

2021 BBEDC PROGRAM DIRECTORY

Complete information, forms, 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.

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 or Bristol Bay watershed community resident, have a history of and commitment to participating in the region's commercial salmon fishery, own the vessel and 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. The 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 is available to fishers who experience a catastrophic engine or drive train failure mid-season. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of the program policies.

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 2020, BBEDC will mail you a 2021 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 required to be used while fishing throughout the 2021 halibut season. This is an ongoing effort to build a database and monitor the water temperature and its correlation with halibut.

Bristol Bay Ice - BBEDC's two ice barges, the Bristol Maid and the Bristol Lady will be in service for the 2021 fishing season. Taking advantage of the icing bonuses paid by salmon processors often requires that fishers 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's a good idea to check with your processors early to see what their icing plans are for the coming season.

Quality Improvements - Chilled fish are worth more money, and to help resident fishers earn the best price for their fish, 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 in 2021. 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.

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 fish at the point of harvest, which 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 participating 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 who have installed or plan to install a Refrigerated Sea Water (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 systems. These benefits help fishers 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 an 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 \$5,000 to help resident fishers pay pre-season expenses such as nets, insurance, license renewals, fuel, 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.

Fisheries Habitat Protection Grant - Limited grants are available to support organizations and individuals working to protect the habitat that sustains the Bristol Bay fisheries from unsustainable development of large-scale metallic mining. Grants of up to \$5,000 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, 2021. Contact BBEDC for more details.

Help for Resident Fishers – If there is fisheries information you need, or you have an idea for a workshop, specific training or other suggestions to improve our coastal fishing economy, stop by or drop us a line. Good luck and good fishing!

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.bbcdc.com

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Economic Development & Permit Brokerage

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Arctic Tern Program – Grants of up to \$6,000 per BBEDC community are available to the local Tribe or City government to support and foster jobs, employment activities or learning opportunities for resident young people up to 17 years of age. The BBEDC Board feels strongly that early introduction 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. These grants can also support educational activities related to employment opportunities, economic issues, career choices and leadership forums that will enhance resident youths' exposure to the world of work.

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

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. In 2021, this program will provide 4% of interest due up to \$4,000 annually 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 loan 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 per tax return:

- Residents submit a complete 2021 Tax Preparation Application Form.
- All adults receiving services have on file or submit 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 2020 taxes are eligible, preparer will require a BBEDC approval card before tax preparation.
- Application period is January through April 30th.

Bristol Bay Permit Brokerage – BBPB strives to promote the retention of 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. Crew and permit holder listings.
- 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.

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 Block Grant Program - The Community Block Grant Program provides grants to BBEDC communities' Tribal or City government to fund development 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 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 2021 is \$500,000 per community. The application period is Jan. 1, 2021 thru Nov. 30, 2021.

Infrastructure Grant Fund - The Infrastructure Grant Fund is available to BBEDC communities and provides funding to the local 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 - 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 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 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.

Permit Loan Program - The program provides a menu of financial and/or technical services 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 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.
- Have a 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. Applications are accepted after March 19 and processed after maximum grant amounts are established.

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 they qualify for BBEDC residency, 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 program offers resident fishers of BBEDC communities the opportunity to obtain a competitive and efficient vessel (including a truck, provided that the applicant can demonstrate it 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.

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 25, 2021 at 5:00 pm, with a mid-year application opportunity in January 2022.

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 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.
- 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 – 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 within 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, have ideas for new internship opportunities or are a business/organization interested in providing a position through this program, 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 through 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 lasting up to sixteen weeks for qualified residents. Businesses and organizations 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. Open positions can be viewed at www.bbedc.com

Bering Sea Employment – BBEDC recruits individuals for seafood processing jobs on the Bering Sea. Employment opportunities are available with BBEDC partners on pollock boats, cod longliners, crab boats, multi-species bottom fish boats, floating processors, and shore-based plants. Positions are available year-round to resident applicants of the Bristol Bay watershed communities.

Salmon Camp – The Bristol Bay Salmon Camp offers high school and middle school students 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. Salmon camp provides a great learning experience and plenty of fun activities on beautiful Lake Aleknagik. 2021 Salmon Camp applications are 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.



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Dear BBEDC CDQ Community Members,

Enclosed are brief descriptions of the programs offered by BBEDC in 2021. We strongly encourage you to contact your liaison or BBEDC staff for any additional information you might need. BBEDC's residency policy has changed to require residing in a CDQ community for the previous 24 months to participate in programs, and continues to allow 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 any absence or application submittal. All local BBEDC staff can be reached at 1-800-478-4370 or 842-4370.

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