

A wide-angle landscape photograph of the Denali mountain range in Alaska. The foreground is a green, hilly area with a few tall evergreen trees. The middle ground shows a valley with a winding river and a forest of red and green trees. The background is dominated by the majestic, snow-capped peaks of the range, with Denali (Mount McKinley) being the highest and most prominent peak on the right. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

# FY24 Non-Federal Match Funding Opportunity

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# Presenters:

- Katie Conway, Energy Program Manager
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*Please note: We are not authorized to speak on behalf of the Denali Commission. The only person who has that authority is the Denali Commission's Federal Co-Chair. Jocelyn Fenton, the Interim Federal Co-Chair, is out of the country on scheduled family time and is not able to join us.*





# Mission: to promote economic development with a focus on **critical infrastructure** and workforce training in rural Alaska.

- Energy
- Health Facilities
- Transportation
- Village Infrastructure Protection
- Sanitation & Solid Waste
- Workforce & Economic Development
- Broadband
- Housing
- Community Facilities





# **\$5M of SOA UGF in FY24 became Denali Commission's FY24 Non-Federal Match Funding Opportunity:**

- 34 Statements of Interest received
- 23 Applications invited after passing the threshold review
- 15 projects recommended for funding
- \$4,998,203 committed





## Statements of Interest:

- SOI submittal included fillable PDF with request for basic information and limited complexity
- SOIs reviewed for eligibility before invited to submit full applications
- Eligibility criteria included primary funder, non-federal match requirement, applicant organization, and project type





## Full Applications:

- Complexity minimized with fillable PDF for project details, financial and project team information, and a budget/funding table
- 70% applications received were for Dept. of Energy project match
- **\$10,355,263** requested





# Application selection process:

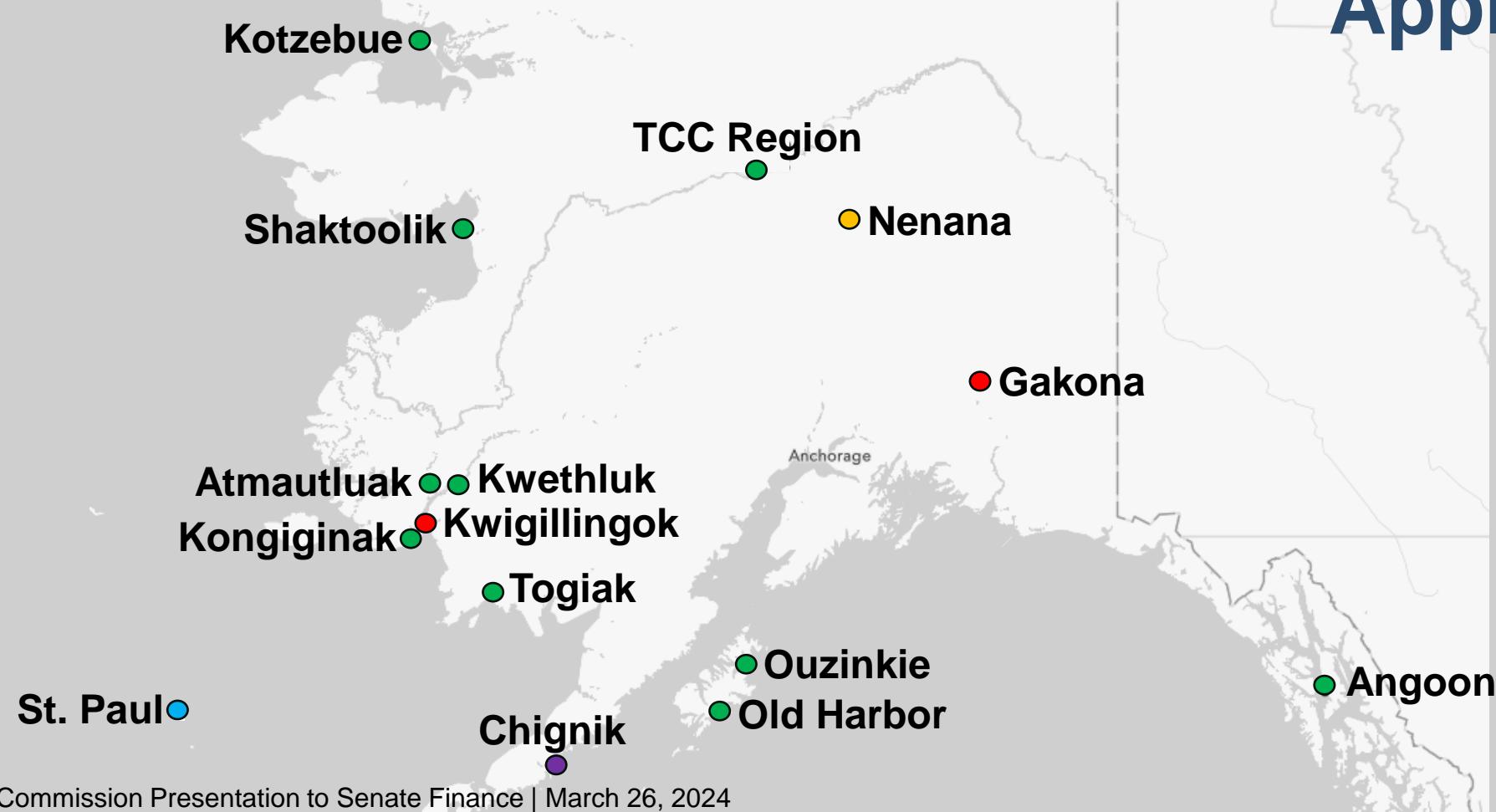
1. Individual evaluations of each application
2. Team evaluations (3 people/application)
3. Internal staff recommendations memo to Interim Co-Chair
4. Recommendations shared with and feedback received from Commissioners
5. Selection finalized



