

2019 BBEDC PROGRAM DIRECTORY

Complete information, forms, program deadlines, and applications for BBEDC programs can be found online at www.bbetc.com, through community liaisons, or by contacting BBEDC at 1-800-478-4370.

Regional Fisheries

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The Vessel Upgrade Grant Program – Grants of up to \$17,500 for setnetters and up to \$35,000 for drift boats are available for deck and fish hold upgrades, engines and engine repairs, RSW systems, electronics and other gear and improvements that improve fish quality and fishing efficiency. Grants can also be combined with qualifying commercial fishing loans. Applicants must be a CDQ community or Bristol Bay watershed community resident, have a history of and commitment to participating in the region's commercial salmon fishery, own the vessel, hold an Alaska CFEC permit for harvesting salmon or provide a copy of a contract with a CFEC watershed resident permit holder declaring his or her intention to fish with the applicant for the coming season. Applicant must also remain a resident in a CDQ or Bristol Bay watershed community and continue participation in the region's salmon fishery for the three consecutive seasons following receipt of the grant. An In-Season Emergency Provision provides financial assistance to commercial fishers who meet the eligibility and requirements of the program policies for equipment and repairs to an engine or drive train that are catastrophic in nature to the operation during the fishing season.

4E Halibut Program – Applications to fish the Area 4E CDQ halibut fishery are available after January 1. If you registered to fish 4E CDQ Halibut in 2018, BBEDC will mail you a 2019 application. Applications can also be requested by phone, email, or from BBEDC's website. Completed applications are due by April 1, and evidence of state licenses and other required documents need to be provided prior to the opening of the 4E CDQ halibut season May 1. Fishers will receive a hobo temperature device that will be required to be used while fishing throughout the 2019 halibut season. This is an ongoing effort to build a database and monitor the water temperature and its correlation with halibut feeding patterns.

Bristol Bay Ice - BBEDC's two ice barges, the Bristol Maid and the Bristol Lady will be in service for the 2019 fishing season. In addition, BBEDC is pursuing options to provide ice in Egegik and Ugashik. Taking advantage of the icing bonuses paid by salmon processors often requires that fishers have insulated totes and slush bags for storing ice and chilling fish on board. Checking in with your processors early to see what their icing plans are for the coming season is a good idea so that you can make sure your operation is ready to ice.

Quality Improvements - Chilled fish are worth more money, and to help resident fishers earn the best price for their fish in 2019, BBEDC will provide slush ice bags, insulated totes, padded deck mats and flexible sheet foam hold insulation to Bristol Bay watershed community resident commercial fishers. Insulated totes require that a fisher hold a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) permit. Slush bags, padded deck mats, and flexible foam insulation require that applicants own a boat or setnet fishing equipment such as a skiff or vehicle, and either own a CFEC permit or have a contract to fish with a resident CFEC permit holder for the coming season. Insulation, totes, padded deck mats and slush bags are one time benefits. Replacements are not provided except in special circumstances, but patch material for slush bags is available by contacting Regional Fisheries staff.

RSW Purchase Program – The RSW Purchase Program provides grants of up to \$22,000 to assist with the purchase of Refrigerated Seawater Systems (RSW) for qualifying commercial salmon operations. RSW installation and operation can enable fishers to ensure higher quality catch by chilling at the

point of harvest with an onboard system that is an effective alternative to icing. Applicants must be a CDQ community resident, have a history of and commitment to participating in the region's commercial salmon fishery, own the vessel, hold an Alaska CFEC permit for harvesting salmon or provide a copy of a contract with a CFEC resident permit holder declaring his or her intention to fish with the applicant for the upcoming season. Applicants must also remain a resident in a CDQ community and continue participation in the region's salmon fishery for the three consecutive seasons following receipt of the grant.

RSW Support Program – The RSW Support Program provides annual assistance of up to \$1,000 to CDQ community resident fishers for consultation prior to and during installation of Refrigerated Seawater Systems (RSW), spring tune-ups and repairs, and winterization of RSW units installed in their fishing vessels to help them earn more from the region's fisheries resources by improving fish quality. Applicants must own the vessel, hold an Alaska CFEC permit for harvesting salmon or provide a copy of a contract with a CFEC resident permit holder declaring his or her intention to fish with the applicant for the coming season.

