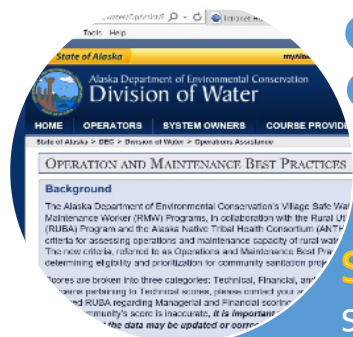


## ROADMAP TO ACCESS FUNDING FOR VILLAGE WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Follow these key steps to ensure funds are requested for your community's water and sewer needs:



**STEP # 1:** Contact the **ENGINEER** assigned to your community



**STEP # 2:** Learn about the **BEST PRACTICES** score for your community.

**SEE REVERSE** for more information about each step.

## **STEP #1:** Contact the **ENGINEER** assigned to your community

*Who is your assigned engineer? Where do they work?*

View the Community Water and Sewer Improvements Contact List at

<https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Water/OpCert/community-water-sewer-improvement-contact-list.xlsx>

Contact the engineer who is assigned to work with your community and communicate the water and sewer needs in your village. A lead agency (either the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium or the State Village Safe Water Program) and engineer have been established to work with each community to address water and sewer needs. A long-term relationship between communities, agencies, and engineers helps ensure consistent, historical experience and familiarity with projects.

## **STEP #2:** Check the Operation & Maintenance **BEST PRACTICES** scores for your community

*What is the **BEST PRACTICES** score for my community, and how can I improve my score?*

Learn about BEST PRACTICES scores at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance/-/best-practices>

Operation and Maintenance Best Practices scores are tied to funding project scores and prioritization. Pay attention to the scores throughout the year. Learn how to improve scores to ensure to boost your project priority.

The calendar below gives you an overview of Best Practices timeline. Pay special attention to Community Deadlines and Community Activity:

Spring Best Practices Scoring	
<b>Community Deadlines</b>	<b>December 31:</b> Deadline to provide information to RUBA & RMW
<b>Release of Scores</b>	<b>March:</b> Spring Best Practice Scores are posted on the DEC Best Practices website and mailed to communities. These scores are used for CIP funding project scoring & prioritization.
<b>Community Activity</b>	<i><b>Year Round:</b> Communities are familiar with their latest Best Practices score, and work consistently with technical assistance providers to improve the score before each community deadline.</i>