



## Funding Sources for a Backhaul Program



This handout contains information on funding a minimum-cost program for shipping or storing wastes like **electronic wastes, batteries, fluorescent lights, aluminum cans, and white goods**. Contact us (Tel: 277-2111 or email: [ssebalo@zendergroup.org](mailto:ssebalo@zendergroup.org)), if you are looking for more information about backhaul or if you need technical assistance. Also, see our backhaul page for more information at [www.zendergroup.org/backhaul.html](http://www.zendergroup.org/backhaul.html) And our general funding page at [www.zendergroup.org/funding.html](http://www.zendergroup.org/funding.html)

### What are possible funding sources for storing, reusing, or shipping out recyclables and/or hazardous wastes?



#### 1. EPA IGAP (and Special IGAP) Funding

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/TRIBAL.NSF/Grants/Tribal+Grants>

The FY 2014 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) Funding Announcement maintains the base funding level for FY 2012 at \$125,000. Tribes / Tribal Consortia can also still apply for Optional Special Project Funding by submitting one or more components for optional special projects directly benefiting multiple Tribes.

IGAP funds can be used to implement solid and hazardous waste activities. For example you could use IGAP funds to start a battery recycling program, to ship out electronic waste (e.g. computers) that your community has collected, or to buy storage containers, build sheds, or buy totes. These are just two examples, but there are a lot of different activities that IGAP could fund. Talk to your IGAP project officer if you have questions about what IGAP funds can be spent on.

#### 2. EPA's Tribal Hazardous Waste Grant

EPA has a Tribal Hazardous Waste Grant Program, which supports projects designed to develop and implement hazardous waste management programs. These programs must improve the applicant's ability to properly identify, manage, or dispose of hazardous waste. The following list includes eligible hazardous waste management program activities:

- Hazardous Waste Identification
- Hazardous Waste Generator Siting, Monitoring, & Compliance
- Hazardous Waste Minimization and Recycling, and the Management of Used Oil, and Universal Wastes;
- Hazardous Waste Transportation
- Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility Siting, Permitting, Monitoring, Corrective Action, & Enforcement
- Land Disposal Restrictions
- Combustion

Grants given are usually under \$79,750 and are very competitive. Past Alaska Villages that have received the award include Newtok and Selawik. Applications are usually due sometime in spring or summer (although dates vary year to year). Contact Fran Stefan, EPA Region 10 at (206) 553-6639 or [stefan.fran@epa.gov](mailto:stefan.fran@epa.gov) for further information about this grant and deadlines. To view the 2011 RFP for this grant, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-orcr-11-02.pdf> and the main page is <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm#epa-oswer-oblr-11-02>

### 3. BIA

- ❖ **“High priority Projects” - (“IRRHPP”).** Through the Transportation Program - landfill roads can be classified as “high priority project”. This provides extra, pretty immediate funds to build a road. Requirements are 1) that it designated as the highest priority road project for your tribe, 2) it is on your Inventory, 3) your annual funds are not enough money to build the road, 4) you need less the \$1 million. AND it scores high on a priority ranking by BIA. To score high - an emergency (such as a washout or erosion) or serious health and safety risks must be present. If you have an open dump where high exposures to smoke, wastes, etc. are present and you want to build a new landfill with road that will reduce or eliminate effects of breathing smoke, uncontained, unseparated wastes, etc. you can make a very good case for high priority. Let us know if you would like help in documenting your health risks—we have done this for communities that have been successful in high priority designation.
- ❖ **Discretionary Funding** - Like most agencies there may be “discretionary funding” at the end of the year. This is leftover money from their budget. Well-defined, short projects with good results are great for this. For example, you have a dump cleanup project that will greatly reduce safety risks but need money for gas to operate the heavy equipment. Usually you just need a 1-page very brief description of what you want to do and how much it costs. Almost any type of project is eligible, but it does depend on funds availability. For environmental program monies, contact Mark Kahklen Environmental Specialist (907) 271-4004 [Mark.Kahklen@bia.gov](mailto:Mark.Kahklen@bia.gov) For an application, go to: <http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/bia.pdf>
- ❖ **Water Management, Planning, and Pre-Development Program Grants**  
*Keith Kahklen, , [KeithKahklen@bia.gov](mailto:KeithKahklen@bia.gov), Manager, Branch of Natural Resources.* Some Tribes have used this grant to help with monitoring water quality affected by the site, or to search for better drinking water sources that aren't potentially contaminated, etc. Usually due on Sept 15th. You can also ask Keith about the Water Resources Technician Training Program. This sends someone from your tribe for several weeks (usually in new Mexico) to get trained on water quality. In addition, The program has paid a salary for the Technician for one year of \$20,000. So you can have someone monitor your site as well as scope out potential new sites.