Pre-Season Advance Program – The Pre-Season Advance Program provides up to \$5,000 to help resident fishers pay pre-season expenses such as nets, insurance, license renewals and other fishing necessities. The advance and a \$25 application fee must be repaid by July 15 of the year in which it was advanced. Repayment must be guaranteed by a promissory note signed by the borrower and a purchase order from the applicant's fish company.

Help for Resident Fishers – The mission of BBEDC's Regional Fisheries Program is to help make your fishing business more profitable and our coastal communities sustainable. If there is fisheries information you need, or if you have an idea for a workshop, specific training or other suggestions that might help improve our coastal fishing economy, stop by or drop us a line. Good luck and good fishing!

Note:

Some Regional Fisheries programs have specific reporting requirements for the subsequent three consecutive salmon seasons following grant distribution. After each season, fishers are expected to submit the required documents in a timely manner. For more information about the reporting requirements, contact Regional Fisheries staff or visit

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Education, Employment & Training

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Harvey Samuelsen Scholarship Trust – Scholarships are awarded to Bristol Bay CDQ residents earning degrees at accredited colleges or universities as full-time students. Eligibility requirements are:

- Resident of a Bristol Bay CDQ community.
- HS diploma or GED.
- Enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- Registered as a full-time student in a degree program.
- Undergraduates must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Graduate students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Award amounts vary. The regular application deadline is June 28, 2019, with a mid-year application opportunity in January 2020.

Student Loan Forgiveness Program – As an incentive to bring college/technical school graduates back to Bristol Bay, BBEDC offers assistance to residents with student loans. Applicants must have been a resident of a Bristol Bay CDQ community prior to earning their degree/license/certificate, and then worked in the Bristol Bay CDQ community for 12 months before applying. The program forgives up to \$20,000 of a student loan with payments disbursed to the lending agency over a five year period. In the first year 10% of the loan principal is forgiven, 20% the second year, 30% the third year, 50% the fourth year, and 100% the fifth year. Total awards are not to exceed \$20,000. Participants must keep their loan payments current to remain eligible.

College Development Fund – Financial aid is offered to Bristol Bay CDQ residents pursuing college degrees on a part-time basis. The program prioritizes the utilization of the University of Alaska or Alaska Pacific University systems. Other US institutions may be considered with written justification from the applicant. Eligibility requirements are:

- Resident of a Bristol Bay CDQ community.
- Enrolled in a degree program.
- Registered as a part-time student.
- Undergraduates must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Graduate students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Awards will pay for tuition, books, and fees for up to \$1,500 per semester. High school students taking college courses for dual credit may also apply for the College Development Fund. Applications are accepted year-round and must be received three business days before classes start. Students must apply each semester.

Internships – Many exciting opportunities for internships in Bristol Bay are available to both youth and adults. Youth internships are offered to CDQ community residents between the ages of 14 to 17 and provide educational and training elements with the employment position. Adult internships are designed to allow residents to work with partnering businesses and agencies to offer meaningful practical work experience related to interests and career goals. If you are interested in applying for an internship or have ideas for new internship opportunities, contact BBEDC Education, Employment and Training staff.

Vocational Program – Funds are available for individuals who are interested in advancing in vocational education or who are seeking new or enhanced skills related to their primary employment. Complete applications must be received by BBEDC seven business days prior to the start of classes to be considered for funding. BBEDC will prioritize training at facilities in-region (SAVEC is our preferred provider), in-state and last, within the continental United States. Funding eligibility criteria include:

- Fisheries-related training directly related to the fisher's operation including industry-related skills training or training that could lead to entry into a Bristol Bay commercial fishery as a crewman.
- Job-readiness training that would provide new or enhance current employment skills for those unemployed with the goal of increasing employability.
- Employer mandated training that would result in continued employment, a direct employment advancement or pay increase with said employer (limited to \$2,500 per year).
- Continuing education training to maintain certifications that are required for current occupation.
- Full-time vocational-technical education program leading to a nationally recognized certification, license or degree that could lead to direct employment in the vocation.

Community/Group Training Fund – Funding is offered to BBEDC village, city and borough governments with accredited or known training providers to provide training opportunities that are fisheries-related or deemed capacity building for BBEDC CDQ residents seeking new or enhanced skills related to their fishing operations or employment.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities – Residents of BBEDC communities who wish to learn new work skills and gain experience through on-the-job training in entry-level seasonal employment can apply for positions created by this program. BBEDC works cooperatively with organizations and businesses to create entry-level seasonal positions for residents. The goal of the program is to provide temporary employment opportunities for qualified residents. Businesses and organizations interested in providing an employment opportunity through this program are encouraged to contact Pearl Strub or Laticia Swift. Seasonal employment positions are available throughout the year based on available funds. To apply for a seasonal employment position call BBEDC or visit our website for available positions.

