



DENALI COMMISSION

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Appalachian
Regional
Commission
1965

Denali
Commission
1998

Delta
Regional
Commission



**Regional Commissions
A Model For Government**





- Agencies “stove piped”
- Not listening to communities
- Too much money lost to overhead
- No way to focus development efforts
- No partnerships to coordinate efforts
- Too many decisions made in Washington DC

**Reasons Congress created
the Denali Commission in 1998**

What We Want You to Know:

- Denali Commission is a Statewide effort
 - All programs & projects open to the general public
 - 10 year track record of careful investment & innovation
 - Urban & rural Alaska benefit from each other
 - Denali Commission has systems in place to handle federal stimulus dollars and missions
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- A photograph of a small motorboat with a person on board, moving across a large body of water under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The boat is leaving a wake behind it. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees along the shoreline.

Where We Need Your Support:

- Your advice on how we can be more effective
 - The Governor's proposed capital budget includes \$28 million to support Denali Commission projects
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- A photograph of a person in a small motorboat on a large body of water, likely a lake or river. The person is wearing a dark jacket and is looking towards the camera. The water is calm, and the sky is blue with some clouds. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees.
- Help from the Legislature regarding our FY 2010 federal budget
 - Closer collaboration on capital projects coordination



Much of rural Alaska still resembles conditions in the developing world. We have significant challenges ahead



20 rural schools have closed since 1999,
which often means the demise of a community.
Whether Rampart or others, rural Alaska faces
questions with Sustainability and Investment



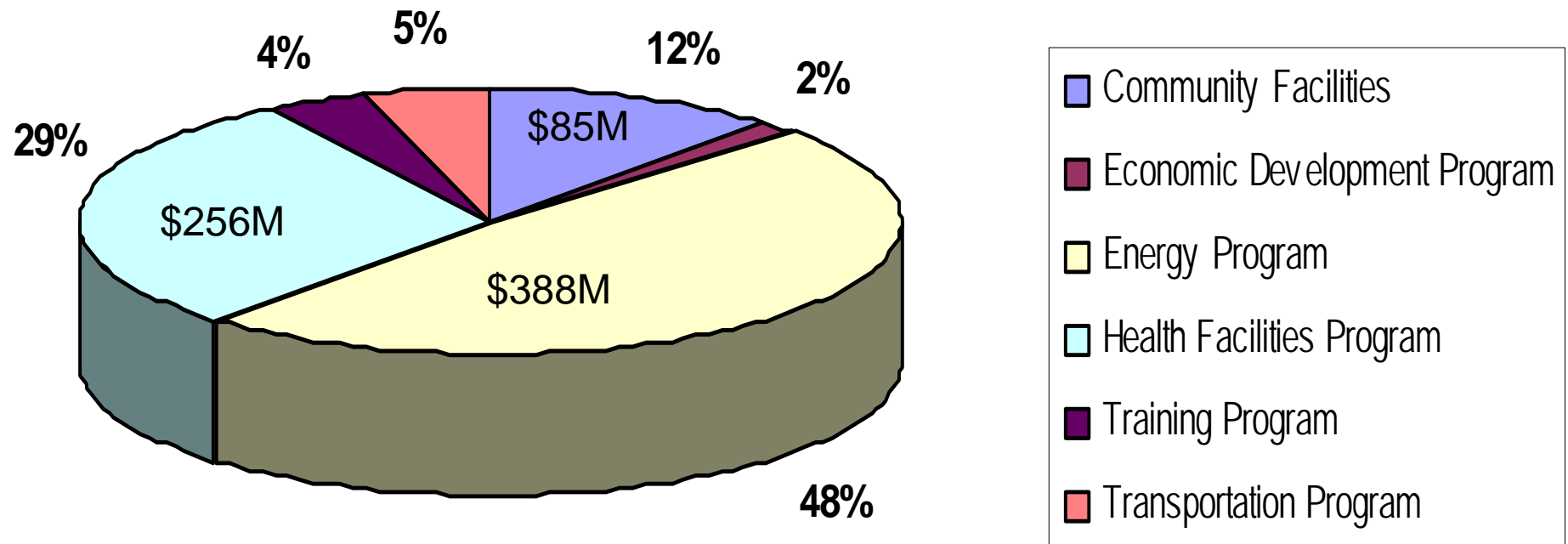
- Small staff; many partners
- Limited overhead costs
- Shared resources; common vision
- Everything open to the public
- Lots of oversight
- Decisions made in Alaska



Denali Commission Governing Principles



Grants Awarded by the Denali Commission 1999 - 2007

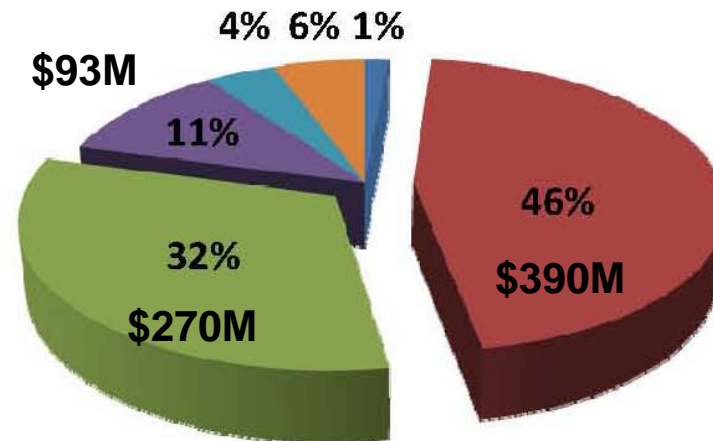


\$824 M awarded meant \$1,748 M invested in communities

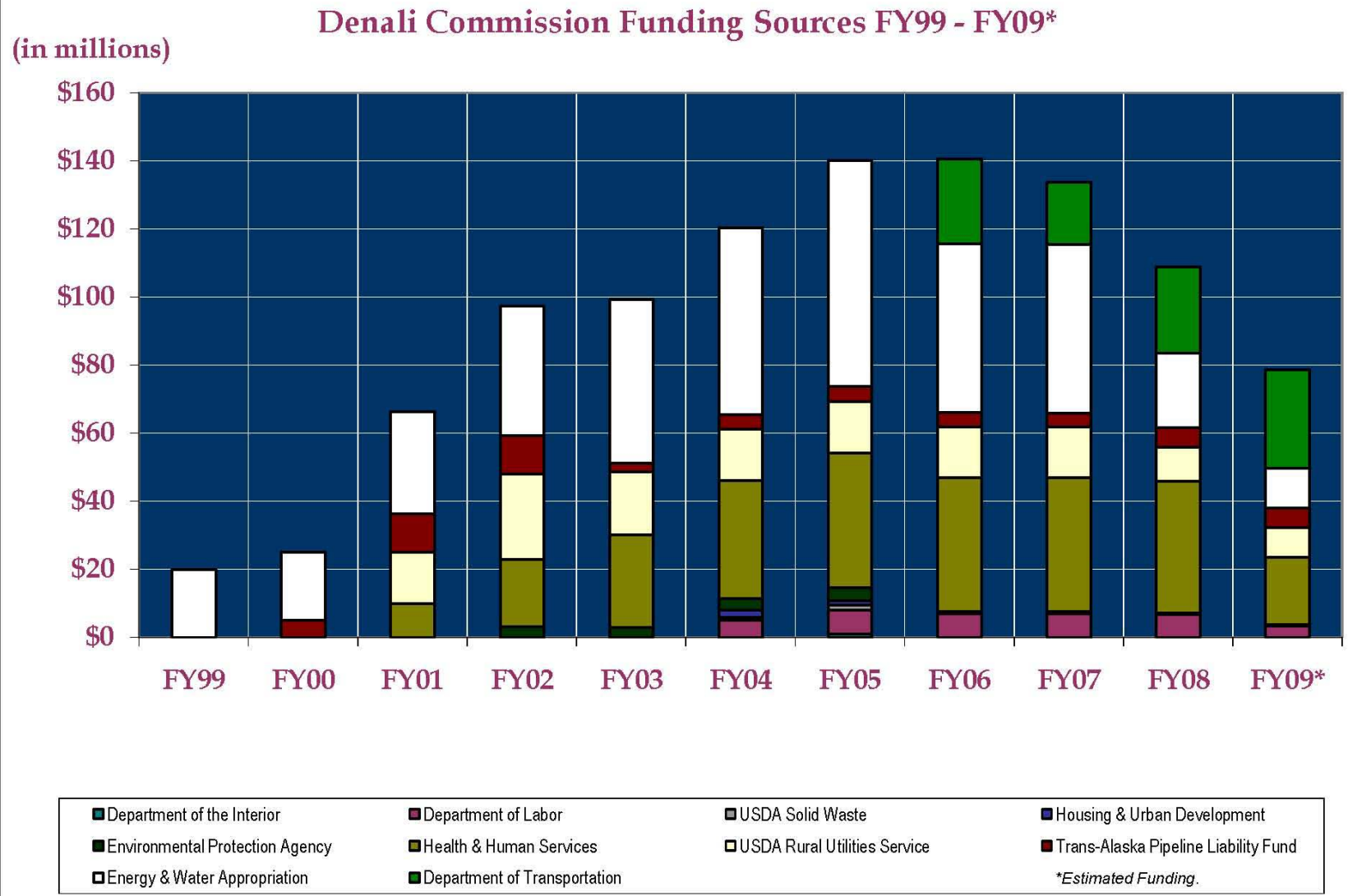


Funding Uses FY99 - FY08

- Economic Development Program
- Health Facilities Program
- Training Program
- Energy Program
- Community Facilities and Other Programs
- Transportation Program



The Denali Commission future is in flux – future investment is a team effort



