



DENALI COMMISSION
AAHPA Port & Harbor Lunchtime Series
October 13, 2020



Background

- **1965 – Congress creates Appalachian Regional Commission**
 - Federal, state and local government partnership to address inadequate infrastructure, poverty and unemployment in rural areas.
- **Building on success, Congress established additional economic development agencies throughout the country**
 - Acknowledged need for inter-agency cooperation, community focused
- **1998 – Congress created the Denali Commission**
 - Alaska has significant infrastructure gaps compared to elsewhere in US
 - Identify gaps where other agencies are not operating
 - Complement, but not duplicate the work of other agencies



Milestones & Accomplishments

- **Mission:**
 - Promote economic development with a focus on rural infrastructure development
- **Investments:**
 - Housing, transportation, bulk fuel, power generation, sanitation, health facilities, critical infrastructure and development projects
 - \$1.1 billion invested in 230 communities over 20 years
- **Board:**
 - 7 Alaskan Commissioners, Local Leaders
- **Governing Principles:**
 - Small staff
 - Limited overhead costs
 - Numerous program partners
 - Shared resources; common vision
 - Transparency
 - Decisions made in Alaska



Denali – Commissioners



John Torgerson



Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter



Alicia Siira



Julie E. Kitka



Nils Andreassen



Dr. Jim Johnsen



Vince Beltrami



Ted Stevens Legacy



Sen. Ted Stevens, photo
from Ted Stevens Foundation



Waterfront Improvement Projects

Recent Commission Waterfront Improvement Projects

Title	Location
Mooring Points Construction	Buckland, Galena, Kiana, Lower Kalskag, Noorvik, Nulato, Stevens Village, Tanana, Upper Kalskag
Port Clarence Mooring Project	Port Clarence
Saxman Boat Launch Facility	Saxman
Seldovia Bay Ferry Dock Refurbishment	Seldovia
Ship Creek Small Boat Launch Interpretive Signage	Anchorage





Alaska Driven Investing

- Congress acknowledges adequate infrastructure is in the national interest
 - Broad Authority to Invest in Alaska
- Commissioners – Alaskans with a statewide perspective guiding investments
- Staff – Alaska centric, subject matter experts, connected with constituents, empowered with unique statutory tools



DENALI COMMISSION



Line	PROGRAM and TYPE of INVESTMENT	Primary Partners	COMPLETED PROJECTS					
			Total # of Awards	Total # of Projects	Total Commission Funding	Total Match Funding	Total # of Communities Served	
1	ENERGY RELIABILITY & SECURITY							
2	Diesel Power Plants	AEA AVEC ACEP ANTHC CCHRC RUS	130	97	\$167,900,000	\$93,800,000	97	
3	Interties		22	22	\$50,900,000	\$174,700,000	38	
4	Wind /Microgrids		30	30	\$16,100,000	\$13,800,000	28	
5	Hydro, Biomass, Geothermal & Other Renewables		32	32	\$22,100,000	\$30,300,000	35	
6	Hydrokinetic & Other Emerging Technologies		30	30	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	n/a	
7	Audits, TA, & Community Energy Efficiency Improvements		18	18	\$8,100,000	\$5,200,000	190+	
8	Misc. Energy Program Initiatives/Support		14	14	\$10,800,000	\$22,400,000	30+	
9	BULK FUEL SAFETY & SECURITY							
10	New Facilities	AEA AVEC RUS	145	115	\$218,800,000	\$42,400,000	117	
11	Repairs/Upgrades		6	6	\$2,800,000	\$150,000	6	
12	Misc. Bulk Fuel Program Initiatives/Support		4	4	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	59+	
13	HEALTHCARE							
14	Primary Care Clinics	ANTHC US-DHHS ASHNHA State DHSS Regional HC's Local Entities	427	170	\$281,200,000	\$124,200,000	250+	
15	Hospital Related Projects		39	35	\$96,600,000	\$224,900,000	59	
16	EMT Equipment		4	4	\$9,500,000	\$12,000,000	35	
17	Misc. Health Program Initiatives/Support		21	15	\$5,700,000	\$1,500,000	200+	
18	TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS							
19	Roads	US-DOT US-ACE State DOT Regional NP's Local Entities	98	98	\$60,500,000	\$33,800,000	104	
20	Boardwalks		24	24	\$22,000,000	\$11,000,000	31	
21	Docks		68	66	\$96,200,000	\$8,500,000	78	
22	Barge Landings & Mooring Points		35	35	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000	42	
23	Maintenance & Misc. Transportation Initiatives/Support		10	10	\$1,400,000	\$500,000	25	
24	SANITATION							
25	New Facilities	VSW ANTHC	22	16	\$15,000,000	\$8,000,000	16	
26	Repairs/Upgrades		27	25	\$19,000,000	\$5,000,000	23	



