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AEA Accepting Applications for Village Energy Efficiency Program Grants
Energy Efficiency Grants Available for Rural Alaska

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is soliciting grant applications from eligible communities under a new Village Energy Efficiency Program (VEEP) initiative, funded by \$500,000 from the Denali Commission.

The Alaska Legislature established the VEEP grant program in 2010 to reduce per capita consumption through energy efficiency. The goal of VEEP is to implement energy and cost-saving efficiency measures in buildings and facilities in small, high-energy-cost Alaska communities.

“Many rural Alaska communities have some of the highest fuel and energy costs in the nation,” said **AEA Executive Director Curtis W. Thayer**. “This funding will help communities improve energy efficiencies and lower energy costs while supporting community health and public safety. We are grateful to the Denali Commission for their continued support of AEA’s efforts to reduce energy costs for Alaskans.”

Alaska communities with a population no greater than 8,000 residents are invited to apply. Recipients can use VEEP funding for a variety of needs, such as conducting energy audits, installing energy efficiency measures in public buildings and facilities such as heating and ventilation systems, electric systems, as well as street trail lighting, or other public infrastructure. Funds can also be used to establish energy conservation workplace policies, design and adopt programs for employees, and/or conduct public education to increase the implementation of efficiency measures in the community.

The deadline to apply for VEEP funding is April 26, 2022. To view the funding opportunity announcement and grant application, visit akenergyauthority.org/veep.

The Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state. Its mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

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