

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

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General Information

Federal program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

• For the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 funding cycle, we anticipate receiving \$2.3M to \$2.5M

- By statute 95% to Community Action Agency
 - Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP)

5% for State administrative costs



Purpose of CSBG

Purpose and Goals

- Alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty
- Revitalization of low-income communities
- Empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient



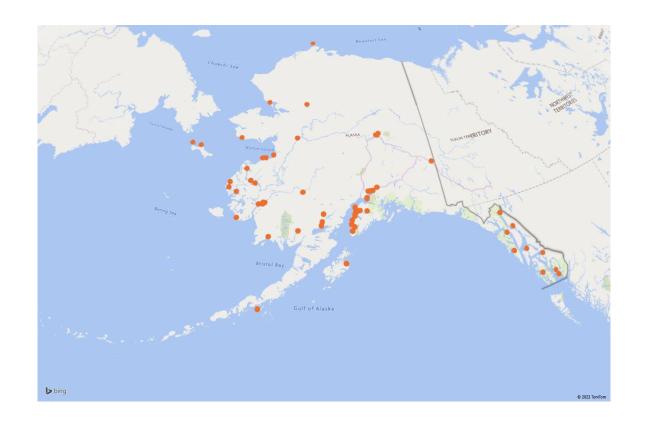
Program Components

RurAL CAP identifies several program components through the following departments:

- Administrative Services
- Child Development Division
- Community Development Division
- Development and Communications
- Planning and Construction Division
- Supportive Housing Division



RurAL CAP Presence





CSBG Leverage to HUD

Permanent Supportive Housing (HUD Continuum of Care Program, CoC)

- o 20 efficiency rental units
 - Project goal is to place chronically homeless individuals and couples into PSH and provide them with the resources, support, and skills to maintain safe and secure housing and move forward in recovery

Housing Counseling (HUD Housing Counseling Grant)

- Homeownership counseling
 - Types Of Counseling Provided: Pre-purchase/Home buying; Home Improvement and Rehabilitation for Homeowners (Non-delinquency Post-purchase); Forward Mortgage Delinquency and Foreclosure Prevention; Recovery Assistance Counseling and Education



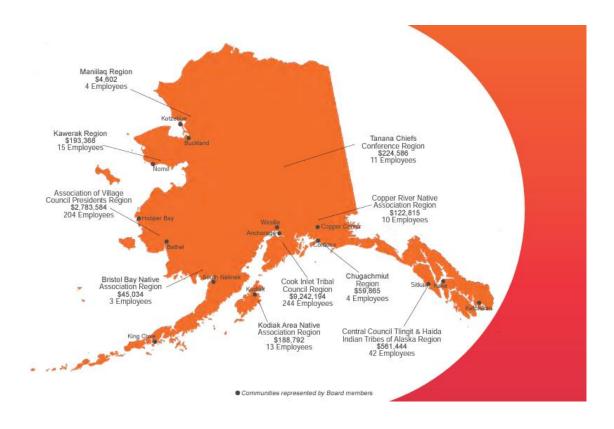
RurAL CAP Statewide Impact

FY 2022 Highlights:

- 658 families received early childhood and parent education services, totaling 811 children across 22 communities statewide.
- 210 homes were made safe, affordable, and accessible to Alaskans.
- National service members provided antipoverty support to 5,978 lowincome Alaskans.
- Affordable and supportive-transitional housing units provided homes to 534 community members in Anchorage.
- Emergency shelter services were provided to 92 Alaskans seeking refuge from domestic violence and sexual assault in rural Alaska.
- Garden projects in 10 rural communities set foundations for locally based food security systems.



RurAL CAP Statewide Employment





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