DENALI COMMISSION

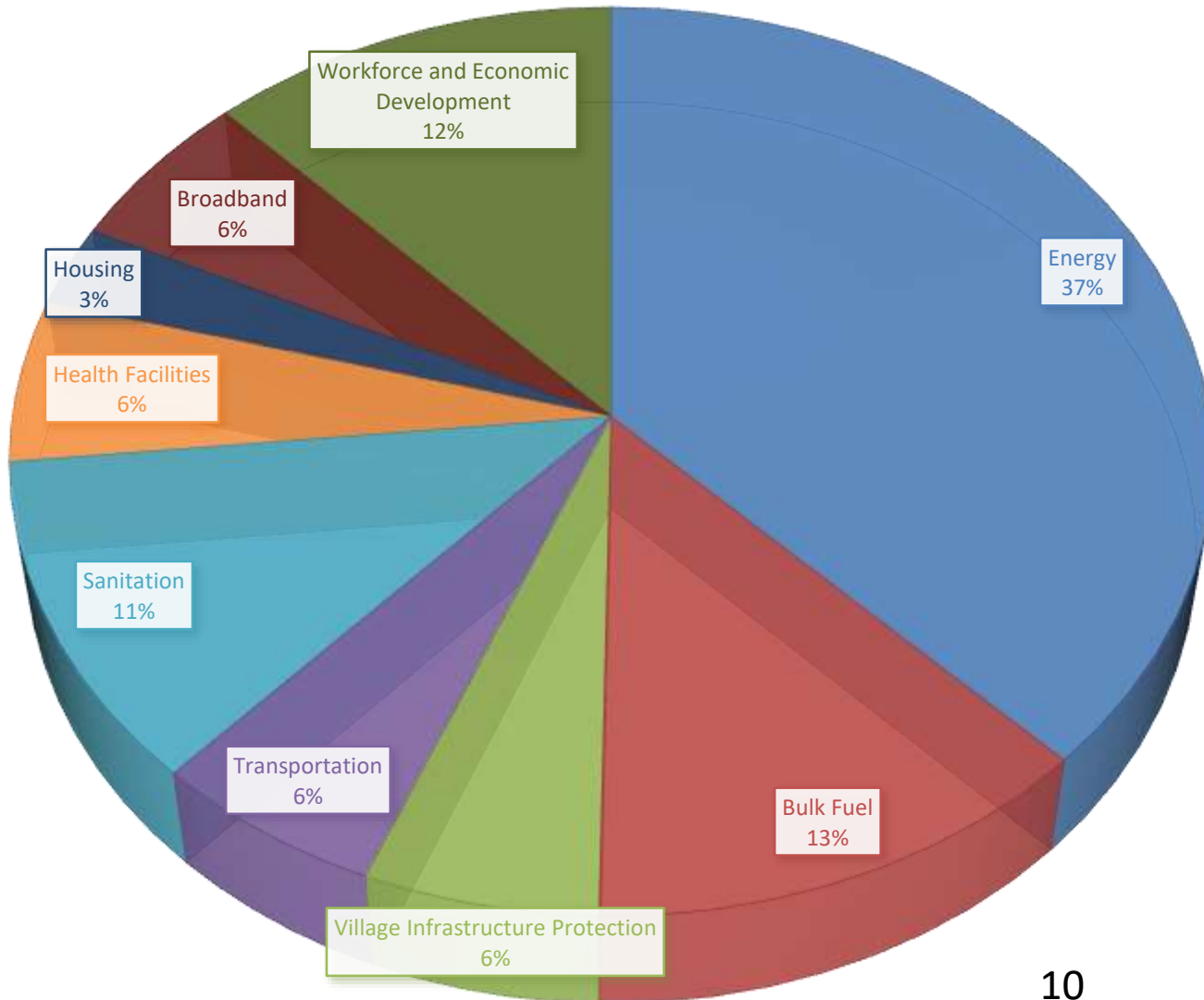
	PROGRAM and TYPE of INVESTMENT	Primary Partners	COMPLETED PROJECTS				
			Total # of Awards	Total # of Projects	Total Commission Funding	Total Match Funding	Total # of Communities Served
27	HOUSING						
28	Senior Housing and Long Term Care Facilities	US-HUD AHFC TDHE's Regional HC's	18	18	\$23,000,000	\$31,000,000	42
29	Teacher Housing		55	48	\$25,000,000	\$18,000,000	52
30	Domestic Violence Shelters		52	52	\$19,000,000	\$35,600,000	47
31	Adolescent Residential Treatment Facilities		12	10	\$20,000,000	\$18,500,000	statewide
32	JOB TRAINING & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT						
33	Allied Health	AGC US & State DOL University Alaska Works First Alaskians	7	77	\$8,100,000	\$9,100,000	100+
34	Construction		14	122	\$22,500,000	\$7,900,000	250+
35	Management, Maintenance & Facility Operations		17	113	\$9,000,000	\$2,400,000	150+
36	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GENERAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT						
37	Community Planning & Mapping	AFN APBI DCCED	25	15	\$8,000,000	\$2,500,000	200+
38	Multi-use Facilities		30	26	\$10,000,000	\$9,600,000	21
39	Public Broadcasting		2	2	\$11,500,000	\$0	statewide
40	Misc. Economic Development Initiatives/Support		115	30	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000	82
41	VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION						
42	Mertanik	ANTHC AEA DMVA	0	0	\$0	\$0	0
43	Shaktovich		0	0	\$0	\$0	0
44	Shishmanof		0	0	\$0	\$0	0
45	Kivakina		0	0	\$0	\$0	0
46	Program Development & Support for Other Communities		0	0	\$0	\$0	0
47	SPECIAL / MAP 21 PASS THRU's FOR ALASKA INITIATIVES						
48	Disaster Recovery	US-CDC ANTHC US-DOF Forsaker Group	1	1	\$200,000	\$0	0
49	Health Related		0	0	\$0	\$0	0
50	Misc.		0	0	\$0	\$0	0
51	TOTALS		1,554	1,374	\$1,173,200,000	\$907,050,000	976

