

# **AFN NAVIGATOR PROGRAM**

# A Statewide Success Story





# **Program Purpose and Phases**

#### **Purpose**

 Ensuring the Alaska Native community capitalizes on the tribal set-asides in the 6 major post-pandemic economic relief bills, including IIJA, through a public-private partnership

#### Phase 1 (June – December 2021): State of Alaska

- Program Established
- Education and Outreach

### Phase 2 (November 2021 – September 2022\*): Chugach Alaska Corporation

- Program Evolved
- Education and Outreach + Consortium Applications

## Phase (July 2022 – June 2023\*): State of Alaska

- Program Evolved
- Education and Outreach, Consortium Applications + Compliance and Reporting

<sup>\*</sup> Actual performance period started later than what was stated in the grant

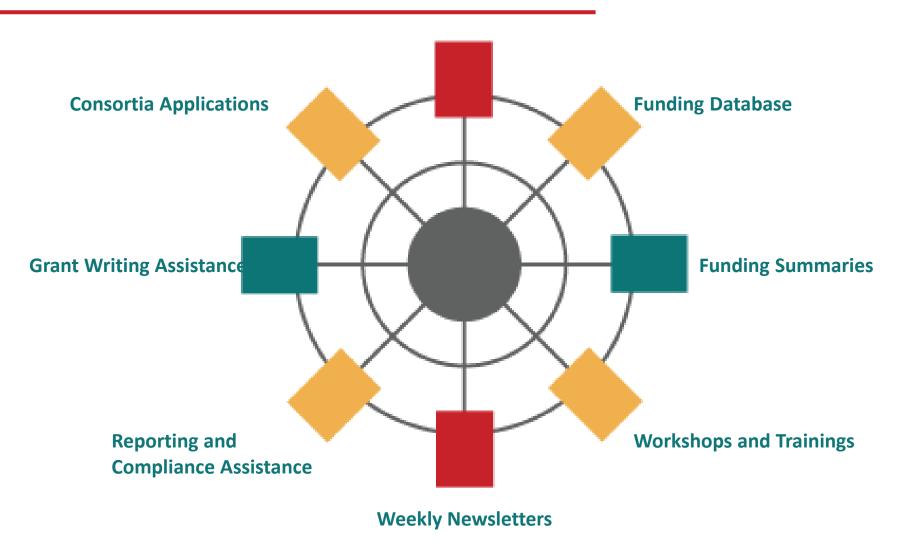


## 'Hub and Spoke' Model

- Federal Navigators tracks legislation and grant programs
- Regional Navigators communicates those funding opportunities to each of the 'eligible entities' in their region
- Program Director oversees the Program and federal policies (e.g., ARPA: 10 to 229 tribes, Grid Resilience Formula Program: no ANCs initially).



# Targeted Assistance



COMMERCE – Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

\$3 billion tribal set-aside

**COMMERCE** – Digital Equity Act

\$31.25 million tribal/Native Hawaiian set-aside

**ENERGY – Power unelectrified tribal buildings** 

\$15 million tribal set aside

**ENERGY – Power unelectrified tribal lands** 

\$20 million tribal set-aside

**ENERGY – Grid formula grants** 

\$107 million for Alaska tribes and Native corporations

FEMA - Resilient infrastructure and communities grants

\$50 million tribal set aside

HHS - water bill assistance

\$15 million tribal set-aside

HHS – Child care assistance

\$100 million tribal set-aside

**HUD – Indian Housing Competitive grants** 

\$129.5 million tribal set-aside

**HUD – Community Development block** 

grants

\$92.3 million tribal set-aside

**Institute of Museum and Library Services** 

\$5 million tribal library set aside

**INTERIOR** – Tribal tourism grants

\$2 million tribal set-aside

**INTERIOR** – general assistance grants

\$900 million tribal set-aside

**INTERIOR** – Native language preservation

grants

\$20 million tribal set-aside

TRANSPORTATION – Tribal transportation

safety

\$22 million tribal set aside

TREASURY - Coronavirus State and Local

**Fiscal Recovery grants** 

\$20 billion tribal set aside

TREASURY - Coronavirus Relief Fund

\$8 billion

**TREASURY – Housing Assistance Fund** 

\$498 million tribal set-aside

TREASURY - Rental Assistance

\$797.6 million tribal set-aside

TREASURY - State Small Business Credit

**Initiative** 

\$500 million tribal set aside

TREASURY – State Small Business Credit

Initiative technical assistance

\$15 million tribal set aside

TREASURY - Capital Projects Program

\$100 million tribal set aside (\$167,500

per tribe)

TREASURY – Local Assistance and Tribal

**Consistency Grants** 

\$500 million tribal set-aside

**TOTAL = \$34.9 billion (to date)** 



# Statewide Returns on Investment – One Example



# AFN Secures \$35.1 million in TBCP Broadband Award for 74 Consortium Members

AFN's consortium application was the largest use and adoption award in the country

#### This project will:

- Serve AFN's 74 TBCP consortium members
- Provide funded internet service for an estimated 2,777 Alaska Native households
- Provide broadband devices to an estimated 8,877 individuals
- Train and employ 10 statewide
  IT technicians
- Revolutionize the delivery of rural telehealth in Native clinics



# Statewide Returns on Investments – Consortia Applications

PROGRAM	Number of Consortium Members	Amount Awarded/Projected*
Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program	74	\$35.1 million
Digital Equity Planning Grant Program	147	\$4.4 million*
Capital Projects Fund	58	\$9.7 million
State Small Business Credit Initiative	129	\$92 million*
Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program		\$65 million*
TOTAL	408	\$206.2 million



# Statewide Returns on Investment – To Date

	Phase 1	Phase 2
Investment	\$2.5 million	\$1.75 million
Funds Secured	\$210 million	\$206.2 million
Return on Investment	\$84	\$118
Fund Source	State CARES Grant	Chugach CARES Grant



## Website:

https://www.nativefederation.org/afn-navigator-program/

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