



Division of Environmental Health & Engineering

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Greetings Tribal Leaders,

For many years the Scattered Sites Program has provided Alaska Native residents of communities across the state with water and sewer services. With every completed project, we look for more opportunities to assist new clients with services throughout Alaska.

It is our goal to make sure all Alaskan communities benefit from the services provided by ANTHC. If you have eligible residents, we encourage you to have them complete an application. To be eligible, the applicant must be an Alaska Native, own their home and have title to the property. Additionally, the home to be served must have a permanent heat source, electricity and in-home plumbing.

Enclosed you will find our current application for services and some brochures. The brochures help explain the program and how ANTHC can help. The application can be copied for anyone interested and eligible in receiving services.

If you or your members would like to download the application PDF, visit: <https://anthc.org/clean-water-and-sanitation/individual-sanitation-facilities-scattered-sites-program/>

Along with their completed application, please have each applicant attach the following:

1. A copy of their tribal enrollment verification or a Certificate of Indian Blood
2. A copy of the deed or 5+ year lease to their home
3. Photographs of their home's:
 - a. electrical junction box
 - b. plumbing fixtures
 - c. heating source
 - d. exteriors from each side

Please submit documents to us whichever way is convenient for you or your tribal members via:

Email: DEHEapplications@anthc.org

Mail: 4500 Diplomacy Drive, Suite 454, Anchorage AK 99508

Fax: (907) 729-4473

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We appreciate your help in promoting this wonderful program and hope to hear from your community soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emma Forsberg", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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Scattered Sites Program Eligibility Requirements

1. Eligible Persons

- Any member of a federally recognized tribe, band, group, or community of American Indians/Alaska Native persons who are within the scope of the program.

2. Eligible Homes

- Homes are defined as 24-hour year-round family dwellings.
- Houses rented or leased to American Indians/Alaska Native that are tribally owned are eligible, provided that the primary purpose is not to produce a profit
- American Indians/Alaska Native owned homes leased to American Indians/Alaska Natives are eligible provided the time remaining on the lease is at least 5 years and the lease price is not increased because of the newly installed facilities.
- Mobile homes can be served if they are permanently located, owned by or rented to American Indians/Alaska Native people.

3. Eligible housing types

- Eligible New Homes are new homes for American Indians/Alaska Native constructed with Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program (BIA-HIP) funds, homeowner funds, or non-HUD housing program tribal funds. New homes are defined as newly constructed or newly manufactured
- Like-New Homes are existing homes that are certified by a qualified inspector or engineer to meet basic regional standards that determine the home to be as functional and long-lasting (i.e., more than 20 years) as a new home. The structure and all the mechanical systems must be fully functional. Prior to service, the existing home must be permanent, must include a plumbed kitchen, at least one bathroom with toilet (flush toilet is required except in arctic Alaska), adequate insulation, permanently installed heating, electricity if available in the community, an adequate roof, and must also meet other locally set criteria.
- Homes of Patients with Medical Conditions: These are existing homes of American Indians/Alaska Native patients with medical conditions requiring immediate sanitation facility improvements. A physician must certify in writing that the patient has a medical condition that requires adequate sanitation facilities at the patient's home.
- Existing homes that are newly purchased and occupied by eligible persons, are titled solely in the occupant's name, and have sanitation needs can be served under a housing project, provided the home is renovated per renovation criteria (i.e., made like-new).
- HUD 184: assistance may be provided to eligible homeowners that assume personal homeowner mortgages guaranteed by HUD under Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 or others provided the home is titled solely in the occupant's name.

4. Homes Not Eligible

- American Indians/Alaska Native homes leased to non-Indians are not eligible.
- Non-American Indians/Alaska Native owned homes are ineligible even if rented to an Indian/Native family.
- HUD funded Indian housing projects, grants to Tribally Designated Housing Entities
- HUD homes managed by Tribally Designated Housing Entities where the homeowner doesn't hold title.
- Second homes or vacation homes

Scattered Sites Frequently Asked Questions

What documents do I need to qualify?