Primary Funder of DC Non-Fed Match Awards:

- Department of Energy
- Economic Development Administration
- FEMA
- Forest Service
- Housing and Urban Development

# Denali Commission FY24 Non-Federal Match Funding Opportunity Selected Applications



Applicant	Project	Primary Funder	Funding Recommend	DC Program
Alaska Village Electric Coop.	Shaktoolik Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)	DOE OIE	\$84,407	Energy
Kotzebue Electric Coop.	Community Scale BESS with Inertia	DOE OCED	\$800,000	Energy
ANTHC	City of Togiak Heat Recovery System Expansion	DOE CDP	\$164,750	Energy
Puvurnaq Power Company	Kongiginak Solar PV	DOE OIE	\$74,926	Energy
Native Village of Ouzinkie	Power Distribution and Grid Resilience	DOE GDO	\$36,757	Energy
Atmautluak Tribal Utilities	BESS and Electric Thermal Storage	DOE OIE	\$65,375	Energy
Cheesh'na Tribal Council	Climate Change Adaption & Hazard Mitigation Plan	FEMA BRIC	\$105,611	VIP
City of St Paul	Boat Harbor Utility Expansion	EDA EAA	\$567,600	Transportation
Kootznoowoo, Inc.	Thayer Creek Hydroelectric	DOE OCED	\$962,560	Energy
Nuvista, Inc.	Kwethluk Solar PV and Grid Improvements	DOE OIE	\$100,000	Energy
Native Village of Kwigillingok	Relocation of the Native Village of Kwigillingok Feasibility	FEMA BRIC	\$154,217	VIP
Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor	Mountain Creek Hydro Design & Construction	DOE OCED	\$1,000,000	Energy
City of Nenana	Biomass Heat Loop	USFS	\$172,000	Energy
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Grid Resilience	DOE GDO	\$500,000	Energy
Lake & Pen Borough	Chignik Community Dock Uplands Improvements	CDBG	\$200,000	Transportation

**TOTAL FUNDING \$4,988,203**





**\$5,000,000 of FY24 SOA UGF via the  
Commission's FY24 Non-Federal Match  
funding opportunity leveraged:**

- **\$60,377,230 of federal grant funding**
- **\$7,165,241 of other match funding**





# Key Takeaways:

1. This is a unique funding environment with an unprecedentedly high level of funding available for communities/tribes.
2. That available funding requires an equally overwhelmingly high non-federal match by the applicant.
3. To ensure Alaska's communities/tribes leave as little on the table as possible there's a significant need for additional non-federal match.
4. The oversubscription to the Denali Commission's FY24 Non-Federal Match FOA is on par with what we've seen with infrastructure funding opportunities the past two years, and we anticipate the same for our FY24 Unified Funding Opportunity, which closes April 12.



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Thank you!

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