### 4. Local Fundraising

For example, the Environmental programs with the Yupiit of Andreafski and Algaaciq Tribal Government in St. Mary's held local fundraisers to raise money for some of their community efforts. The ideas for events they came up with were:

- Carnivals for the kids: these were big money makers for them. They ordered their goods online—the efforts of the carnival paid off the cost of the goods and made pretty good money too.
- They also sold hotdogs, burgers, healthy drinks and snacks.
- Spaghetti feeds (or whatever dinner) with movie night, using a power point projector and speakers.
- Basketball tournaments (3 on 3)
- Dances for kids, fiddle dances for community
- Ask for donated items to auction off.



### 5. Urban “Box” Stores:

In Anchorage, there are various stores that donate goods and funds. These are especially the ones that do a lot of “Bush Deliveries”, such as Fred Meyer, WalMart, Costco, Sams, Sportsman's Warehouse. They

want to give something back to the rural communities. All you need is to fill out a donation application (which we can help you get) and a letter of request. Remember, when you write the letter to talk about how the donation will help your community's health and well-being, and how much it means to the village. Let them know you put up flyers or newsletters (or local newspaper ads) thanking organizations that donate to the community, and then send them a copy.

## 6. Shipping Containers already in the Community:

Some shipping companies have donated their old containers that are already in your Village. Write a letter on Tribal letterhead and request the donation - provide your IRA tax ID #. Other shipping companies will not charge you for the shipping costs of a shipping container, as long as the container is loaded with supplies for your village.



## 7. Youth, Cultural, Other Grants:

Think about working with your school, or a local non-profit such as Boys and Girls Club, to find funding and/or request donations. Some foundations are oriented towards youth programs, or community well-being programs. If you link your Environmental Program to a way that helps youth, you will be eligible for a whole wide range of additional grants. For example, the Village of Selawik uses their new workshop/ recycling center to invite teens in to work on their snowmachines. While there, the teens keep out of trouble, have an adult, and they are able to work on elders' snowmachines as well as their own. They build self-esteem. And they learn about the Environmental Program and the used oil and battery recycling programs. They begin making those environmental connections that are key to their culture, community, and pride. So more residents are now recycling their hazardous wastes. The program is both a youth/community wellness program and a recycling program.



## 8. Rasmuson Foundation Tier 1 grants:

An example of a small grant (up to \$25,000) that is open year-round for Alaska non-profits is the Rasmuson Foundation "Tier 1" grants. Tribes are eligible if the project is for the entire community and will have a broad community impact and equipment to start or improve a recycling program would certainly qualify. These fund only capital projects - meaning equipment and supplies. Examples of eligible expenses are heavy equipment for recycling activities (for ex. balers), a vehicle to pull trailers of recyclables (but not regular trash collection), or a building for storing recyclables and equipment. They have funded past projects that support a wide range of community activities, including occasionally solid waste projects, such as Koyuk's "Recycling project: Two trashcans for each household, 4-wheeler, battery bins". The following blog post contains information on the different types of projects that Rasmuson Foundation has funded in rural communities: <http://www.rasmuson.org/blog/?p=4505>. If you develop your project to be a key part of community well-being, then your project might be funded. Contact Aleesha Towns-Bain with questions at 297-2875 or Jeff Baird at 297-2831 or [jbaird@rasmuson.org](mailto:jbaird@rasmuson.org).

