



State of Alaska
Village Safe Water Program
Application for **Infrastructure Protection Funding**

Read the Instructions carefully and pay special attention to the **Eligibility Requirements**.

Applications and all attachments **MUST BE RECEIVED** before 5:00 P.M. on the application deadline. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

There are **THREE WAYS** applications can be submitted (*Faxes will not be accepted*):

1. Drop off the application and all attachments in person at the Village Safe Water office in Anchorage. Physical address:

555 Cordova Street, 4th Floor
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

2. Mail to:

*Village Safe Water Program
Attention: IPF Application
555 Cordova Street, 4th Floor
Anchorage, AK 99501-2617*

3. Email a scanned copy of the application and all attachments to the following address:

dec.vswfunding@alaska.gov

Copies of this application, instructions, and more information can be obtained at the VSW website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/village-safe-water> or by calling: (907) 269-7502.

I. General Information

Community Name: _____

Community Organization (City, Tribe, Association, etc.): _____

Name of Community Point of Contact: _____

Title of Community Point of Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Community (*not a consultant*) E-mail Address: _____

II. Information required to establish eligibility

A. Community Type

According to state statute, to be eligible for funding under the Village Safe Water Program the applicant must fall into one of the following categories. Please check the box that applies to your community:

- an *unincorporated community* between 25 and 1000 people; or
- a *first class or home rule city* not more than 1000 residents; or
- any *second class city or Metlakatla* (no population limit).

B. Operation and Maintenance Best Practice Score (required to establish eligibility)

To be eligible for Infrastructure Protection Funding, community must have a current Operation & Maintenance Best Practice total score of at least 30 points. Please look up the following information on the Operation and Maintenance Best Practice website (<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance-and-financing/best-practices/>)

Total Operation and Maintenance Best Practice Score: _____

C. Type of Project

In order to be eligible for funding, the project scope must be construction necessary to address an urgent need associated with the continued operation and maintenance of an existing water, wastewater, or solid waste system. Improvements associated with longer-term needs such as future growth will not be funded.

To be eligible for Infrastructure Protection Funding for water or sewer improvements, a community must own and operate either a community water or sewer system, or both. (Communities where homes are served by individual wells and septic systems are not eligible for funding for water and sewer improvements.)

All unserved communities (less than 55% of households have indoor running water and wastewater service) and communities which operate a community water and/or sewer haul system are eligible for Infrastructure Protection Funding for water or sewer improvements.

To be eligible for Infrastructure Protection Funding for solid waste improvements, community must own and operate a solid waste landfill.

D. User Rate Affordability

Additionally, communities where households receive piped water and sewer service must charge a household user rate considered either medium or high burden according the Affordability Indicator maintained by the VSW Program. Rates which are considered low burden should be raised in order to help pay for needed operation and maintenance improvements.

Type of Project and User Rate Affordability (continued)

Please answer the following questions to help establish eligibility for Infrastructure Improvement Funding:

1. Are you requesting funding for a water and/or sewer improvement?

Yes No

If you answered yes, please indicate what kind of services exist in your community:

- Most homes have piped water and/or sewer service
- Most homes have community water and/or sewer haul service (truck or trailer)

What is the monthly user rate for water and/or sewer service to homes?
(after any community subsidy is applied)

\$ _____ per month per home for (select one below):

- Water service only
- Sewer service only
- Water and sewer service

(Note: This information will be used to update the Affordability Indicator maintained by the VSW Program, which can be found at the following website:

<https://dec.alaska.gov:8143/water/village-safe-water/user-rate-affordability/>)

- Most homes have no water or sewer service

If none of the above, your community is likely not eligible for Infrastructure Protection Funding for water or sewer improvements. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the VSW Program.

2. Are you requesting funding for a solid waste improvement?

Yes No

If you answered yes, does your community own and operate a solid waste landfill?

Yes No

If no, your community is likely not eligible for Infrastructure Protection Funding for solid waste improvements. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the VSW Program.

III. Project Need

A. Infrastructure Protection Funding Project Title: _____

B. Description of project need - Briefly describe the need for this project, including a description of specific issues occurring to be addressed by this project (limit to 300 words or less):

C. Description of project – Describe, in detail, the scope of work and outcomes that will be accomplished by this project. (limit to 300 words or less):

IV. Cost Information

Infrastructure Protection Project Cost Limitations:

Total amount requested for infrastructure improvement projects must be between \$15,000 and \$150,000 and must be identified in the Amount Requested column below. All community contributions must be included in the In-Kind Contribution by Community column below.

Projects that are expected to cost less than \$15,000 should be funded by the community with user fee revenues or other local source of funds.

If the project requires more than \$150,000 in grant funds, the community should work the assigned engineer from VSW or ANTHC to identify a different funding source.

A. Total Project Costs (Only costs that apply to your project)

Scope Item	Amount Requested	In-Kind Contribution by Community
Engineering	\$	\$
Materials	\$	\$
Freight	\$	\$
Construction/Installation	\$	\$
Agency administration cost*	\$	\$
Labor	\$	\$
Other:	\$	\$
Other:	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$

**Agency administration cost, if any, can be obtained from the agency assigned to assist your community (either VSW or ANTHC)*

B. In-Kind Contribution to Cost by Community

Points are awarded for the percentage of total project cost which is contributed by the community. Each percentage point counts as one point, in increments of 5, up to 15 points maximum. Points will not be rounded.

Any in-kind contribution must be currently available and verified prior to project funding.

Please describe, in detail, the type of any community in-kind contribution(s) (labor, equipment, materials, etc.) which are included in the cost estimate table above:

