

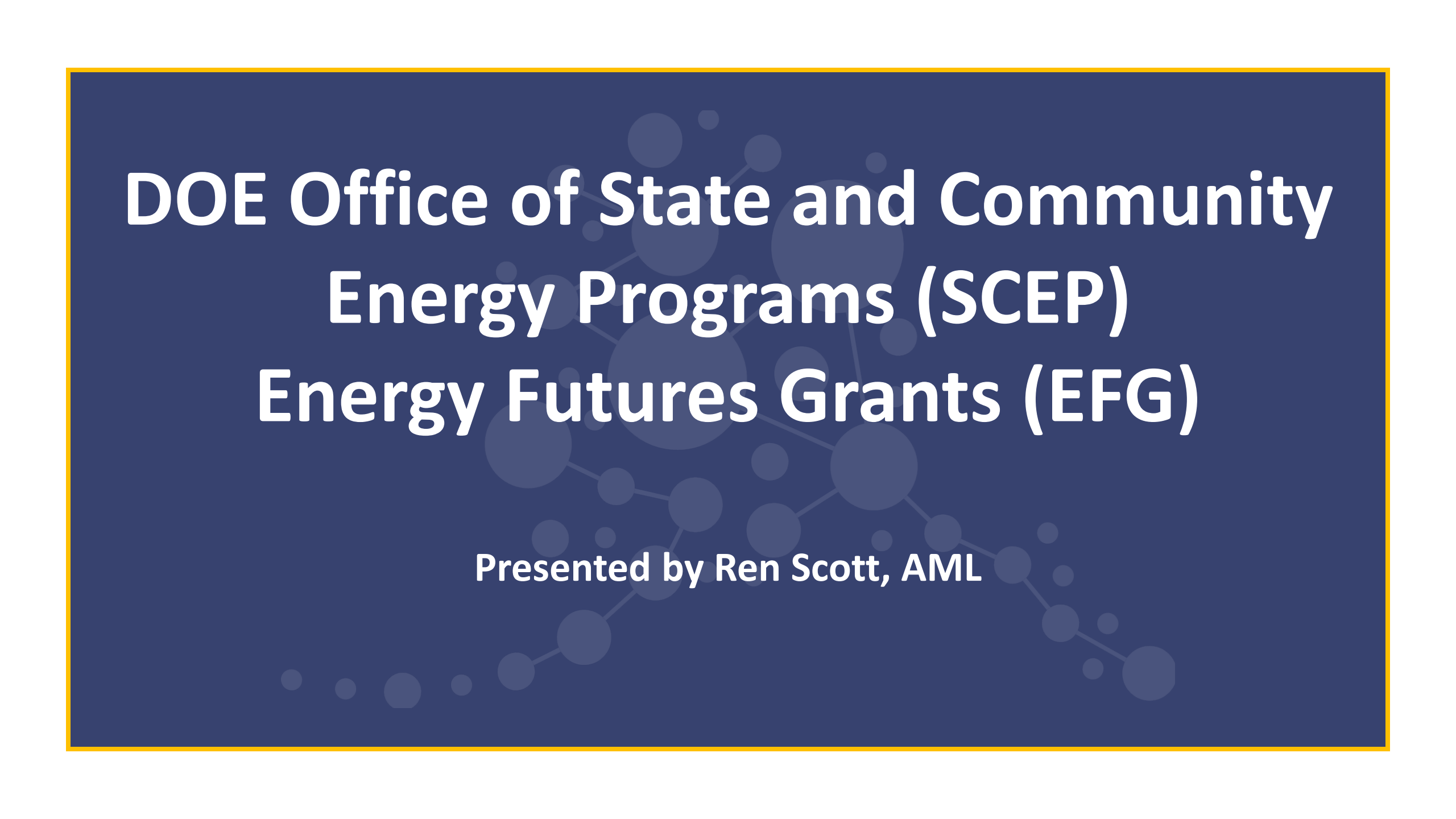


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# Evaluating Municipal Processes for Efficient Clean Energy Permitting

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**DOE Office of State and Community  
Energy Programs (SCEP)  
Energy Futures Grants (EFG)**

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# Energy Futures Grant: Phase I



Phase I Planning Grant \$27M awarded nationwide to state, local, and tribal government partnership efforts to develop clean energy projects.



