

2023 BBEDC PROGRAM DIRECTORY

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

Economic Development and Brokerage

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

- Participation is limited to one loan per individual.
- Applicants must be BBEDC CDQ community residents.
- Loans must be in good standing.
- Applicants must apply prior to making the current payment.
- Applicants must allow at least two weeks for application processing.
- 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 of personal tax returns by an approved resident tax preparer, provided:

- Residents submit a complete 2023 Tax Preparation Application and Relationship Disclosure Form.
- All adults receiving services have on file or submit a current BBEDC Affidavit of Residency.
- Tax Preparer is on BBEDC's approved tax preparer list.
- Only 2022 taxes are eligible, a BBEDC approval card is required before tax return preparation.
- Application period is January 1 through April 28.

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 but are not limited to:

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

Arctic Tern Program – Grants of up to \$6,000 per BBEDC community are available to the Tribal or City government. The funds are intended to address the challenge of limited opportunities for employment and educational activities for youth under the age of 17. The grants provide exposure to the world of work and/or educational opportunities that will allow youth to gain self-confidence, career awareness, financial literacy, and interpersonal competencies needed to succeed in life.

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 other technical aspects for developing small businesses. The program provides assistance to successful applicants from the Alaska Business Development Center (ABDC). Participants must actively work with the consultant towards a finished product.

Community Liaison Program – A grant is made available to each BBEDC community to provide liaison services. Liaisons promote BBEDC programs, serving as a point of contact for BBEDC staff and residents for program delivery at the community level.

Grant Writing Assistance – BBEDC provides the services of experienced and successful grant writers to its city and/or tribal governments. The choice of the firm assigned is reserved to BBEDC. Services include targeted project funding searches and/or varying levels of proposal development as well as grant proposal mentoring.

Community Block Grant Program – The Community Block Grant Program provides grants to BBEDC community Tribal or City governments to fund projects that promote sustainable community and regional economic development. The BBEDC Board determines the level of funding available to communities. A portion of the funds may be used for home heating fuel/electric assistance to eligible residents and maintenance & operations for community-owned ice machines and/or other community facilities on an annual basis. The amount budgeted for 2023 is \$750,000 per community. The application period is January 1 through November 30, 2023.

Personal Finance/Education – BBEDC contracts with Money Management International (MMI); a group that specializes in personal financial education and counseling. MMI assists individual residents by phone and in-person with one-on-one counseling, obtaining and reviewing credit reports, personal finances, debt management, credit recovery and identity theft. An MMI counselor travels to the region on a quarterly basis.

Permit Loan Program – A menu of financial and/or technical services is provided to eligible residents of the 25 Bristol Bay watershed communities interested in purchasing a Bristol Bay limited entry drift or set permit. Services may include loan guarantee, down payment grant, interest assistance, principal reduction assistance, technical assistance and/or training. 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. Participants are required to meet all eligibility requirements annually throughout the term of their participation. Applications are accepted from September 1 through April 1 annually.

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 maximum) for Bristol Bay limited entry drift and set permits are available to eligible BBEDC resident fishers. Among program requirements are the following:

- Demonstrate residency in a BBEDC CDQ community.
- Meet income eligibility requirements.
- Demonstrate a secured market.
- Participate in financial counseling.
- 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 3 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) for obtaining a State of Alaska Shore Fishery Lease. Among the program requirements are the following:

- Demonstrate residency in a BBEDC CDQ community
- Ownership of a Bristol Bay set net permit.
- Demonstrate a secured market.
- Demonstrate recent participation in set net fishing.
- Confirmation of use of the site to be leased.
- Do not already have a DNR Shore Fishery Lease.

Vessel Acquisition Program – The program offers residents of the BBEDC CDQ and Bristol Bay watershed communities the opportunity to obtain a competitive and efficient vessel (including truck provided the applicant can demonstrate it is the primary vessel for harvest and delivery of fish in their individual fishing operation). Participants may receive technical assistance, principal reduction assistance, interest subsidy, training, and/or down payment assistance. The program also allows an opportunity for an incentive for the purchase of vessels equipped with RSW systems. Previous participants may be considered for a second application provided that they meet program requirements. Participation is contingent upon the applicant's ability to obtain and maintain a loan from approved lenders. Participants are required to meet all eligibility requirements annually throughout the term of their participation. Applications are accepted from September 1 through April 1.

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Education, Employment, and 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 9, 2023 with a mid-year application opportunity in January 2024.

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/certification, and then worked in a 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 5 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. Participants must keep loan payments current and maintain full-time employment to remain eligible.

College Development Fund – Financial aid is offered to Bristol Bay CDQ residents pursuing degrees on a part-time basis from their home community. The program prioritizes the utilization of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bristol Bay Campus or distance delivery from the University of Alaska or Alaska Pacific University systems. Other U.S. 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 with the University of Alaska, Alaska Pacific University (via distance delivery) or Bristol Bay Campus.
- 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 term. High school students taking college courses may also apply for the College Development Fund. Applications are accepted year round and must be received at least three full business days before classes start. Students must apply each term.

