

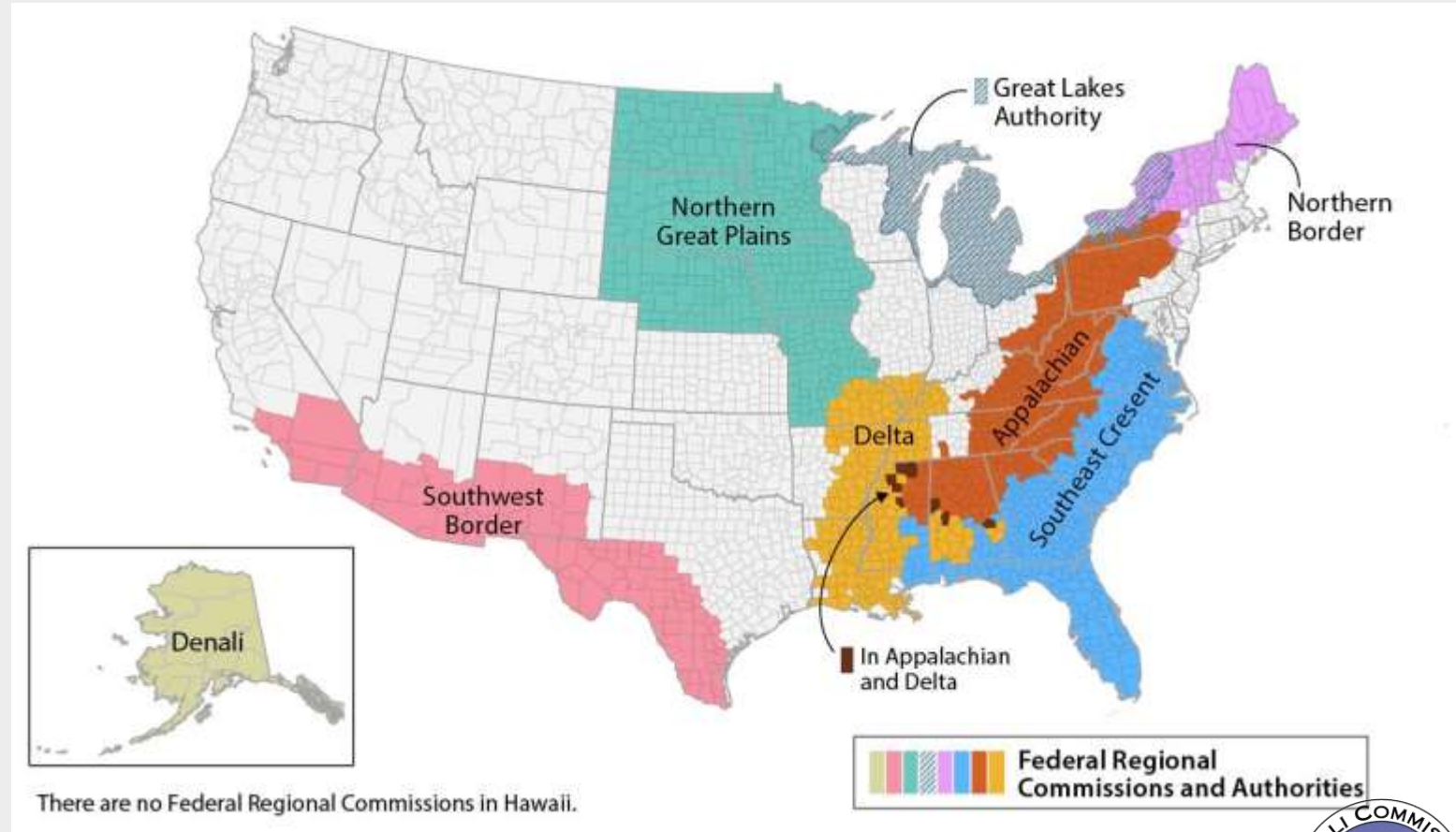


Energy Program & Funding

Alaska Municipal League
December 7, 2023

The Denali Commission Act of 1998

- An independent federal regional (single-state) commission
- Alaska has significant infrastructure gaps compared to elsewhere in US
- Place-based, intergovernmental, and multifaceted in programmatic orientation
- Identify gaps where other agencies are not operating
- Complement, but not duplicate the work of other agencies



Mission

- To provide infrastructure, job training and to support economic development.
- Established with a specific focus on promoting rural development in the following areas: bulk fuel storage, power generation, health care facilities, surface transportation and waterfront facilities, communication systems and specialty housing (e.g. domestic violence shelters).
- In executing the mission, the Commission strives to deliver services in the most cost-effective manner possible.