Goals: broad benefits to clean energy deployment: health, economy, grid resilience, adaptability, emission reductions.



Justice 40 initiative – 40% of overall benefits to flow to disadvantaged communities



EFG projects will be led by communities and support innovative, deployment-based plans in the transportation, buildings, and/or power sectors.



# Energy Futures Grant: Phase I

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- **Prime Recipient:** Alaska Energy Authority
- **Principal Investigator:** Alaska Municipal League
- **Project Partners:** DOT&PF and AHFC
  
- This 12-month project will improve governance and financial systems of 45 disadvantaged communities to identify and remove barriers to clean energy development within municipal code, permitting, or regulatory processes.
- AML will develop skills and capacity to effectively plan, implement, and manage and maintain energy projects.

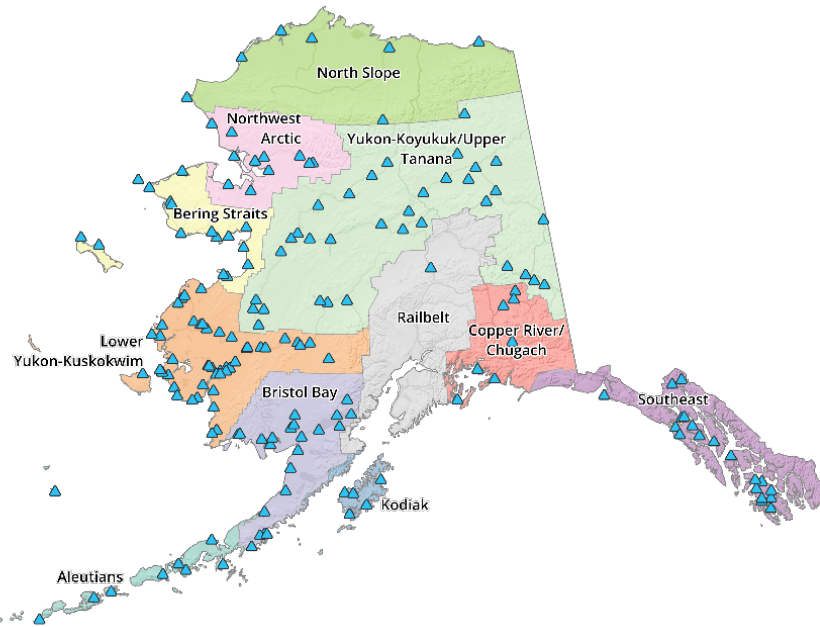
# Project Goals

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- Up to 45 municipalities committed to participating in project activities and cohort meetings that result in learning and development of governance (land-use, permitting, etc.) and financial recommendations, based on evaluation of existing processes.
- Financial analysis and tax implementation, where applicable, and production of a project funding timeline.
- Implementation of a community benefits plan that focuses on workforce development opportunities and equity analysis related to reducing community energy burden.

# Participating Communities

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193 high-cost communities that AEA serves.

- City of Hughes
  - Evaluation of solar to offset diesel generation
- City of Fort Yukon
  - Flood-impacted community
- City of Chevak
  - Energy plan development that includes decreasing water/sewer costs
- Tanana Chiefs Conference
  - Support regional clean energy planning effort

# Deliverables

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- AML will review current municipal code to identify any barriers or improvements and assess tax and fee structures in place that can lead to greater room for investments.
- AML will produce for each community a municipal roadmap that outlines potential projects, financial models or resources, and municipal land-use policy that facilitates access to affordable clean energy.
- Resources will be provided to all local governments in AK, and share outcomes that include models for improving existing municipal codes, governance and financial systems, and land-use and permitting policy.

# Project Benefits

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- Reduction in annual energy costs within the community.
- An increase in available funds to invest in lowering energy costs
- The identification and removal of permitting or local barriers, or addition of streamlined processes, that incentivize clean energy development.





# Group Discussion

# THANK YOU



Strengthening Local Governments