We need to have the 1) application; 2) archaeological and environmental questionnaire form; 3) State of Alaska property owner's statement; 4) a copy of the applicant's Certificate of Indian Blood or tribal enrollment card; 5) a copy of the home's deed or 5+ year lease; and 6) photos of the home's electrical system, interior plumbing, heat source, and exterior views.

Why do you need photos of my home?

Once your paper application and supporting documents are approved, your home's eligibility must be confirmed. In order to save money and prevent unnecessary travel expenses, a project manager may be able to confirm your home's eligibility by viewing current photos. In order to obtain funding for your project, we have to show that each home meets the requirements for the grant program. Once a home has been approved, it is marked on a satellite map along with all the previous homes served. This ensures that, eventually, all unmet needs will be served and that no one will unfairly be served more than once.

Do I need to fill out the SOA DEC form?

Yes, it is a formality that is required when we submit a new septic or well system to the State WELTS and SEPTS databases. It is just a form that states you own or lease your home as an individual and not as a business, corporation or partnership. The format of the form may make you hesitant because of the business portion of the form, but it is meant for everyone to fill out

How long does it take?

A standard water and sewer project takes up to 24 months. With the current supply chain shortages in the construction industry, projects have been delayed anywhere from 6 to 12 weeks. That, combined with Alaska's short construction season and COVID-19 work interruptions, has even caused some projects to take 3 yrs. to complete.

Why does it take so long?

ANTHC is a non-profit organization so we do not have extra money to forward fund unvetted projects. Every new project must first go through the funding submission process and work cannot begin until the IHS approves our funding request. After approval, engineers design each system that has been funded for the next construction season. Our engineers will consult with each homeowner to inform them of where their system will be installed on their property. If needed, local permits are applied for on behalf of the homeowners. Then a statement of work is written so contractors have the information they need to submit their bids. Any time public funds are being spent, the contracting opportunity must be shared in an open and fair process to the public. This involves hosting bidding periods, bid opening meetings, and posting bid award notices. Once a contract is awarded, the chosen contractor must submit their certifications, submittals and attend a pre-construction meeting before they can begin construction.

Is there a priority list?

No. Eligible applications are served in the order they were received. Although having a medical referral will allow us to serve a home that may not meet normal eligibility standards, the timeframe is the same for all projects that get funded that year. We get our project funding once a year and all eligible projects receive their funding at the same time. Sometimes, if a project is cancelled, we may be able to use the funds to serve a home that is on the list for funding the next year.

Can I be reimbursed if I pay for my own system?

No. At this time we do not reimburse homeowners who pay for their own water and sewer projects.

Can my project be done sooner if I share the costs?

No. Even with cost sharing agreements, we still perform our due diligence before spending any public funds.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Yes and No. We submit our applications for funding in the fall and need to have your completed application file ready for the funding submission process by the end of August. If you are still purchasing or building a home and are not concerned about making it into next summer's construction season, we will gladly accept your application any time of the year.

Can I apply directly or does my tribe apply for me?

Both. You can apply to our program directly or through your tribal representative. Sometimes tribes prefer to submit several applications at a time and often help their members obtain the documents they need in order to qualify for services. We would be glad to work either directly with you or with your tribal representative.

What is the minimum number of houses for a project?

The Scattered Sites program does not need to meet a minimum number of homes to begin a project in a community.

Are tribal housing homes eligible?

That depends on which agency financed the home – NAHASD homes are not eligible but BIA-HIP homes are.

Homes that are financed through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Housing Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) are not eligible to receive services from Scattered Sites. The NAHASDA Act authorized two block grant programs to replace several older programs. These are the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) and Title VI Loan Guarantee program. The loan guarantee program helps tribes finance the building of affordable housing for their enrolled members.