If you are considering applying for this grant, look at what types of past projects have been funded, and think about how your project can integrate into a community project that accomplishes similar goals as past funded projects.

Here is a search page for past funded projects:

<http://www.rasmuson.org/PastAwards/Search/search.php>

Under Award Type, click on the dropdown menu to "Tier 1". Then hit search so see the full range of projects (skip Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau). Find several that you think are most similar to what you want to do, and look these specific projects up. You can also click on your region to search regional grants.

Here is the grant information page: <http://www.rasmuson.org/index.php?switch=viewpage&pageid=32> . If you would like our assistance in ideas, organizing, etc., please contact us and let us know. Rasmuson Foundation likes to see **well-organized grant requests**. One idea is to **look at the other rural Villages that have been funded** (regardless of what they asked for). Then **contact them** to ask if they would be willing to share their application, or to give you any funding and reporting tips.

There are also some great resources for helping you prepare your application. The following blog post has tips for preparing a successful Tier 1 application: <http://www.rasmuson.org/blog/?p=3405>. You can check out this slideshow as well for more ideas:

<http://www.slideshare.net/RasmusonFoundation/how-to-prepare-a-tier-1-application>

The Rasmuson Foundation also offers Tier 1 workshops to help you prepare your application. The best way to find out about these workshops is to subscribe to the blog (enter your email in the upper right-hand corner of this page: <http://www.rasmuson.org/blog/> ) or check them out on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/rasmusonfoundation>.

## 9. ALPAR's Recycling Grant Program

ALPAR's 2012 Recycling Grant program is available to communities and non-profits to promote economically feasible recycling programs in Alaska. Proposals will be accepted until all funds are disbursed. Requests between \$250 and \$2,500 are preferred. Total available for 2012 is \$22,000. Funds must be used for specific programs/projects such as purchase of equipment or education and public awareness efforts. ALPAR is the statewide coordinator for America Recycles Day and makes a special effort to award smaller grants (\$250 - \$1000) to support America Recycles Day events and promotions surrounding the November 15 annual day of celebration and awareness. Go to [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org) for ideas. For more information, contact Mary Fisher 907.644.7968, [alpar@gci.net](mailto:alpar@gci.net)

## 10. ANTHC/Zender Group Community Environmental Demonstration Grant

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Zender Group will award small demonstration projects not to exceed \$30,000. Average awards will be ~\$20,000. Projects must demonstrate an innovative approach for improving human health and/or the environment of Tribal communities in rural Alaska. The projects should serve as a model to other Tribal communities in Alaska trying to address similar problems. The Kokhanok Village Council received a CEDP grant for FY 2012 to backhaul stockpiled batteries out of the community and film the process as an educational tool for other communities. You can learn about the other FY 2012 projects here: <http://zendergroup.org/cedp.html> . The solicitation period for 2013 has already ended, but you can view the application package at <http://zendergroup.org/docs/FY13CEDP.pdf>. You can learn more about this funding opportunity here: <http://www.anthc.org/chs/ces/hve/community-environmental-demonstration-grants.cfm>. No match required. Contact Desirae Roehl at 729-3496 or Lina Taneva at 444-1197 with questions.

## 11. Alaska Conservation Foundation Grants:

Alaska Conservation Foundation offers grants in a few different areas. The most relevant grant is the Alaska Native Fund which has three main goals: 1) Leverage more foundation and donor resources for Alaska Native organizations; 2) Support Alaska Native strategies and solutions on environmental issues; and 3) Build relationships that will grow and strengthen the conservation movement in Alaska. In 2012, the

grantees were awarded from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The 2013 grant cycle will be announced in May, Letters of Inquiry will be accepted July 15, invited proposals are due October 15, and grant awards will go out in December. Please refer to the website for more information

<http://alaskaconservation.org/grant-opportunities/alaska-native-fund/> or contact Program Officer Polly Carr for any questions at [pcarr@alaskaconservation.org](mailto:pcarr@alaskaconservation.org) or 907-276-1917 extension 205.

