DOT/PF property lease negotiations may bring up FAA concerns that the sewer lagoon is too close to the runway, as it is assumed to attract birds that are an air navigation hazard. The project requested is a feasibility study to establish available options. Can the lagoon be moved to land that is farther away from the Kuskokwim River and farther away from the airport? Are there measures that can protect the property from the river and measures that can deter birds well enough to satisfy the FAA airport regulations? In that case can the connection to the two lagoons be repaired to extend the working life of the lagoon, bypassing the sludge buildup in lagoon one by activating the unused lagoon two? Would that solution be expected to last another 35 years? How feasible is each option, and what is the cost benefit analysis? Once funding is secured, contract with Village Safe Water and/or the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium engineers to compile and review existing information related to the lagoon operation and conduct a field study during the summer of 2023, establish options and the cost benefit analysis by January 2024, present the options to the Aniak community by February 2024.

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