Homes that were built or renovated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program (BIA-HIP) funds are eligible. The BIA-HIP program was created by the BIA to address unmet housing needs of tribal members who were unable to qualify for assistance through other agencies. Over half of BIA-HIP funds are used in renovating and repairing existing homes. In cases where repair isn't possible, new homes are built.

Are HUD homes eligible?

Only HUD 184 homes are eligible. However, other HUD homes do become eligible once they are paid off. If that is the case, please attach a copy of the pay-off statement or letter with your application.

What is the minimum interior plumbing required for services?

Homes must have at least one toilet and one sink installed.



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If you have other questions about the Scattered Sites program, feel free to email or call us at:

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Scattered Sites Application for Individual Home Sanitation Facilities

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

StreetAddress: _____

Legal Description (Subdivision, Lot/Block, etc.) _____

MailingAddress: _____

Work Number

Home Number

Mobile Number

E-mail Address

Alternate E-mail Address

Alternate Contact Name & Number: _____ (Person authorized to discuss your service with ANTHC if you are unavailable - leave blank if you do not wish to authorize anyone.)

Household Information

Table with 4 columns: List all 24 hour, year-round residents (Start with yourself), Alaska Native / American Indian?, Relationship to Applicant, Can you provide a copy of CIB or Tribal Card as verification. Includes checkboxes for Yes/No.

Eligibility Requirements

- Is the home you're applying for currently your primary 24 hour year-round residence?
Do you hold legal control of the land & home through ownership, allotment, assignment, or lease?
Can you provide proof of legal ownership? (Lease must be for a minimum of 5 years.)
Does your home have electricity? (Not from a generator.)
Can you provide proof of electric utility?
Is this a HUD/NAHASDA home that is paid in full? Please provide a copy of payoff documents

Financing: HUD NAHASDA BIA-HIP Tribal HUD-Paid Off Personal Other



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Request for Services:

- Well, Septic, Drain Field, Water Service Line, Sewer Service Line

Home / Land Information: Please fill out to the best of your knowledge, if unknown, leave answer blank.)

Home Type: House, Mobile Home, Tiny Home, Duplex, Other, Age of Home/Yr Built

Description of home: Number of floors:

No. of Bedrooms: No. of Bathrooms: Home Sq. Footage: Land Sq. Ft/Acrag: Slope: Vegetation: Framing: Flooring: Permanent Foundation? Yes No Type: Slab on Grade Permafrost Block Wall Other Crawl Space? Yes No If yes, Height: Basement? Yes No If yes, Height: Does the basement have appliances in use?

Existing Well Information:

Is there an existing well? Yes No If yes, Year of Installation: Depth:

Well Pump (Make / Model / Serial#):

Pressure Tank (Make / Model / Serial#):

Existing Septic System Information:

Is there an existing septic tank? Yes No If yes, Year of Installation: Capacity:

Is there an existing drain field? Yes No If yes, Year of Installation: Size:

Existing Sewer Service Line Information:

Is there an existing sewer service line? Yes No If yes, location:

Existing Water Service Line Information:

Is there an existing water service line? Yes No If yes, location:

Present condition of the water and sewer systems: (If system is failing, please describe the problem)

Blank lines for describing the present condition of the water and sewer systems.



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Home Information continued:

Fuel Tank Size: _____ Location: _____ Thermostat: _____

Heating System (Primary): _____ Heating System (Secondary): _____

No. of Toilets: _____ No. of Sinks: _____ Other plumbed fixtures: _____

Water Tank (Capacity / Model / Year): _____

Water Heater (Make / Model / Year / Serial#): _____

Water Softener/Filtration (Make / Model / Year / Serial#): _____

Arctic Box? Yes No If yes, is it for water, sewer or both? _____

Neighboring Homes:

Do your neighbors have wells? Yes No Do your neighbors have septic systems? Yes No

Do you know how well their wells/septics are performing? Yes No Notes: _____

Do you know if water treatment is required on their wells? Yes No Notes: _____

Additional Notes: _____

Sponsoring Tribe / Village: _____

Tribal Representative Signature

Date

**If you currently live outside of the area of your tribal affiliation and cannot obtain a tribal representative's signature, please write "Outside Area" on the line above*



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Archaeological and Environmental Information:

Federal funding that you are requesting in order to provide water and sewer service to your home requires an Environmental Review with regards to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and other Federal and State concerns. Our organization must follow these requirements. ANTHC DEHE is committed to protecting your land and culture.

