



# Solid Waste and Recycling Funding

## Resource Guide

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This Resource Guide is not an all-inclusive list of funding resources available for funding solid waste and recycling projects. There are always additional short-term and one-time only funding opportunities that become available through federal and state agencies and foundations. This guide comprises the current funding resources that are available consistently and have been successfully applied for and implemented in rural Alaska over the past 5 years. To research additional opportunities, the ADEC Solid Waste Program recommends visiting <https://www.grants.gov/> or searching online for foundation funding opportunities.

This guide is organized by Federal and State funding and Other Entity funding. Non-traditional funding resources typically have fewer requirements associated with the grant and may be a good place to start for a community that does not have grant writing or administrative experience.

### We're Here to Help

Our Rural Landfill Specialists are available for free technical assistance for your solid waste related needs. We can help you with navigating grants and their applications. Contact your community's specialist to get the conversation started.

Find your specialist at <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/solid-waste/rural-contacts/>

\*Information in this guide is current as of December 2022.

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## Federal and State Funding

Grant	Eligible to Apply	Funding Ceiling	Match Requirement	Deadline	Allowable Projects
<i>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</i>	City governments and boroughs. If you do not have a Low or Moderate Income (LMI) level of at least 50%, you may still qualify for a Limited Clientele project.	\$850,000	Yes: 25%	Early December	<p>Infrastructure. New landfill project or an upgrade (clean-up) project. Can also fund fire suppression equipment, such as a burn unit and a fire suppression kit for a standard pick-up truck.</p> <p>For CDBG, the city would be the primary applicant and the tribe would be the co-applicant. This is not required, but can establish stakeholder engagement, which is a focus of CDBG and ICDBG grants.</p> <p><a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrants.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrants.aspx</a></p>
<i>Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)</i>	Tribal governments	\$800,000	None	Varies Annually	<p>Same as CDBG above and these grants are not competitive with each other. One is a state grant and one is a federal HUD grant.</p> <p>ICDBG and CDBG can be granted to the city and tribe in a single community. For ICDBG the tribe would be the primary applicant and the city would be the co-applicant. New this cycle: Funding cycle is on a 2-year basis. Applications are accepted during both years. It has not been announced whether or not funding will return to an annual cycle after this year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg">https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg</a></p>

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<i>Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). Imminent Threat</i>	Tribal governments	\$450,000 or \$900,000	None	Request must be made within a reasonable amount of time after the event or discovery of the threat	<p>Same as CDBG above. Grants can be applied for outside of the traditional timeframe for the ICDBG grant. Tribes are the primary applicant.</p> <p>Infrastructure that has been funded in rural Alaska includes fencing, clean-up projects, signage, and burn units.</p> <p><a href="https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg">https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg</a></p>
<i>USDA Rural Development Community Facilities</i>	City or tribal governments, or private non-profits	No ceiling	Yes: lowest possible match is 25%	None. Open all year	<p>Infrastructure. New landfill project or an upgrade (clean-up) project. Most clean-up projects include modernization components to bring the facility into regulatory compliance ensuring that it is protective of public health and the environment.</p> <p><a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ak">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ak</a></p> <p><b>Do you need a new landfill road?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOT STIP funding- 907-465-4070 <a href="http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/index.shtml">http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/index.shtml</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">BIA Tribal Transportation Program</a> (formerly Indian Reservation Roads) funding - 800-645-8465 Options 4, 2. Note: The road needs to be in your Transportation Inventory.</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/indian-reservation-roads-irr-inventory-high-priority-projects">https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/indian-reservation-roads-irr-inventory-high-priority-projects</a></li> </ul> <p>You can often match one of these road funding sources to your landfill project to meet the 25% match requirement for USDA or CDBG.</p>

