

## **ALASKA CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MITIGATION PROGRAM (ACCIMP)**

Alaska's Twenty Fifth Legislature established the **Alaska Climate Change Impact Mitigation Program (ACCIMP)** with a \$1.1M appropriation to address the immediate planning needs of communities imminently threatened by climate change-related impacts such as erosion, flooding, storm surge, and thawing permafrost. The **ACCIMP** is being administered by the Department of Commerce, Division of Community & Regional Affairs (DCRA).

The **ACCIMP** will be delivered through grants to meet specific objectives. The new program initially directs the majority of grant funds at specific communities already determined as imminently threatened by the Governor's Subcabinet on Climate Change, Immediate Action Workgroup. These communities are Shishmaref, Kivalina, Newtok, Koyukuk, Unalakleet and Shaktoolik. The **ACCIMP** may provide up to \$150,000 each for up to 4 of these communities and the balance of program funds is dedicated for mini-grants limited to \$50,000 each.

### **Grant Categories**

**1. Named-recipient community planning grants** will be available to the six communities (Shishmaref, Kivalina, Newtok, Koyukuk, Unalakleet and Shaktoolik) that were the focus of the IAW. To be eligible for a community planning grant, the community must have undergone a hazard impact assessment which provides recommendations for further action by the community<sup>1</sup>. Based on the project scope, these communities could be eligible for community planning grants of approximately \$100,000-150,000.

**2. Competitive mini-grants to fund hazard impact assessments** which will identify the nature of the climate change impacts in the community, establish current and predicted impacts, and provide recommendations to the community on alternatives to address the impact. In order to be eligible to receive a mini-grant, the community will need to meet one or more of the following criteria related to flooding, erosion, melting permafrost or other climate change-related impact:

- Life/safety risk during storm/flood events
- Loss of critical infrastructure
- Public health threats
- Loss of 10% of residential dwellings

Mini-grants will generally be limited to \$10,000 to \$50,000. Grants will be awarded competitively using established criteria and a grant review process.

**ACCIMP Program Schedule**

June 30, 2008	DCCED adopted emergency regulations for the Alaska Climate Change Impact Mitigation Program (ACCIMP). Forty-five day public comment period on the emergency regulations begins.
August 15, 2008	Public comment period for emergency regulations ended.
August 15, 2008	Recruitment began for long-term, non-permanent ACCIMP planner.
August 29, 2008	Recruitment period ends.
September 2008	Grant/project review team (includes representatives from DEC, DOT/PF, DHS&EM, Denali Commission, and USACE) will begin meeting.
October 1, 2008	ACCIMP planner hired.
October 1-31, 2008	Development of evaluation criteria for mini-grants and named recipient grant template. Development of solicitation package for mini-grant program.
November 1-December 31, 2008	Development of named-recipient grant agreements (community planning grants).
November 17, 2008	Solicitation of competitive mini-grant proposals
January 2, 2009	Closing date for mini-grant solicitation.
January 12, 2009	Evaluation team reviews mini-grants; award announcements made.
January 19-February 9, 2009	Development of mini-grant agreements
December 31, 2009 (flexible)	Usher grant projects to successful completion. Some projects will last longer.

<sup>1</sup> Many of the IAW communities have already undergone hazard impact assessments. For those who have not, a non-competitive mini-grant will be made available to fund the hazard impact assessment.

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