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 gain 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 or are a business/organization interested in providing an internship, 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 employment. Complete applications must be received by BBEDC at least seven full 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 50 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 the Bristol Bay commercial fishery as a crew member.
- Job-readiness training that would provide new or enhance current employment skills to those unemployed, with the goal of increasing employability.
- Employer mandated training required for continued employment (limited to \$2,500 per year).
- Training or certifications that could lead to a direct employment advancement or a pay increase with current primary employer.
- Continuing education training to maintain certifications that are required for current occupation.
- Full-time vocational technical education 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 and accredited or known training providers to provide training opportunities that are fisheries-related or deemed capacity building in nature that will enhance employment skills and opportunities for BBEDC CDQ/region residents.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities – BBEDC works cooperatively with organizations and businesses to create entry-level seasonal positions for residents. Qualified residents of BBEDC communities looking 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. Entities interested in providing an employment opportunity through this program are encouraged to contact BBEDC Education, Employment & Training staff.

Seasonal Employment positions are available throughout the year based on available funds. Residents who would like to apply for a seasonal employment position can 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 on pollock vessels, long-liners, multi-species bottom fish vessels, floating processors and 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. Enjoy a learning experience and fun activities on beautiful Lake Aleknagik. Plans for the 2023 Salmon Camp will be announced in April.

REMINDER

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

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Regional Fisheries

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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. Applicants must be a CDQ 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 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (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 subsequent three consecutive seasons following receipt of the grant. An In-Season Emergency Provision is available for fishers who experience a catastrophic engine or drive train failure mid-season. Resident fishers who have not received a Vessel Upgrade Grant in the previous three years can apply for a subsequent Vessel Upgrade Grant. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of the program policies.

Quality Improvements Program – Chilled fish are worth more money, and to help resident fishers earn the best price for their fish, in 2023 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 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.

RSW Purchase Program – The RSW Purchase Program provides grants of up to \$22,000 to assist with the purchase of Refrigerated Sea Water (RSW) systems for qualifying commercial salmon operations. RSW systems enable fishers to enhance their quality of catch by chilling at the point of harvest, which is an effective alternative to icing. Applicants must be a CDQ 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 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 or Bristol Bay watershed community and continue participating in the region's salmon fishery for the subsequent three consecutive salmon seasons following receipt of the grant.

RSW Support Program – The RSW Support Program provides assistance of up to \$1000 to CDQ or Bristol Bay watershed community resident fishers who have installed or plan to install an RSW system in their fishing vessel. Funds can be used for consultation prior to and during installation, spring tune-ups, 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 – Being prepared for the upcoming fishing season is essential. The Pre-Season Advance Program provides up to \$5000 to help CDQ or Bristol Bay watershed community resident fishers pay pre-season expenses such as nets, insurance, license renewals, groceries, 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.

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 2022, BBEDC will mail you a 2023 application. Applications can also be requested by phone, email, or printed from BBEDC's website. Completed applications are due by April 1 of each year, 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 you will be required to use while fishing throughout the 2023 halibut season. This is an ongoing effort to build a database and monitor the water temperature and its correlation with halibut.

Fisheries Habitat Grant - Limited grants to support organizations and individuals who are working to protect the habitat that sustains the Bristol Bay fisheries from unsustainable development of large-scale metallic mining. Grants of up to \$5000 are available to support individual endeavors, and larger awards are available for organizations based in Bristol Bay. Grant distribution is project specific and will require the applicant to provide a project narrative, budget, timetable for completion and reportable, deliverable outcomes. All proposals are due by April 1, 2023.

Bristol Bay Ice – The Bristol Maid will be providing ice in the Nushagak River and BBEDC has partnered with Northline Seafoods to distribute ice in the Naknek River for the 2023 season. The Bristol Lady will not be in service in 2023. Taking advantage of the icing bonuses paid by salmon processors often requires that fishermen have insulated fish holds, totes or slush bags for storing ice and chilling fish on board. To ensure your operation is ready to ice, it is a good idea to check with your processor early to see what their icing plans are for the coming season.

Help for Resident Fishermen – BBEDC's Regional Fisheries Program is here to help make your 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 economy, stop in or email regionalfish@bbedc.com.

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

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BBEDC CDQ and Bristol Bay Watershed Community Members,

Enclosed are brief descriptions of the programs offered by BBEDC in 2023, as well as a contact list for local Community Liaisons. We strongly encourage you to contact your liaison or program staff for any additional information that you might need. BBEDC's residency policy requires residing in a CDQ Community for 24 months prior to participating in programs and allows no longer than a 60 consecutive day absence, unless requirements for an excused absence are met. Some programs (as noted) are also open to Bristol Bay watershed residents. If you need assistance determining residency qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact us before any absence or application submittal. All local BBEDC staff can be reached at 1-800-478-4370 or 907-842-4370.

Community Liaisons

Aleknagik – Shellie Aloysius.....	907-842-2856	Naknek – Stevi Rae Angasan.....	907-246-4210
Clarks Point – Mariano Floresta.....	907-236-1479	Manokotak – Leah John.....	907-289-1429
Dillingham – Karen McCambly.....	907-842-2384	Pilot Point – Victor Seybert.....	907-797-4162
Egegik – Jonathan Olsen.....	907-233-4036	Port Heiden – John Christensen, Jr.....	907-837-2296
Ekuk – Rose Tennyson.....	907-842-3842	South Naknek – Carvel Zimin, Jr.....	907-469-0713
Ekwok – Sophie Kaleak.....	907-464-3349	Togiak – Joe Alexie	907-493-5003
King Salmon – Joni O'Domin.....	907-246-3553	Twin Hills – Debbie Snyder	907-493-2520
Levelock – Chadalin Washington.....	907-287-6037	Ugashik – Mike Enright	907-797-2400

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