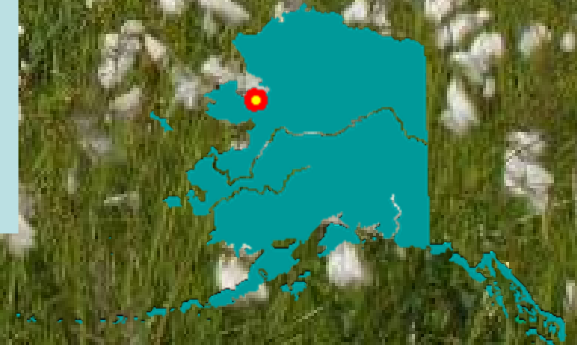


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Denali Commission provides a Strategic Approach to Rural Energy:

- Replacing Bulk Fuel Systems
- Upgrading Power Plants
- Conservation / Efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Capacity building
- Developing a sustainable economy



Tuntutuliak Power Plant



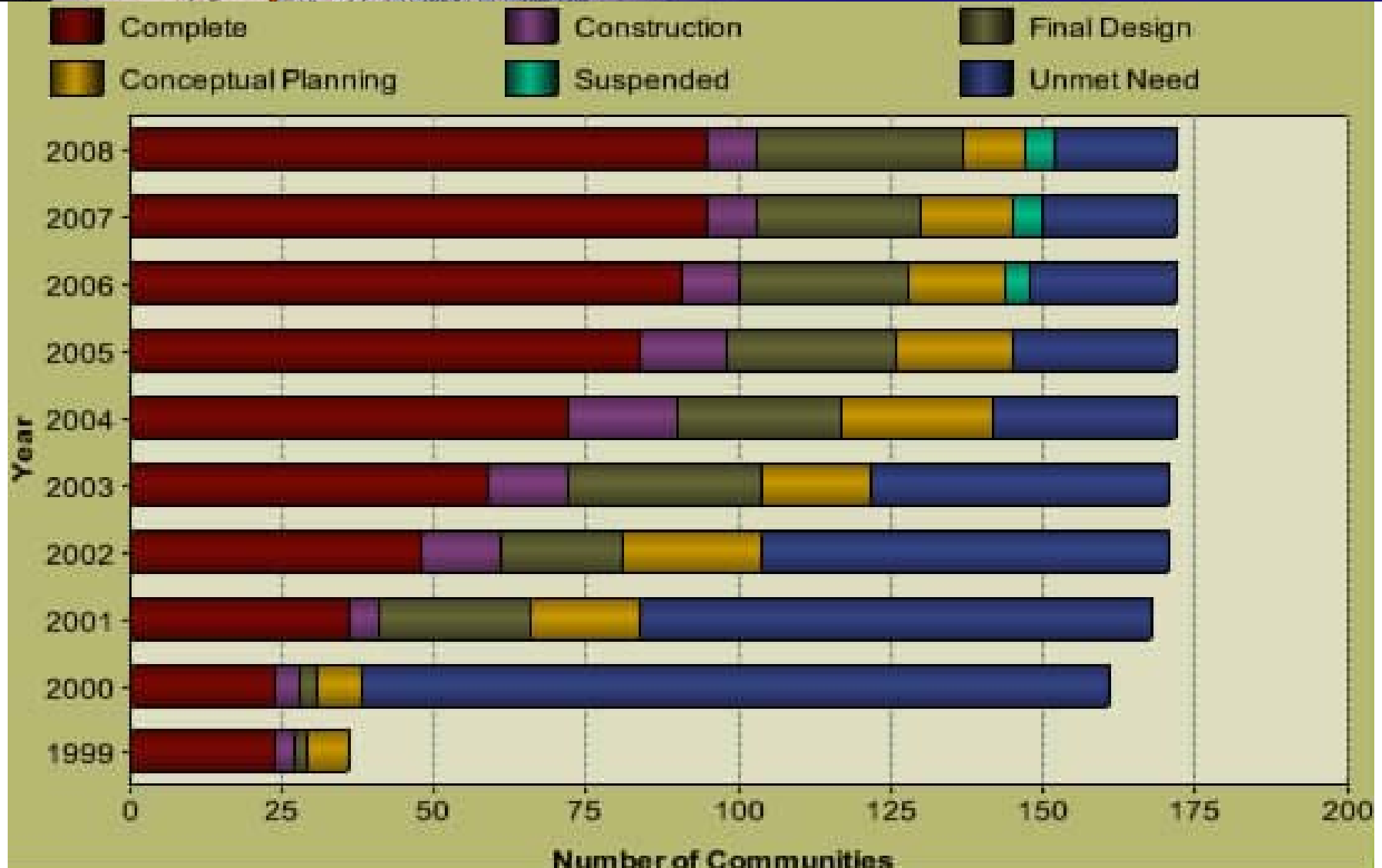
“Legacy Program”