## 12. **Alaska Community Foundation Capacity Building for Charitable Organizations Grant**

The Alaska Community Foundation offers a Capacity Building for Charitable Organizations (CBCO) grant program. The CBCO grants could be used for training, developing a backhaul plan, or other efforts that would build your community's ability to perform backhaul. Applications are reviewed every two months with review dates on February 1, April 1, June 1, August 1, October 1, and December 1. Please be aware that you cannot apply for a Rasmuson Foundation Tier 1 grant if you apply for a CBCO grant. Contact ACF for clarification at 907- 334-6700 or [info@alaskacf.org](mailto:info@alaskacf.org). Visit their website for more information: <http://www.alaskacf.org/GrantsScholarships/CompetitiveGrants/tabid/177/Default.aspx> You can also look into their grant guidelines for more information on what types of activities are eligible for grant funding:

<http://www.alaskacf.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Grants/2012%2006%2025%20Capacity%20building%20program%20grant%20guidelines.pdf>

## 13. **Other Small Foundation Environmental Grants:**

EPA Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste has a good list of foundations that fund recycling/environmental projects. Nearly all apply to Alaska Tribes as well. Go here: [www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/foundation.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/foundation.html) . Read the below paragraph for tips in developing your request so that the foundation knows the project will achieve outcomes that might be additional to "just" environmental health.



## 14. **Other possible funding resources:**

Check out our funding page at <http://www.zendergroup.org/funding.html> for additional funding possibilities.

## 15. **Search federal grants:**

Grants.gov has a search link for all federal government grants: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do> For example, enter in "tribal, youth" (without the "") to look for grants that target tribes and youth programs.

## 16. **Search additional foundation, individual, and company grants:**

NOZA is the largest searchable database for charitable gifts. You can search for foundation funding for free. It costs a fee to search for individual donors and corporations. It includes different companies and individuals, as well as foundations. This is a good site to search every month or so to see if additional opportunities are available. <https://www.nozasearch.com/>.



Contact any barge or plane cargo service in your area. Several have helped communities with backhauling at least one type of waste.

Ask if they have a community services/donation program. They'll need the same information. Have that ready, so they recognize that you are organized. Remember they really appreciate your community's business and also really appreciate your thank-you's. They want your community (and other communities) to know they are helping the region. So be sure to include a big thank you in your newsletter or local newspaper. You can make this part of an environmental education project by sending them kids' drawings of how flying/barging the wastes out improves village and river health. Announce their donation at community meetings, and take pictures and send it to them. That will let them know how helpful their program is. For a list of transporters and recyclers, click on the following link:  
[http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/backhaul\\_transport.pdf](http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/backhaul_transport.pdf)



## Where can I send materials to be recycled?

**ALPAR, Mary Fisher: 274-3266** [alpar@gci.net](mailto:alpar@gci.net) <http://www.alparalaska.com/>



*Current Programs:*

**Youth Litter Patrol Program:** Summer jobs picking up litter! Kids work in ALPAR'S Youth Litter Patrols all over Alaska. They help rid the communities of litter and remind everyone to dispose of litter properly.

**Flying Cans:** For all off-road communities. Rural communities throughout Alaska send their aluminum cans to Anchorage for recycling, thanks to **Northern Air Cargo** and member airlines of the **Alaska Air Carriers Association**.