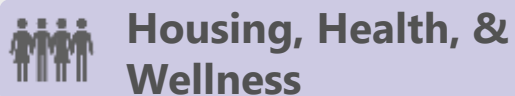
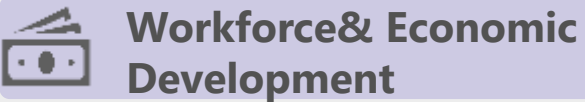
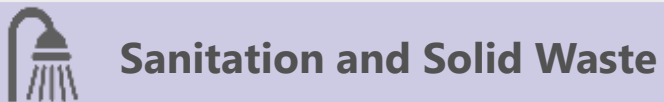
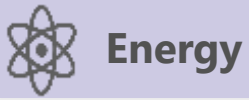


25 years of investing in rural Alaska

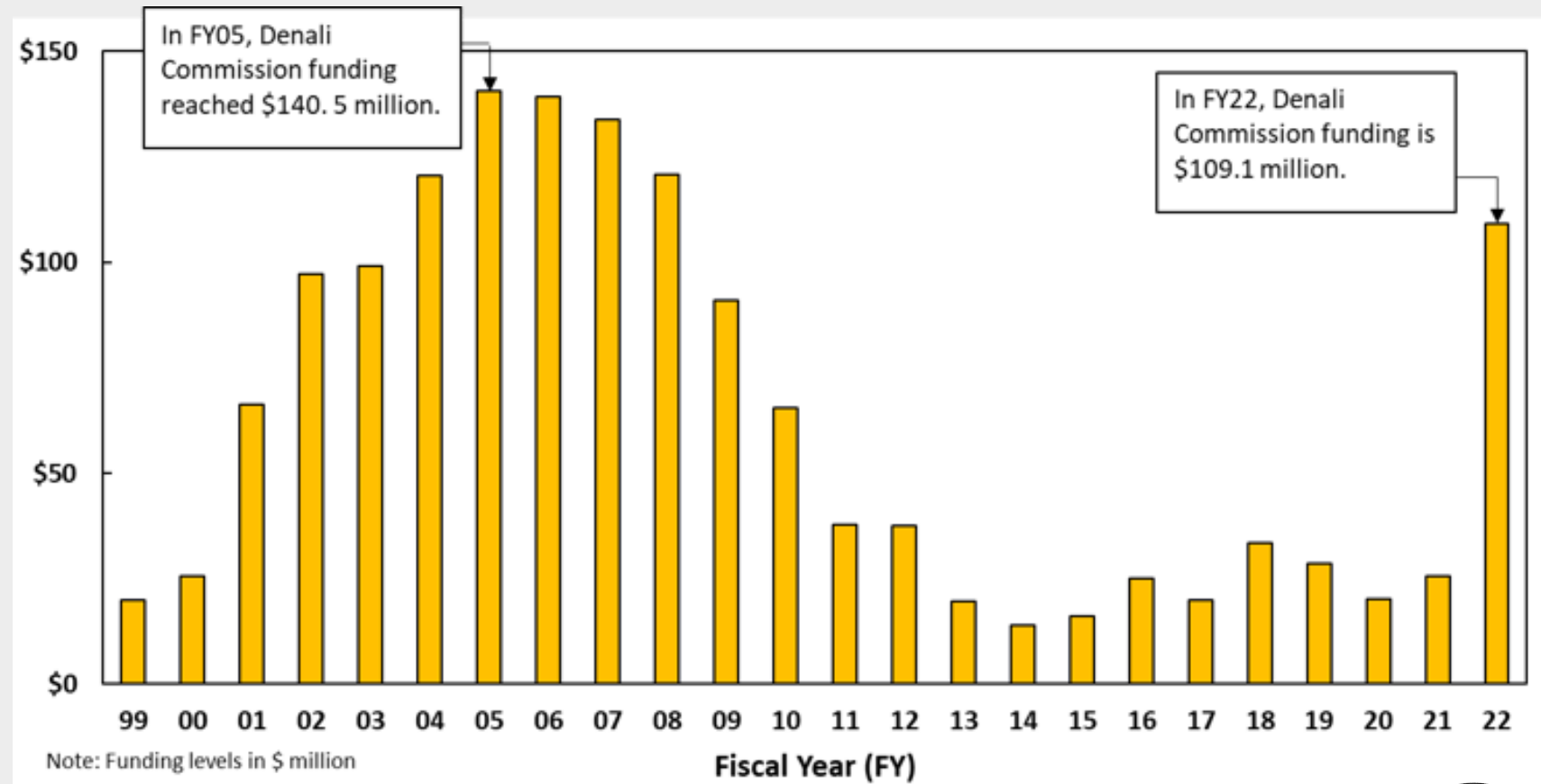
- \$ 2 billion invested in more than 230 communities
- Includes maintaining, sustaining, and protecting existing infrastructure
- Partnerships to leverage or unlock future funding
- Needs-based priority lists and recently, competitive opportunities



