



Alaska Regional Economic Assistance Program Division of Economic Development

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ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE,
COMMUNITY,
AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



Through the Years

- Celebrating the Silver Jubilee
- 15th Alaska State Legislature (1988)
- Senate Bill 480
- Established the Alaska Regional Economic Assistance Program and designated the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development as its administrative agency.
- Founding Purpose – Create a network of regionally-driven organizations to plan and support regional and local economic development.

ALASKA REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Alaska Statute 44.33.895

- 1** Encourage the formation of regional development organizations
- 2** Assist establishing boundaries – size, inclusive, and regional center
- 3** Gather information about regional economic issues
- 4** Assist regional development organizations
- 5** Serve as liaison between organizations and state agencies
- 6** Grant administration

Encouraging the formation of regional development organizations to prepare and implement regional development strategies.

CURRENT ARDORs

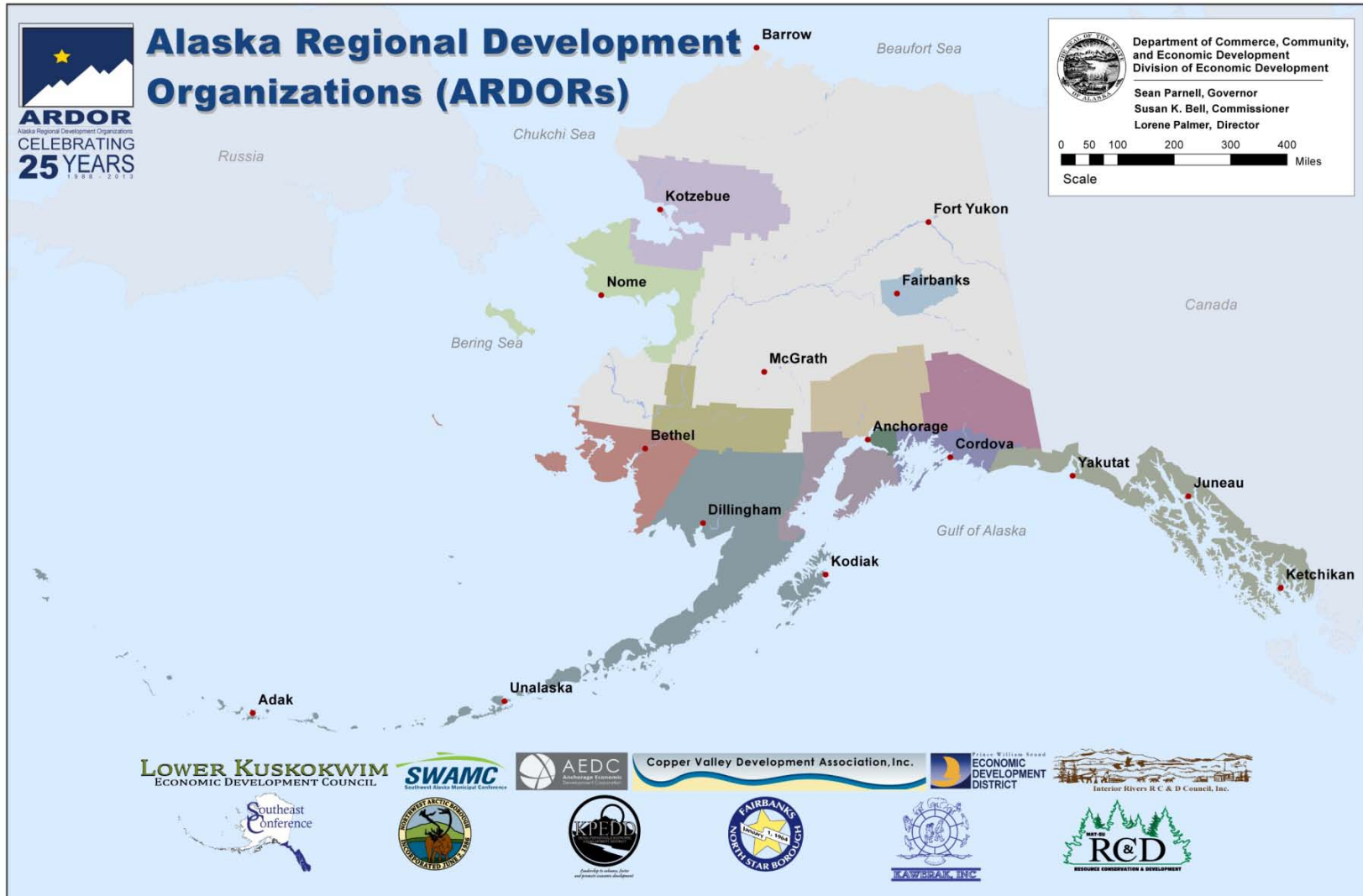
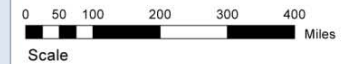


Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs)



Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development
Division of Economic Development

Sean Parnell, Governor
Susan K. Bell, Commissioner
Lorene Palmer, Director



LOWER KUSKOKWIM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

SWAMC
Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

AEDC
Anchorage Economic Development Council

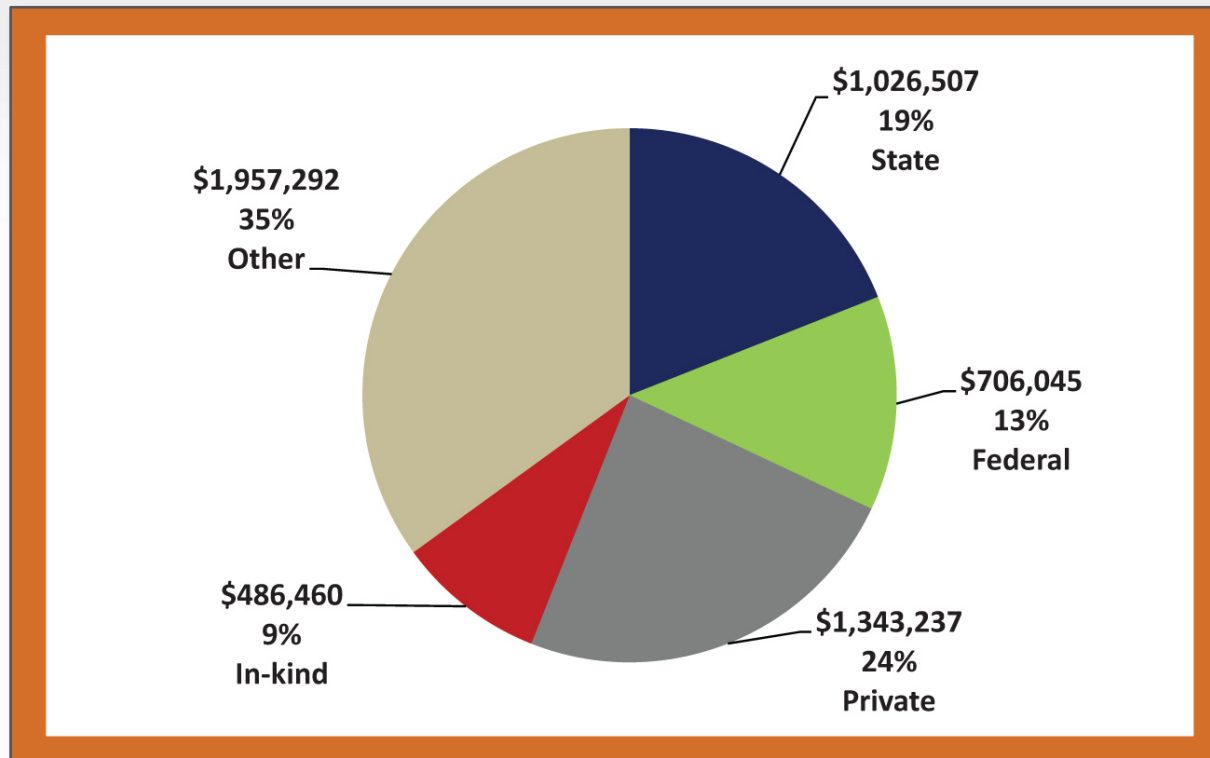
Copper Valley Development Association, Inc.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

