

ED-900 – General Application for EDA Programs

This form is required for application to EDA grant programs, consistent with the requirements outlined in each program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Applicants are strongly encouraged to clearly and concisely respond to each answer in the space provided. Applicants should not provide additional documents or narratives without prior written approval from EDA.

A. Applicant Information

A.1. Please identify all applicants for this project.

The Lead Applicant is the party who is responsible for handling disbursements of funds and reporting to EDA.

Please note: Active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) is required of all EDA applicants and awardees at <u>www.SAM.gov</u>. Please list the relevant Commercial and Government Entity CAGE Code and SAM expiration data for all applicants and co-applicants (if any) in the table below.

	Name	SAM.gov CAGE Code	SAM.gov Registration Expiration Date	Fiscal Year End Date (mm/dd)
Lead Applicant	City of Aniak		01/01/2023	
Co-Applicant 1				

Add Co-Applicant

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B. Scope of Work

B.1. Describe the scope of work for the proposed EDA investment, including a list of project tasks to be undertaken.

List the specific tasks/activities that will be undertaken as a result of this investment.

Applicants for construction assistance should also include a statement of project components, including whether the proposed project involves the construction of a new facility (or facilities) or the expansion, renovation, or replacement of an existing facility or facilities. Applicants should also describe the proposed project components in terms of dimensions, capacities, quantities, square footage, etc. and should verify the description aligns with the engineering description provided in the preliminary engineering report, the environmental narrative, and other application materials.

Applicants for Partnership Planning Assistance should provide a narrative on the economic development activities that will be undertaken, which must include managing and maintaining the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process.

Applicants for Short Term Planning Assistance or Local Technical Assistance should provide a narrative explaining how the proposed scope of work will enhance economic development planning capacity of the identified region. Applicants should include information regarding any relationship or collaboration with other public and private entities, and should explain how the strategy will expand the capacity of public officials and economic development organizations to work effectively with employers and enable the region to plan and coordinate the use of available resources to support economic recovery and the development of a regional economy and/or develop innovative approaches to economic revitalization in the region.

Applicants for State Planning Assistance should provide a narrative outlining the proposed scope of work for the project, including the relationship to any existing CEDS or similar planning processes, and the goals and objectives of the proposed project.

Applicants for a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) should clearly define the service area of the proposed Revolving Loan Fund, the types and size of loans anticipated to be made under the RLF and the focus area of the RLF (if any). Applicants should describe how the RLF will be designed to make loans to businesses that cannot otherwise obtain traditional bank financing. Applicants should describe what (if any) technical assistance will be provided for loan applicants/borrowers and explain how quickly grant funds are expected to be deployed (i.e. lent) to potential borrowers.

The city of Aniak is one of the largest cities in the Kuskokwim region, and is a service hub for surrounding communities and yet is not able to plow their own roads in winter. The city is in need of a front end loader and a 10-yard dump truck to maintain their roads and the connectivity to the surrounding and more rural areas that rely on Aniak for imported goods that are imperative to mostly subsistence-living that is very common in this region of Alaska.

B.2. Describe the specific deliverables/outcomes that the project will produce and the primary beneficiaries or audience of those deliverables. Please note that deliverables are defined as the specific outcomes that will come from the project and differ from information on project tasks/activities requested in B.1. Project tasks/activities requested in B.1 should be reported as process steps that will be achieved to reach the final project while deliverables/outcomes detailed in B.2 are the final product produced.

The project will provide the city of Aniak to provide safe roadways and passageways for its residents as well as maintain safe methods of melt-off to prevent flooding that large snowfalls threaten around residential areas. Implementing effective roadway maintenance practices is crucial for prolonging the lifespan of paved streets, particularly in regions with harsh winters and the presence of permafrost. The extreme weather conditions in these areas can accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces, making maintenance efforts essential to ensure their longevity.

B.3. Identify the proposed time schedule for the project, including specific project milestones.

Once the funds are approved, Aniak will promptly initiate the procurement process to acquire the necessary equipment. The equipment will be delivered via barge along the river before the freezing of the waterway in October.

B.4. Describe how the proposed project aligns with one or more of EDA's investment priorities. Current EDA investment priorities are available at <u>https://www.eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/</u>. Applicants must identify all relevant investment priorities with which the project aligns with and describe how the project advances each relevant priority (ies).

This project addresses investment priority #6: "Economically Distressed and Underserved Communities" which is concerned with equity. This project serves historically underserved populations in Aniak, predominantly inhabited by tribal members of the Native Village of Aniak. It aims to improve infrastructure and access to essential services, promoting fairness and equal opportunities for the community and surrounding rural areas.

C. Project Region

C.1. Project Location

Project location is the physical location where the project work occurs. Project location information helps EDA conduct application reviews and map projects. Providing complete and accurate information is important to the application review process. For revolving loan funds (RLF), the project location is the RLF lending area.

C.1.a. For construction projects, identify the physical location of construction. Include as much geographical information as possible including street address (or close approximation), census tract(s), county(ies), and state(s). If more than one census tract applies, please identify all census tracts where the project will be located.

Example 1 (single location project such as a Water Tower, workforce training center or incubator): 1234 Daisy St., Census Tract: 53123456789, County: Adams County, State: WA

Example 2 (multi location project that does not have a defined address, such as a water or sewer line or access road): Pump at Intersection of Hwy 70 and Route 24, 500 linear feet of sewer at Mockingbird Lane, Census Tract: 53123456789, 53123456790, 53123456791, State: WA

Roadways in and around Aniak, Bethel Census Area, State: AK

C.1.b. For planning, technical assistance, revolving loan funds or other non-construction projects, identify the primary location(s) where the work will be conducted. Include as much geographical information as possible including census tract(s), county(ies), and state(s). If more than one census tract applies, please identify all census tracts where the project will be located. If all census tracts in a county apply, include "All Census Tracts" after the county name. For Revolving Loan Fund applications, please describe the proposed geographic lending area.

Example 1 (single location project such as feasibility study or economic impact study where the project location is the location where analysis is being performed): 1234 Daisy St., Census Tract: 53123456789, County: Adams County, State: WA

Example 2 (multi-location project such as a Partnership Planning grant, regional resilience project, or other regional project): County Robeson (All Census Tracts), Bladen (All Census Tracts), Columbus (all Census tracts), state NC

Example 3 (multi location project that is a statewide project): State of NC (All counties and Census Tracts)

Aniak City Office, Aniak, Bethel Census Area, State: AK