Denali Commission Programs



Funding Levels – Past to Present



Denali Commission Special Tools

1. Transfer and Gift Authority

- Authority to accept funds from non-federal and federal sources
- Registers funds as expended, eliminating risk of “sweep-back”
- Becomes Commission funds with statutory flexibility

2. No-Year Funds

- Does not expire at end of fiscal year
- Allows for long-term capital “banking”

3. Non-Federal Cost Share Match

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



Active Funding Opportunity

Open: Non-Federal Match for Funding Assistance for Infrastructure Projects

Qualifying Projects:

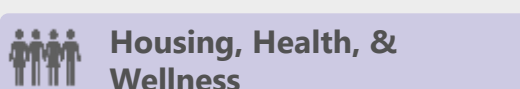
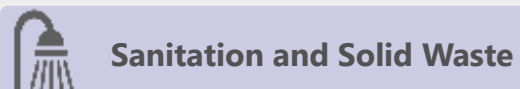
1. Have received other federal funding that requires a match
2. Have applied to other federal funding that requires a match

Total Available: \$4,900,000

Request Cap: \$1,000,000

**Statements of Interest
Forms Accepted NOW**

Eligible Programs



<https://www.denali.gov/>



FY 2024 Funding Opportunity

Eligible Programs

**Tentative: Spring
2024 Unified Funding
Opportunity
Announcement**

<https://www.denali.gov/funding-requests/>



Energy



Health Facilities



Transportation



Village Infrastructure Protection



Sanitation and Solid Waste



Workforce & Economic Development



Broadband



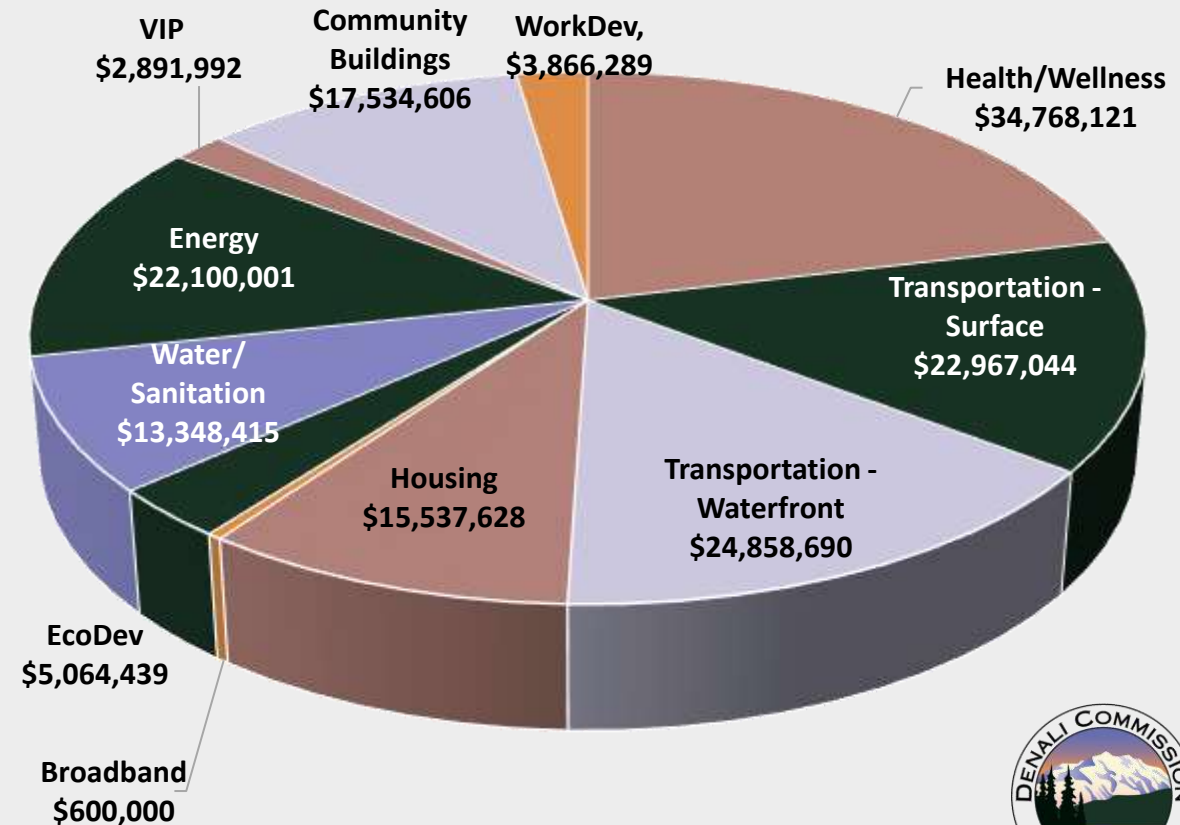
Housing, Health, & Wellness



2023 Unified Funding Opportunity Announcement

- 10-week application period
- **\$34,800,000** available
- **197** applications received
- requesting **\$163,537,225**
- Results: **\$33,947,298** across **75 projects**
- **56** communities + regional + statewide

Breakdown in Application Requests



Application and Evaluation

Application Section
A. Application Checklist
a. Distressed/Disadvantaged Community Status
b. Environmentally Threatened Community Status
B. Application Form
C. Application Package
a. Project Narrative
b. Scope of Work and Schedule
c. Organization, Capacity, and Delivery Method
d. Partnerships and Leveraged Funds
e. Budget/Resources
i. Budget by Cost Category (SF 424)
ii. Budget by Task
iii. Funding Summary
D. Program Specific Responses, as applicable
E. Appendix

Evaluation Criterion
Distressed Communities and/or Disadvantaged Communities
Environmentally Threatened Communities
Project Narrative
Scope of Work and Schedule
Organization, Capacity, and Delivery Method