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<i>USDA PPG Grants</i>	City or tribal governments, or private non-profits	\$30,000 or 75% of planning costs	Yes: 25%	None. Open all year	Predevelopment Planning Grants (PPG) can fund the completion of the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report that are required to apply for USDA construction funding.  <a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants/ak">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants/ak</a>
<i>EPA IGAP</i>	Tribal governments	\$125,000	None	Varies annually. Typically January.	This grant funds various solid waste activities, including but not limited to: Landfill Operator, Clean-up Activities, Backhaul and Recycling Activities, Landfill Clean-up and Expansion Activities, and Contractual Planning.
<i>EPA Hazardous Waste Management for Tribes</i>	Tribal governments	\$98,000, typically 3 awards annually	None	Varies annually.	This grant supports the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs; for building capacity to improve and maintain regulatory compliance; and developing solutions to address the improper management of hazardous waste on Tribal lands.  It has been used to evaluate and create a solution for single waste streams like used oil and glycol. It has also been used to host a community household hazardous waste collection event and subcontract out that service.  <a href="https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/hazardous-waste-management-grant-program-tribes">https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/hazardous-waste-management-grant-program-tribes</a>
<i>EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training</i>	Tribal Consortia	\$200,000	None	Varies annually. Typically in February	This grant will fund HAZWOPER training and Solid Waste Management or clean-up training.  <a href="https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-jt-grants">https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-jt-grants</a>

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<p><i>EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants</i></p>	<p>Tribal governments, non-profit, and tribal organizations</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Varies annually. Typically in February</p>	<p>Grant supports community-driven projects designed to engage, education, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities.</p> <p><a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program</a></p>

## Other Entity Funding

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<i>Alaska Conservation Foundation Organizational Capacity</i>	Alaska non-profit engaged in conservation theory	\$20,000	None	August	<p>In order to be considered for an Organizational Capacity grant, an organization must already demonstrate a commitment to achieve more robust environmental policies, enduring conservation impact and a more influential conservation movement through implementation of ACF’s favored conservation strategies listed below. Only organizations whose work strongly aligns with two or more of these strategies should consider submitting an application.</p> <p>Conservation Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation</li> <li>• Civic engagement &amp; citizen action</li> <li>• Diverse partnerships</li> <li>• Problem solving</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Public awareness &amp; education</li> </ul> <p>(Organizations whose primary focus is conducting research, providing educational programs or purchasing land or land use easements are <b>not</b> eligible for this program.)</p> <p><a href="https://alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/grant-opportunities/">https://alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/grant-opportunities/</a></p>

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<i>Alaska Native Fund: Department of Health &amp; Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant</i>	Tribes or other Alaska Native non-profit organizations	\$100,000 - \$300,000. Average award is ~182,000	None	Varies annually	Communication and Technology, Policy Development, Codes and Ordinance Development and some basic infrastructure.  <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/grants/funding-opportunities">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/grants/funding-opportunities</a>
ALPAR	Communities and non-profit organizations	No funding. Provides supplies	None	n/a	ALPAR provides a free program called Flying Cans and Flying Bottles. This program allows communities who are not on the road system with an easy way to begin recycling aluminum cans and #1 and 2 plastic bottles. ALPAR also provides bags for spring clean-up, and when funding is available, grants for youth litter patrols.  <a href="http://www.alparalaska.com/wp/programs/">http://www.alparalaska.com/wp/programs/</a>
<i>Keep America Beautiful / Coca-Cola Public Spaces Recycling Bin Program</i>	Government, public agencies, non-profit, tribes, religious organizations, colleges and universities, K-12 school, and other community groups.	No funding. Provides bins	None	Varies annually	The Coca-Cola Foundation funds recycling bins in public spaces for cans and bottles to both create new or expand access to recycling in a community.  <a href="https://kab.org/grants/">https://kab.org/grants/</a>

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<i>Captain Planet Foundation ecoSolution</i>	Public schools and non-profits	\$2,500	None	January and July	<p>The foundation supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world by getting involved in hands-on projects to improve the environment. It provides Small Grants to innovative programs that inspire youth to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. An additional priority is to fund programs that encourage environment-based education in schools.</p> <p><a href="https://captainplanetfoundation.org/resources/grants/">https://captainplanetfoundation.org/resources/grants/</a></p>
<i>Local Economic Development Corporation</i>	Affiliated communities			Varies annually	<p>Bristol Bay (BBEDC) and Norton Sound (NSEDG) often have community benefit share funding and additional grants available for solid waste projects. Check with your local organization to find out what is available.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bbedc.com/">http://www.bbedc.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.nsedc.com/">https://www.nsedc.com/</a></p>
<i>Rasmuson Foundation Tier 1</i>	Most applications	\$25,000	None	None	<p>Projects funded in the past include landfill clean-ups, fencing, heavy equipment, recycling bins, a building for recycling activities. Tribes are eligible if the project is for the entire community and will have a broad community impact.</p> <p><a href="https://www.rasmuson.org/">https://www.rasmuson.org/</a></p>