Match Ratio

0.77



DENALI COMMISSION - FY 20 WORKPLAN





Overall Strategy

- **Local Input**
- **Partnerships**
- **Legislative Advocacy**
- **Leveraged Funding**
- **Grants, Public, Private**
- **Impact Driven, Local Results**



Investment Strategy

- **Mission**
 - Deliver the services of the Federal Government in the most cost-effective manner practical
- **Most federal agencies have narrow authority for very specific projects**
 - Makes comprehensive projects difficult and real needs of communities difficult to address
- **Denali Commission's broad authority can fill that Gap**
- **Denali Commission authority:**
 1. Job Training,
 2. Economic Development,
 3. Rural development, energy and transmission infrastructure, communications systems, water and sewer systems and other infrastructure needs



Denali Commission Special Tools

1. MAP-21 Transfer Authority

- Authority to accept funds from non-federal and federal sources
- Agencies counts funds as expended, eliminating Congress's ability to sweep back funds
- Other Special Provisions are applied once appropriated to D.C

2. Non-Federal Cost Share Match

- Ability to match funds with other federal agencies
- Acts like private or state funds

3. No-Year Funds

- Does not expire at end of fiscal year
- Allows for long-term projects



Working with the Commission

- Best thing we can do is hear from you
- Tell us more about your needs
- [Denali Commission Funding Request Form](#)



DENALI COMMISSION

Thank You!

Jocelyn Fenton, Transportation Program Manager

907-271-4714; jfenton@denali.gov



www.Denali.gov