Partnerships and Leveraged Funds
Budget/Resources
Program Specific Evaluation Criteria (if applicable)



FOA Match Requirements



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2023 Distressed Communities Report April 2023

This 2023 annual update of the distressed community list was prepared by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOL&WD), Research and Analysis Section. DOL&WD used the most current population, employment and earnings data available to identify those Alaska communities and Census Designated Places (CDP's) considered "distressed". The distressed status is determined by comparing average income of a community or CDP to full-time minimum wage earnings, the percentage of the population earning greater than full-time minimum wage earnings and a measure of the percentage of the population engaged in year-round wage and salary employment.

This report uses enhanced physical place of residence information to better identify the community/CDP of residence for Permanent Fund Dividend applicants age 16 and over. Communities and CDP's included in this report are closely aligned with those used in the annual population place estimates prepared by DOL&WD.

This document includes a list of all Alaska communities and CDP's, and indicates whether they are considered distressed or non-distressed. The list also includes employment and earnings information used to determine the status of each location for 2023. Maps by economic region that show locations of communities and CDP's that meet the distressed criteria are also included.

Data Sources and Methodology

Three sources of data were used for the 2023 update:

- 2022 Permanent Fund Dividend applications (PFD). This information includes the applicant's age, social security number (SSN), and physical place of residence. The 2022 recent year PFD applications correspond with 2022 wage records, the most recent available.
- Alaska unemployment insurance wage records for calendar year 2022. This information includes wage and salary worker earnings from all private, state and local government employers. Federal government, military, and self-employed earnings are not available and not included in the earnings estimate.
- Calendar year 2021 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commissions (CFEC) total fish value data by community, the most recent data available.