- Bulk fuel facilities
- Power plant upgrades
- Energy conservation

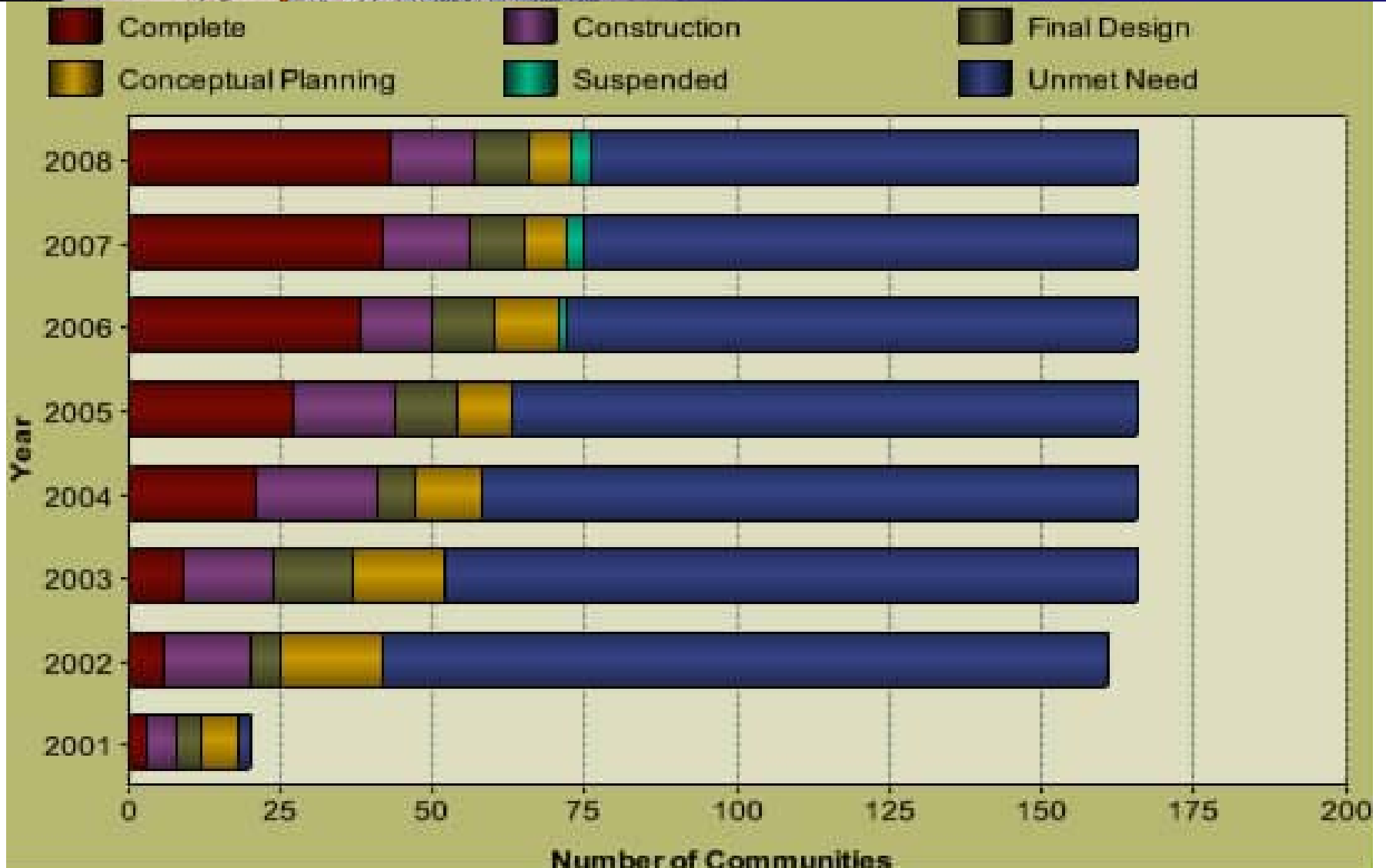


False Pass
Bulk Fuel --
before & after

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Bulk Fuel Progress Report



Rural Power System Upgrade Progress Report

Hooper Bay:

Smart actions = synergy = combining energy, training
& road funding





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Fuel Costs, Migration, and Community Viability

Final Report

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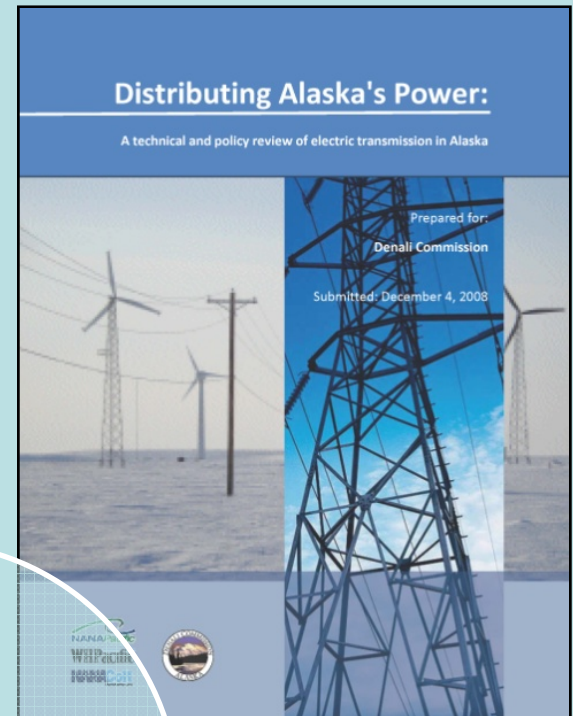


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Distributing
Alaska's
Power



Find ways to make the cost of energy affordable
If not, we will lose villages



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Denali Access System Program: Supporting road and waterfront projects in rural Alaska



Partners including FHWA, WFLH, BIA, USACE, ADOT/PF, Native Corporations and others



Merkoryuk Harbor Dredging

- Two for One - improved harbor
- Dredge spoils used as fill material for new bulk fuel facility
- Lower cost, less equipment use





Denali Commission - DOT&PF Approved Projects

- Nunapitchuk Tramway Reconstruct
- Noatak to Red Dog Haul Road
- Gustavus Transient Mooring Facility
- Healy DOT&PF Roads Dust Control
- Northway Access Road Reconstruct
- Tanacross Access Road Reconstruct
- St Mary's - Pitka Point Dust Control
- Angoon Shore Drive Reconstruct





Training Program





Denali Commission Training Funds:

- Training rural Wind Technicians in Vermont
- STG Construction working with Northern Power
- Diesel-wind projects in Gambell, Savoonga, Chevak & Hooper Bay





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Construction of over 200 units of teacher housing





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Primary health
care delivery is key
to village success





The new clinic in Buckland:

- provides access to primary health care
- staffed by qualified local residents
- a great source of pride



Denali Commission	\$3,354,813
HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant	878,930
DCCED/HUD Community Development Block Grant	500,000
USDA Rural Development	500,000
Rasmuson Foundation	487,670
Public Health Services - Equipment Grant	427,926
City of Sand Point	247,715
Aleutian East Borough	150,000
Shumagin Corporation - Land Donation	65,000
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority	50,000
Total	\$6,662,054