Bering Sea Employment – BBEDC recruits individuals for seafood processing jobs on the Bering Sea. Employment opportunities are available with Arctic Storm/ Fjord, American Seafoods, Dona Martita (pollock boats), Alaskan Leader (longliners), Kaldestad Fisheries (crab boats), U.S. Seafoods (multi-species bottom fish boats), Icicle Seafoods (floating processors and land plants), Westward Seafoods and Ocean Beauty Seafoods (land plants). Positions are available year-round to resident applicants of the Bristol Bay watershed communities.

Salmon Camp – The Bristol Bay Salmon Camp provides high school and middle school students with an opportunity to learn about Bristol Bay salmon biology and management. Students participate in classroom studies in limnology, fisheries management, and research, and work alongside professionals in the field. 2019 Salmon Camp applications will be available in April.

REMINDER

The BBEDC Residency Form and the Relationship Disclosure Form are required for ALL BBEDC programs. Residency Forms must be renewed annually with supporting documents and Relationship Disclosure Forms must accompany every application.

Economic Development & Brokerage

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Interest Rate Assistance – BBEDC resident fishers are provided an opportunity to reinvest in their commercial fishing operations by providing relief from a portion of the interest on fishery-related loan payments. In 2019, this program will provide 4% of interest due up to \$4,000 annually. The program is offered on a first come, first served, basis.

- Participation is limited to one loan per individual.
- Applicants must be a Bristol Bay CDQ Community Resident.
- Loans must be in good standing.
- Applicants must apply prior to making the current payment.
- Applicants must allow at least two weeks for processing an application.
- Payments are made directly to the lending institute.

Tax Preparation Program – BBEDC assists residents of its 17 communities with filing timely IRS tax returns by offering up to \$150 for professional preparation per tax return, provided:

- Residents complete an Tax Preparation Application Form.
- Participant has on file or submits a current BBEDC Residency Form.
- Participant submits a Relationship Disclosure Form with the application.
- Tax Preparer is on BBEDC's approved tax preparer list.
- Only 2018 taxes are eligible.

Bristol Bay Permit Brokerage – BBPB strives to retain ownership of permits by residents of the region by providing services at no charge other than required agency fees. Services include:

- Serves as a satellite office for the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) to assist with vessel license renewals, permit renewals, permit transfers and other related communications.
- Listings for the sale/purchase of permits and boats.
- Listings for crew and permit holders.
- Assistance with documents for sale and transfer of permits and boats.
- Provide agreement templates for use by fishers for leases and emergency transfers.
- Sample crew contract.
- CFEC and Coast Guard forms.

Arctic Tern Program – Through an application process, BBEDC grants up to \$6,000 to each BBEDC community to be used to support and foster jobs, employment activities or learning opportunities for resident young people up to 17 years of age. Eligible organizations are the Tribal or City governments. The BBEDC Board feels strongly that introducing youth to the workplace can provide a small income as well as a head start on valuable work skills and encourages pride and a sense of community responsibility. Also of value are educational activities related to employment opportunities, economic issues, career choices and leadership forums that will enhance our resident youths' exposure to the world of work.

Technical Assistance Program - BBEDC provides resident entrepreneurs and communities with a source of assistance in developing business plans, feasibility analysis (small projects), grant mentoring, completing loan applications, financial counseling and the other technical aspects of developing small businesses. The program provides assistance from an established and experienced consulting firm, the Alaska Business Development Center (ABDC), to successful applicants. The applicants must actively work with the consultant towards a finished product.

Community Liaison Program - Grants are made available to each BBEDC community to provide liaison services in the community. Liaison services include promoting BBEDC programs, serving as a point of contact for BBEDC staff and residents in their individual communities for program delivery at the community level.

Community Block Grant Program - The Community Block Grant Program provides grants to BBEDC communities' local government organizations (Tribal or City government) to fund development of projects that promote

sustainable community and regional economic development. The BBEDC Board determines the level of funding available to communities. Communities may use a portion of their funds for home heating fuel/electric assistance for eligible low-income residents, maintenance & operations for community-owned ice machines and/or other community facilities on an annual basis. The amount budgeted for 2019 is \$500,000 per community. The application period is Jan 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019.