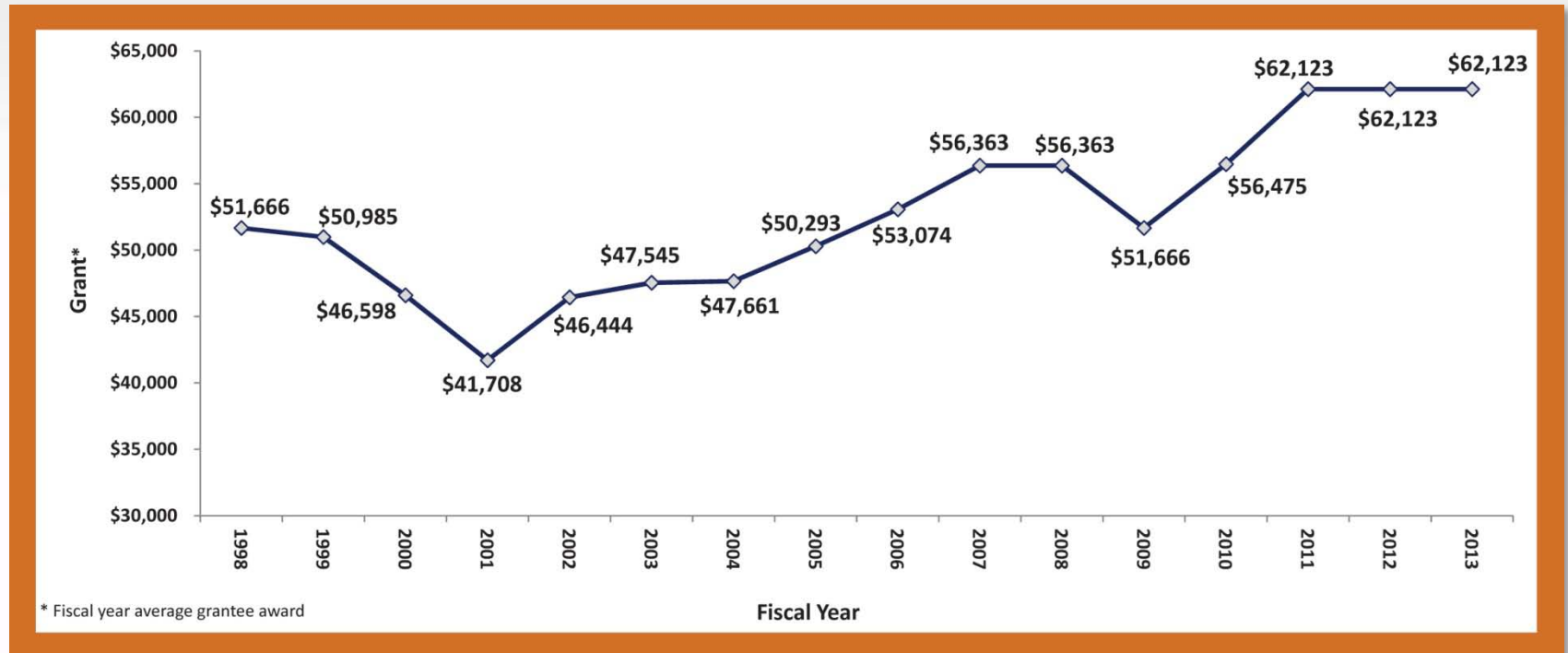
Interior Rivers R.C. & D. Council, Inc.



Fiscal Year 2012: Total ARDOR Revenue [\$5,519,542]



Fiscal Year 1998 – 2013: ARDOR Program Annual Grant



ARDOR WORK PLANS

- 1** Develop and implement an economic development strategy or plan.
- 2** Identify and work to eliminate economic development barriers.
- 3** Coordinate regional planning efforts that result in new opportunity.
- 4** Work to enable communities to collaborate and pool resources.
- 5** Strengthen partnerships with private, public, and NGOs.
- 6** Establish boards of directors that represent diverse interests.
- 7** Provide small business technical assistance.
- 8** Serve as regional liaison for state and federal government.

ARDOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES



Economic Development Strategy

- Fact gathering to assure region understands current development situation.
- Identification of resources that serve as assets for economic development activities.
- Production of a strategy for regional and local economic development that includes priorities, a work plan, assigned responsibilities, and an implementation schedule.
- Regional and community profiles.

Southeast Conference

Working to build a strong economy and health communities while maintaining a quality environment.

- Incorporated in 1958
- Shelly Wright, Executive Director
- 13 Board Members and 5 Staff



Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

Advancing the collective interests of Southwest Alaska people, businesses, and communities, promoting economic opportunities to improve quality of life, and influencing long-term responsible development.

- Incorporated in 1988
- Andy Varner, Executive Director
- 11 Board Members and 2 Staff



FURTHER INFORMATION



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