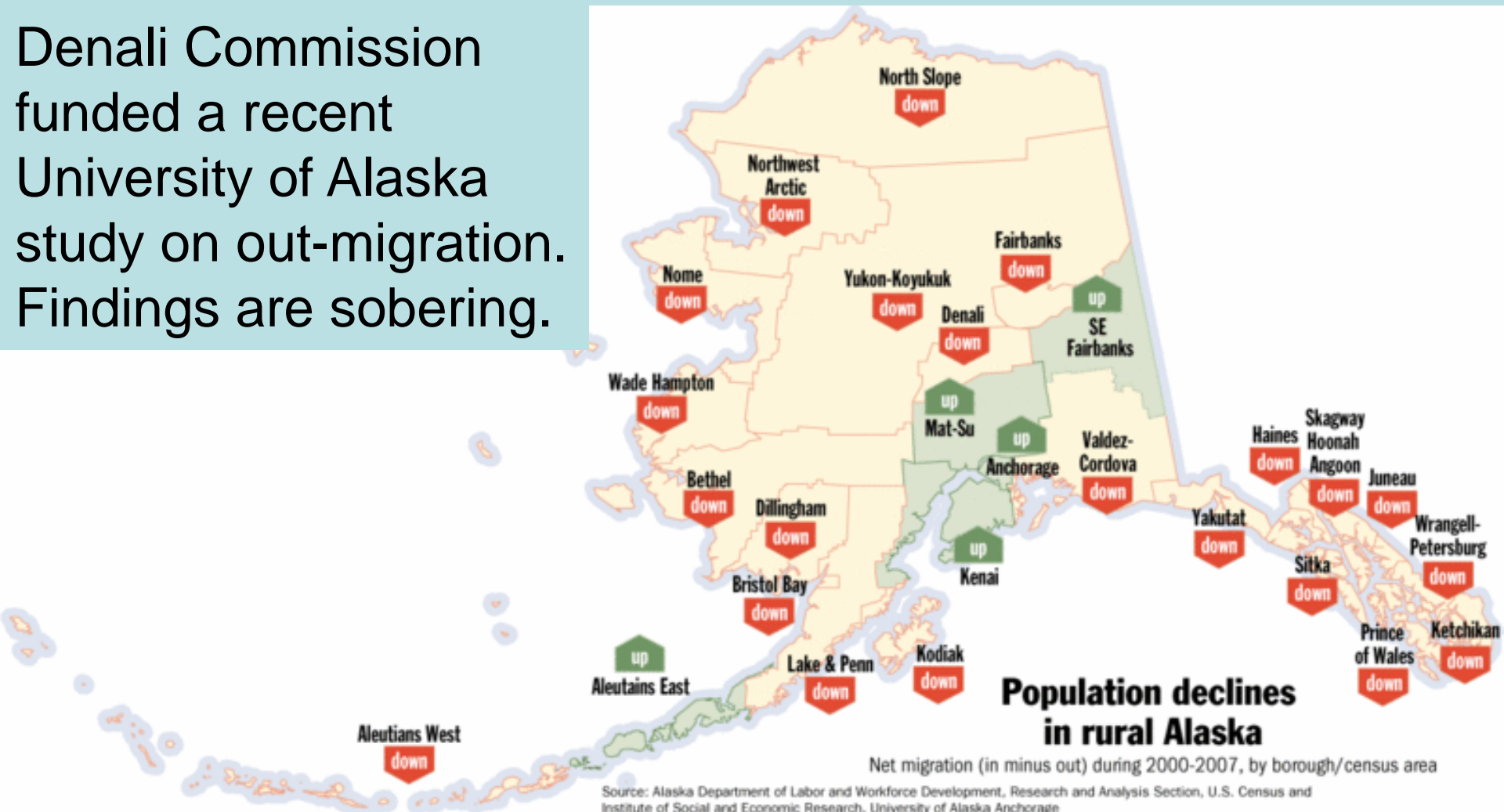
Community
sustainability
is reflected in
the children



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Denali Commission funded a recent University of Alaska study on out-migration. Findings are sobering.



Denali Commission has a key role in federal-state government coordination





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Government coordination requires
listening, trust & respect



IAWG Recommendations include a proposal for an Inter-agency group to carry on government Coordination regarding climate change

Rural Alaska is an American treasure. The future is uncertain.



*It's about
our
children
and
grandchildren*



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER ALASKA

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Thank you for everything you do!*