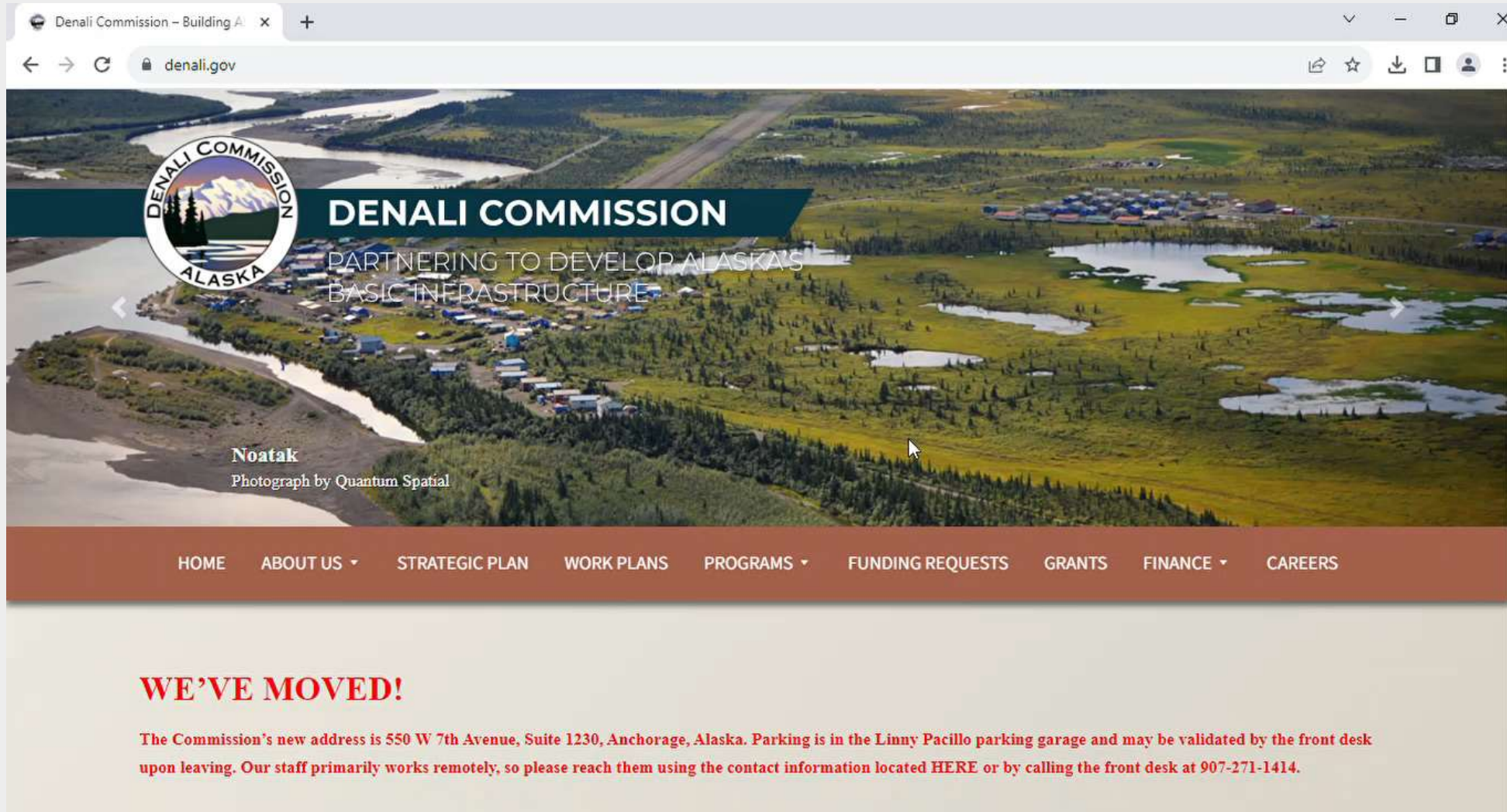
Non-construction grants i.e., planning, design, permitting - No match requirement

Construction grants where the Commission is the primary funder (50 percent or more of total budget):

- **Distressed communities** At least 20 percent of the project cost is required.
 - **Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool**. "Disadvantaged communities" in Alaska identified in the CEJST are also considered "distressed communities."
- **Non-distressed communities** 50 percent of the project cost is required.



Past and Present Awards – Denali Project Database



The screenshot shows the Denali Commission website. The browser address bar displays 'denali.gov'. The main header features the Denali Commission logo on the left, which includes a circular emblem with a mountain, trees, and water, and the text 'DENALI COMMISSION ALASKA'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'DENALI COMMISSION' in large white letters, followed by 'PARTNERING TO DEVELOP ALASKA'S BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE' in smaller white letters. Below this, there is a photograph of a landscape with a river and a small settlement, with the text 'Noatak' and 'Photograph by Quantum Spatial' overlaid. A navigation menu is located at the bottom of the header, with links for HOME, ABOUT US, STRATEGIC PLAN, WORK PLANS, PROGRAMS, FUNDING REQUESTS, GRANTS, FINANCE, and CAREERS. Below the navigation menu, a red heading reads 'WE'VE MOVED!' followed by a paragraph of text: 'The Commission's new address is 550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1230, Anchorage, Alaska. Parking is in the Linny Pacillo parking garage and may be validated by the front desk upon leaving. Our staff primarily works remotely, so please reach them using the contact information located HERE or by calling the front desk at 907-271-1414.'



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Funding Opportunity Recap

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Scan for Statement of Interest Form





Thank you!

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