

Three ANA Grants for Our Communities

Funding opportunities from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) — prepared for the Chignik Regional Climate Resiliency Symposium

The **Administration for Native Americans (ANA)**, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, offers competitive grants to Tribes and Native organizations. Awards are short-term “seed” funding, usually **three years**. Chignik communities are eligible, and a Tribe may hold one active award per program at the same time, so an environmental award and a language award can run concurrently. Three ANA grants are relevant to our region:

1 · Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (ERE)

Supports Tribes in taking an active role in environmental decisions affecting their land, water, and air. Eligible work is broad and includes water and soil sampling, air monitoring, tribal environmental codes, recycling, contaminated-site assessment, and environmental workforce training.

Key facts: ~\$900,000 ceiling · 3 years, fully funded · 25% non-federal match · up to about four awards expected · Chignik communities eligible.

2 · Native American Language Grants

Two awards support the preservation, maintenance, and use of Native languages.

- **Preservation & Maintenance (P&M)** — flexible language projects; up to \$900,000 over three years.
- **Esther Martinez Immersion (EMI)** — for established immersion programs that can show several years of operation.

3 · EGLE — Economic & Community Development (replacing SEDS)

A new ANA program that reframes the former Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS), focused on economic and community development. Anticipated focus areas include microgrids, construction trades, and technology. Funding levels, categories, and number of awards are **not yet published** and will be set by the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

What applies to all three

- **Match:** a 25% non-federal match is required. Overmatching earns no extra points, but creative, well-documented match (in-kind or third-party) is allowed.
- **Competitive:** applications are screened, merit-reviewed, and scored — only about 10% or fewer are funded, so scope each project narrowly.
- **Community support:** applicants must document community support and buy-in, such as through meetings, surveys, and records.
- **Tribal partners:** working with another Tribe usually requires a formal tribal resolution, not just a letter of support.
- **Help is available:** the Alaska Region TTA Center supports applications and post-award management (it does not pick winners) and offers pre-application trainings and draft reviews.