



## Eligibility Information

### Community Type

The State of Alaska Village Safe Water (VSW) Statute establishes specific types of communities that are eligible for VSW funding. Your community is eligible if it meets one of the community types listed on the application. If your community is not eligible for VSW funding, contact the ADEC Facilities Programs at (907) 465-5143 to find out about other funding opportunities.

### Previous Planning Projects

In 2023, communities are invited to submit applications for new planning projects, even if they have an ongoing planning project.

### Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

All planning projects must be supported by a Tier 3 project in the SDS database identifying the deficiencies that the planning project will address. Your assigned ANTHC or VSW engineer can complete this requirement.

### Piped Service Planning Projects for Unserved Communities

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, with funding from the Indian Health Service, is developing comprehensive piped service planning projects for all unserved and underserved communities. *Therefore, planning project applications related to providing new piped water and sewer service in unserved communities are not being considered for CIP funding at this time.*

### Served Communities

These are communities where most homes have running water and sewer service.

### Unserved/Underserved Communities

These are communities where most homes currently do not have running water and sewer service from either pipes or individual wells and septic systems.

## Project Information

### Deficiency Level

Provide the total number of homes that are occupied year-round that will benefit from the proposed project.

### Project Title

Provide a title for the proposed planning project.

### Planning Needs

Describe the need of the proposed planning project. Identify the specific issues and associated impacts to public health or the environment.



### Proposed Planning Project

Describe what the proposed planning project will consider, what studies or planning efforts it will include, and the anticipated project outcomes.

### Loss of Service

Describe any system failures occurring during the past 12 months. Include any details such as duration, frequency, and cause of the failure(s). Identify the year in which the infrastructure to be addressed by the planning project was originally constructed and note any upgrades or improvements since.

### Planning Project Cost Estimate

Provide a cost estimate using the categories provided. If using the "other" cost categories, provide a label to specify what the category represents.

## Required Attachment

### Letter Signed by the Applicant

All applications require a letter, signed by the applicant, requesting the project. The letter should explain, in the applicant's own words, why the project is needed. The letter should not be a duplicate letter prepared by an agency or a consultant.

Original, photocopied or scanned electronic versions of the signed letter will be accepted.

An example of a community letter can be found online at:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/media/15710/example-of-community-letter-requesting-planning-funding.pdf>

## Optional Attachment

Planning projects that will develop a new Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Environmental Report (ER) are eligible for up to \$75,000. Updates to existing PERs and ERs are eligible for up to \$25,000. If the estimated cost of a planning project exceeds these limits, a letter justifying the additional funding must be included with the planning application.

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**Scoring Criteria**

Criteria	Points
<b>PLANNING PROJECT NEED/HEALTH IMPACT</b>	
Describes the level of service or improvement the majority of the planning project will evaluate	
<b>First Service:</b> <i>Fully piped, closed haul, or onsite water and wastewater service to homes not previously served at the proposed service level</i>	40
<b>Water Treatment Plant/Washeteria Upgrade or Replacement in Unserved Community:</b> <i>Upgrade or replacement of a combined water treatment plant/washeteria in a community that lacks water and sewer service to a majority of homes The existing facility to be upgraded or replaced must be at least 25 years old.</i>	40
<b>Regulatory Compliance (Drinking Water only):</b> <i>Address "verified" facility-related regulatory compliance (DEC Drinking Water Program verification required)</i>	40
<b>Erosion and Thawing Permafrost Impacts:</b> <i>Protect, move or replace essential system components endangered by erosion or thawing permafrost</i>	35
<b>Essential Upgrades:</b> <i>Upgrade or replace existing water or wastewater system components that have exceeded their capacity or design life, resulting in present and continuous compromises in health benefits of the system and representing a clear and substantial health hazard</i>	30
<b>Beneficial Upgrades:</b> <i>Upgrade system components or increase operational efficiencies to address intermittent compromises affecting the health benefits of the system. Includes all solid waste improvements.</i>	10
<i>None of the above</i>	0
<b>DEFICIENCY LEVEL</b>	
Describes the level of service of the majority of homes that will benefit from the project	
<i>Never been served with running water and sewer service</i>	20
<i>Currently served by truck or trailer water and/or sewer service</i>	10
<b>LOSS OF SERVICE/AGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Describes the frequency of loss of service or age of infrastructure to be improved	
<i>Regular and/or extended loss of service. Requires details about the duration, frequency and extent of lost service over the past 12 months.</i>	10
<i>More than 30 years old</i>	5
<i>None of the above</i>	0
<b>PRIMARY FACILITIES ADDRESSED BY PLANNING DOCUMENT</b>	
<i>Water and/or Sewer PER</i>	10
<i>Solid Waste PER</i>	5
<b>LOCAL CAPACITY</b>	
Reflects the community's capacity for operations and maintenance of sanitation infrastructure	
<i>75 or more O&amp;M Best Practices points</i>	15
<i>60 - 74 O&amp;M Best Practices points</i>	12
<i>50 - 59 O&amp;M Best Practices points</i>	8
<i>35 - 49 O&amp;M Best Practices points</i>	5
<i>0 - 34 O&amp;M Best Practices points</i>	0
<b>APPLICATION QUALITY</b>	
Describes the level of completeness of the application and quality of the supporting documentation	
<i>Information is complete and consistent throughout, demonstrates community involvement in the application, and contains sufficient information to support a request for funding</i>	5