Infrastructure Grant Fund - The Infrastructure Grant Fund is available to BBEDC communities and provides funding to local government organizations (Tribal or City government) for development of infrastructure that promotes and supports long-term economic growth and development of the regional economy and opportunities for residents of CDQ communities. The requirements of the program assure that infrastructure is developed for public facilities as well as business enterprises.

Personal Finance/Education - The program provides personal financial management information to BBEDC residents as well as a series of workshops in communities. BBEDC contracts with Money Management International (MMI); a group that specializes in personal financial education and counseling. Workshops provide financial education to groups of residents, and MMI assists individual residents with one-on-one counseling on credit reports, personal finances, debt management, credit recovery and identity theft.

Grant Writing Assistance - Through an application process, BBEDC provides the services of experienced and successful grant writers to BBEDC city and/or tribal governments. The choice of which firm will be assigned is reserved to BBEDC. Services will include targeted project funding searches and/or varying levels of proposal development as well as grant proposal mentoring.

Permit Loan Program - A menu of financial and/or technical services are provided to eligible residents of the 25 Bristol Bay watershed communities. Services may include loan guarantee, down payment grant, interest assistance, principal reduction assistance, technical assistance and/or training to successful applicants. Participants are selected through an evaluative process and participation is contingent upon the applicant's ability to obtain and maintain a loan from approved lenders.

Emergency Transfer Grant - With the goal of helping residents to gradually become permit owners, grants of up to 50% of the emergency transfer (lease) fee (not to exceed an established cap) for Bristol Bay limited entry drift and set permits are available to eligible BBEDC resident fishers. Among program requirements are the following: participants must demonstrate residency in a BBEDC CDQ community, meet income eligibility requirements, have a market, must participate in financial counseling and operate on or with a vessel or site owned and/or operated by a resident of one of the Bristol Bay watershed communities. Participants may receive no more than a maximum of three grants except where progress can be demonstrated on a plan for ownership of a permit.

Shore Fishery Lease Grant – The Shore Fishery Lease Grant Program provides eligible BBEDC residents with a grant of up to \$800 (or no more than 75% of the total cost) of gaining a State of Alaska Shore Fishery Lease. Eligible residents must demonstrate their residency in one of the 17 BBEDC communities, ownership of a Bristol Bay set net permit, a commitment for a market, recent participation in set net fishing, confirmation of use of the site, and that they do not have a DNR Shore Fishery Lease.

Vessel Acquisition Program – The Vessel Acquisition Program offers resident fishers of the 17 BBEDC communities the opportunity to obtain a competitive and efficient vessel (including a truck, provided that the applicant can demonstrate that a vehicle is the primary vessel for harvest and delivery of fish in their individual fishing operation). Through an evaluative process, participants may receive technical assistance, principal reduction assistance, interest subsidy, training and/or down payment assistance. Additionally, the program allows an opportunity for an increase in the level of assistance to provide an incentive for the purchase of vessels equipped with RSW systems. Participation is contingent upon the applicant's ability to obtain and maintain a loan from approved lenders.

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Dear BBEDC CDQ Community Members,

Enclosed are brief descriptions of the programs offered by BBEDC in 2019, and a contact list for local Community Liaisons. We strongly encourage you to contact your liaison or BBEDC staff for any additional information you might need. Remember: BBEDC’s residency policy allows no longer than a 60 consecutive day absence unless requirements for an excused absence are met. If you need assistance determining residency qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact us before your absence. All local BBEDC staff can be reached at 1-800-478-4370 or 842-4370. The variety and range of programs being offered is incredible and we strongly encourage you to take advantage of them.

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President/Chief Executive Officer*

Community Liaisons

Aleknagik – Shellie Aloysius	842-2856	Manokotak – Tessa Nickerson	289-1429
Clarks Point – Sandra Olsen	236-1479	Pilot Point – Sophie Abyo	797-2208
Dillingham – Ivory Adajar	842-2384	Portage Creek – Vacant	277-1150
Egegik – Roberta Alto	233-2211	Port Heiden – John Christensen, Jr	837-2296
Ekuk – Chelsey Decker	842-3842	South Naknek – Karl Rawson.....	469-0369
Ekwok – Sophie Kaleak.....	464-3349	Togiak – Joe Alexie	493-5003
King Salmon – Joni O’Domin	246-3553	Twin Hills – Debbie Snyder.....	493-2520
Levelock – Deserae Wassillie	287-3167	Ugashik – Daniel Pingree, Jr.....	797-2400
Naknek – Ann Forthofer	246-4210		