*****The State Historic and Preservation Office requires photographs of your home. Make sure you include them in your application.***

Please answer each of the following questions:

- Yes No Do you know of any plant or animal species on your property that is on the endangered or threatened species list?
If yes, describe: _____
- Yes No Is your home or building on your property over 50 years old?
If yes, how old?: _____
- Yes No Do you know if any human burial sites have been discovered on or near your property?
If yes, describe: _____
- Yes No Has there ever been artifacts of cultural significance discovered on or near your property?
If yes, describe: _____
- Yes No Have bones or skeletal remains of extinct animals been found on or near your property?
If yes, describe: _____
- Yes No Does your property contain any lakes, streams, rivers, ponds, or springs?
If yes, describe: _____
- Yes No Is your home in a flood plain zone?
If yes, describe: _____

Homeowner Printed Name

Homeowner Signature

Date



State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation

**WASTEWATER SYSTEM OWNER'S
STATEMENT**

Please type or print in ink:

1. Project Name: _____

2. Legal Description, Physical Address, and Nearest Community Name:

ADEC Date Received Stamp:

ADEC Plan Review No. _____

3. I submit the enclosed items concerning the above referenced proposed project for review. By my signature, I certify that I have authority to sign this application as required under 18 AAC 15.030, and that the project is (check one):

- privately owned and that I am the owner.
- owned by a sole proprietorship and that I am the proprietor.
- owned by a partnership of which I am a general partner.
- owned by a corporation of which I am a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice-president, or a duly authorized representative responsible for the overall management of this project.
- owned by a municipal, state, federal, or other public agency of which I am a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.

Signature (please sign in ink) Date

Name and Official Title

Company or Agency (if applicable)

Mailing Address

Email Address Phone Number

18. AAC 15.030. SIGNING OF APPLICATIONS: All permit or approval applications must be signed as follows:
(1) in the case of corporations, by the principal executive officer of a t least the level of vice-president or his duly authorized representative, if the representative is responsible for the overall management of the project or operation;
(2) in the case of a partnership, by a general partner;
(3) in the case of a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor; and
(4) in the case of municipal, state, federal, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee. (Eff. 11/25/77, Register 64) Authority: AS 46.03.020(10), AS 46.03.090, AS 46.03.100, AS 46.03.110, AS 46.03.160. AS 46.03.330, AS 46.03.720



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1. I certify the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
2. I have reviewed the attached Scattered Sites Program Eligibility Requirements and understand that the requested facilities will be provided only if this application meets funding eligibility and qualification requirements and funding is available to ANTHC.
3. I understand that it is solely my responsibility to prepare my property for service. This includes relocating items in the yard and in the home as necessary to complete the installation.
4. I understand ANTHC or its contractors will not move personal items and assumes no responsibility for any personal items requiring relocation.
5. I understand ANTHC has the right to stop service if ANTHC finds that information in this application is incorrect, or finds the worksite is unsafe for ANTHC employees or its contractors.
6. I agree to allow access to my property to ANTHC, the Village and/or City, for the purpose of planning, installing, and inspecting proposed facilities.

Applicant's Signature

Date



APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Before you submit your application, please make sure you have all of the following:

- Completed Application - ALL pages must be filled out, including the DEC Owner's Statement
- Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood or a tribal enrollment card
- Copy of deed or 5+ year lease to home

Photos of your home's:

- Electrical junction box
- Interior plumbing fixtures
- Heat source with thermostat
- Exterior views

Incomplete applications or failure to provide copies of required documents with this application will delay service.