



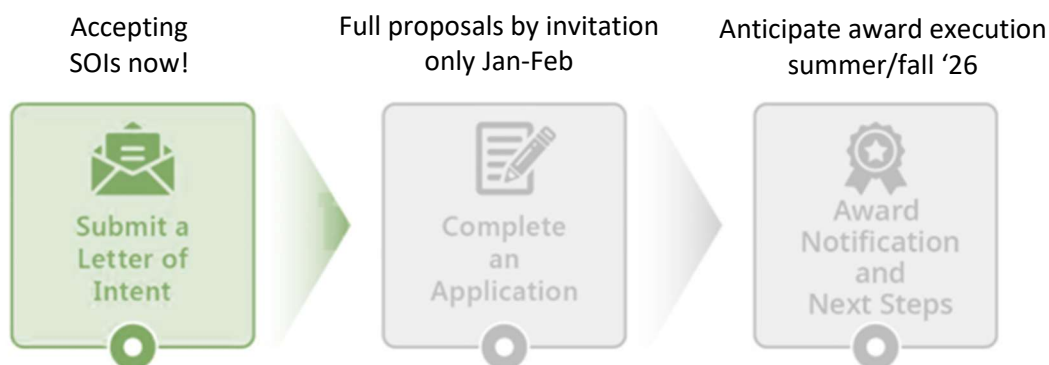
## Statement of Interest (SOI) Form Supporting USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs and Partners

**CLOSING DATE: SOIs MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM AKST ON DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

The Denali Commission is inviting statements of interest for projects that support and further the goals of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Projects should build capacity to support NRCS programs and partners; build Tribal programs; support costs for obtaining required permissions for easements and land trusts.

### Overview

The Commission announces the availability of funds that support NRCS programs and partners; builds Tribal programs and supports costs for obtaining required permissions for easements and land trusts.



This announcement commits up to \$10,000,000 for the purpose of this opportunity from funds received from an Inter-Agency Agreement, pursuant to the 311 Transfer Authority.

**Applicants may request up to \$2,500,000 per application submitted through this funding opportunity.**

The Commission will consider requests for projects that meet the following criteria:

- The project supports the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service goals.
- The project is led by an organization in Alaska.

### Eligible Project Activities

Respondents are encouraged to identify specific project tasks that fall in line with the following examples and/or activities.

Examples of projects activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
  - Agriculture Land Easements (ALE)
  - Wetlands Reserve Easements (WRE)

The Commission will consider funding requests for activities that:

- Support organizations (capacity building) so they can support NRCS programs as partners. This could include projects that:
  - Develop and implement NRCS conservation programs
  - Provide 3-5 years of stable funding to implement NRCS programs
  - Funds capacity positions within organizations to implement NRCS funded easements
  - Fund travel and training for partners involved in implementing NRCS funded projects
  - Support for knowledge transfer events related to NRCS program implementation.
- Support Tribes or producers acting as a component of projects funded through NRCS programs. This could include funding for components of projects that:
  - Fund implementation costs for NRCS Projects
  - Reimburse costs for donated value of NRCS easements
  - Costs for shipping to Alaska for program needs
  - Advances for shipping and labor costs required at the start of or prior to project completion
  - Shipping costs to remote areas for the implementation of NRCS funded projects
  - Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs for NRCS funded projects
  - Inventories to support NRCS programs (ex. Forest Management Plans)
  - State or private match for NRCS funded federal programs
  - Upfront funding for the implementation of NRCS programs
  - Incentivizing NRCS programs, particularly CSP and ACEP, in Alaska
  - Restoration costs for ACEP-WRE 30-year contracts
- Support projects by funding indirect costs for obtaining requirements for easements and lands trusts, such as appraisals and closing costs. Funding for ACEP-ALE easements and land trusts could look like:
  - Appraisal costs
  - Closing costs
  - Survey costs
  - Title work costs
  - Environmental site assessment costs
  - Additional indirect costs for attorney fees, administrative costs, etc.
  - Funding to support positions at Land Trusts that support NRCS easement programs

## **Applicant Eligibility**

Eligible projects must benefit the public in Alaska. Eligible applicants include municipal, borough, and tribal governments; Indian Tribes as defined by Title 25 US Code § 5304; regional tribal non-profit

organizations; regional housing authorities; and other non-profit organizations.

## **Review and Evaluation Process**

The Commission will evaluate statements of interest on a rolling basis. A review committee of Commission staff and subject matter experts will conduct a conformance review and evaluate statements according to the priorities listed above. Invitations to successful respondents will be sent by about December 1, 2025, to submit proposals. Invitations for proposals will give interested parties approximately 60 days to respond with a full proposal. Commission staff and subject matter experts will evaluate full proposals. The Commission anticipates awarding in spring 2026, however, the proposal review and award notification process could take longer, and awards may not be executed until fall 2026. The Commission reserves the right to partially fund projects, subject to the quality of funding assistance requests received and other relevant considerations.

**This funding opportunity will close DECEMBER 1, 2025. All Statements of Interest must be received by 5:00 pm Alaska Standard Time on December 1, 2025 to be considered under this funding opportunity.**

# Statement of Interest Form

## Supporting USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs and Partners

### Applicant Information

Please provide the following information.

Applicant (organization/entity): \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Representative (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Location/Community Served: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Denali Commission Funding Request: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
Does project involve equipment purchase or repair? Y/N: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated \$\$ request for equipment repair/purchase: \_\_\_\_\_  
Timeline (when notification is needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated start dates: \_\_\_\_\_

### Activity Type

Please select the activity that best fits your proposed project.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Support   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other          |

### Statement of Interest

Please provide information addressing each of the following questions using the spaces below. Answers should fit within the boxes provided.

1. Do you already have any NRCS Projects? Please describe:
2. What is your proposed project and who will benefit from it?
3. Do you have Tribal partners and/or plans to include Tribal partners?
4. What are the main goals and objectives of your proposed project?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your proposed project?

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## Funding Request

Please provide the following information.

<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	
<b>Amount of Funds Requested:</b>	

Please note the Commission typically operates on a reimbursement basis. Payments will be made in accordance with [2 CFR 200.305](#) by electronic transfer in response to a Standard Form 270 (SF-270). Requests for reimbursements are processed as needed.

## Acknowledgements and Signature

- ☐ I acknowledge I am duly authorized to represent my organization
- ☐ I certify my organization is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service

Signature/Date:

## Submission

Please save a copy of this completed form for your records and send a copy of the Statement of Interest Form to the Commission via email at [projects@denali.gov](mailto:projects@denali.gov) with "Supporting NRCS" in the email subject line.

<b>Deadline:</b>	Rolling Basis
<b>Submit Applications:</b>	<a href="mailto:projects@denali.gov">projects@denali.gov</a>
<b>Direct Questions to:</b>	Christian Diamond, Grants Management Specialist <a href="mailto:cdiamond@denali.gov">cdiamond@denali.gov</a>  Jocelyn Fenton, Director of Programs <a href="mailto:jfenton@denali.gov">jfenton@denali.gov</a>
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