**Litter Bag Distribution:** Free litter bags to communities

**Schnitzer Steel** (formerly AK Metal Recycle) for shipping white goods and metals  
Anchorage Office Head Buyer/Logistics: Chris Fedele 240-7032  
Anchorage Office General Manager: Dustin Drake 349-4833.  
Check out this link for Schnitzer's policies on accepting/purchasing scrap metal:  
[http://www.schnitzersteel.com/metals\\_recycling\\_about.aspx](http://www.schnitzersteel.com/metals_recycling_about.aspx)

**Total Reclaim, Larry Zirkle: 561-0544** <http://www.totalreclaim.com/alaska.html>  
Total Reclaim in Anchorage accepts many types of hazardous waste and other recyclables. Currently, they can help you with all of the logistics free-of-charge.



- Air Freight is covered by Total Reclaim with the support of various airlines and programs. Contact Larry Zirkle to set up logistics.
- **Rural Tribal Programs** (such as IGAP) receive a rate of \$0.25/lb for electronic wastes (including T.V./computer screens).
- **General businesses** receive a rate \$0.35/lb, applied to most e-waste. A flat rate of \$18 applies to all T.V./computer screens.

### Accepted Ewaste:

Computers  
Monitors (CRT, LCD)  
Printers (fax, scan, copy)  
Laptops  
Televisions  
VCRs, DVD players  
Stereos & Audio Components  
Misc. Electronics

Returned/Unwanted Products  
Cell Phones  
PDA's, Handheld games  
Communications equipment  
Misc. Office Machines  
Household Batteries  
Servers, routers, hub



Other items that Total Reclaim accepts:

Fluorescent Bulbs

Plastics: # 1 bottles and #2 jugs, and stretchy plastic film

White Goods:

- ◆ Refrigerators and freezers -now only \$20 a unit.
- ◆ Air conditioners
- ◆ Washers and Dryers
- ◆ Stoves



**\*\*No smoke alarms, PCBs or vacuum cleaners. Please call before shipping.**

### Computers for All

[www.Computers4all.org](http://www.Computers4all.org)

Donate your old computers! This non-profit refurbishes and gives computers to those in need. Note- they accept only working computers that are 500mhz or faster with 17" or larger monitors. For more exact information see the website. They only take monitors if there is a computer that goes with them. Contact Roger Pickles, Email:[rspickles@computers4all.org](mailto:rspickles@computers4all.org),

To get the most for your recyclables you should call different companies to see what rates they will pay for your materials. You can look at the following chart for some information on companies that will take your materials and how much they will pay you for them:

[http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/recycling\\_buyback.pdf](http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/recycling_buyback.pdf)



### Regional backhauling resources

Here is a link for some **other folks who do not accept your wastes, but** who may be able to help or offer tips: [http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/regional\\_contacts.pdf](http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/regional_contacts.pdf).

**Also see the companies listed at:** [http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/recycling\\_buyback.pdf](http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/recycling_buyback.pdf)

## Other resources

Backhauling information <http://www.zendergroup.org/backhaul.html>

Hazardous wastes and recycling information: <http://www.zendergroup.org/hazinfo.htm>

<http://www.zendergroup.org/recycling.htm>

Battery recycling: <http://www.zendergroup.org/battery.htm>

Solid Waste Solutions in Alaska: <http://www.zendergroup.org/success.html>

Solutions for Hazardous Waste in Alaska Native Villages <http://www.zendergroup.org/haz.htm>

Backhaul Manual by YRITWC and Total Reclaim:

[http://www.yritwc.org/Portals/0/PDFs/2008\\_backhaul\\_manual.pdf](http://www.yritwc.org/Portals/0/PDFs/2008_backhaul_manual.pdf)

Ewaste Backhaul Demonstration Video by Kuskokwim Watershed:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdMf5l3lSM8>

Packing Instructions for Recyclables and Electronics: <http://www.zendergroup.org/packing.html>

Shipping labels <http://www.zendergroup.org/labels.html>

Shipping forms [http://www.zendergroup.org/ship\\_forms.html](http://www.zendergroup.org/ship_forms.html)

Backhaul supplies [http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/backhaul\\_supplies.pdf](http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/backhaul_supplies.pdf)