

TELLER LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013-2018



Submitted to:

The Community of Teller and
The Bering Strait Development Council

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Top Priority Projects

1. Seawall
2. Water & Sewer
3. Evacuation Road
4. Tank Farm
5. Roads
6. More Housing
7. Weatherization
8. Crosswind Runway
9. Emergency Equipment
10. Landfill
11. Multi-purpose Building
12. Reindeer Husbandry
13. Power Plant



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Native Village of Teller

City of Teller

Teller Native Corporation

JOINT RESOLUTION # 14-06-12-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF TELLER ADOPTING THE 2013-2018 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LEDP) APPLICABLE FROM January 1st, 2013 to December 31st, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council is the federally recognized governing body of the tribal members of Teller, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Teller City Council is the municipal governing body of Teller, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Teller Native Corporation is the village corporation established under ANCSA; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Native Village of Teller IRA Council, City Council, and Corporation Board are to serve the people, community, and businesses of the tribe by promoting economic opportunities that improve the economic, social, and environmental quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council, City Council, and Corporation Board are responsible for the planning and implementation of economic development activities for the tribe in Teller; and,

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council, City Council, and Corporation Board are responsible for the development and implementation of a community economic development strategy to guide the economic growth of the village in order to help increase local employment opportunities, foster a more stable and diversified economy, and improve the quality of life for residents, while maintaining the cultural heritage of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the LEDP provides the factual data support necessary to qualify for assistance in funding local projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council in a Joint Meeting with the City of Teller and the Teller Native Corporation, with assistance from Kawerak Community Planning and Development Program staff, has updated its five-year LEDP that states the community's values, goals, objectives, and strategy necessary for guiding future growth and economic development of the village; and,

WHEREAS, the 2013-2018 economic development priorities ¹³~~(14)~~ listed in this LEDP were developed, reviewed, and approved by the community during a joint public meeting held on August 31st, 2014; and,

June, 12 2014

WHEREAS, we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan; and,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Native Village of Teller Traditional Council, City Council, and Corporation Board approves and adopts the five-year Teller LEDP 2013-2018 and priorities for the tribe in Teller, applicable between ~~January 1st, 2013~~ and ~~December 31st, 2017~~.
June 12, 2014

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the (10) economic development priorities listed below for the Native Village of Teller as reviewed, updated, re-prioritized, and approved on ~~August 31st, 2011~~ *June 12, 2014* are:

1. Seawall
2. Water + Sewer
3. Evacuation Road
4. Tank Farm
5. Roads
6. More Housing
7. Weatherization
8. Crosswind Runway
9. Emergency Equipment
10. Landfill

- ⑩ Multi-purpose Building
- ② Reindeer Husbandry
- ③ Power Plant


CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a convened meeting on June 13, 2014.


President, Teller Traditional Council

06/12/2014
Date


Secretary

6/12/14
Date


Mayor, City of Teller

6/12/14
Date


Secretary

6/12/14
Date

President, Teller Native Corporation

Date

Secretary

Date

President, Mary's Igloo Native Corp

Secretary

Date

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Mary's 19100 Additional Council

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Secretary

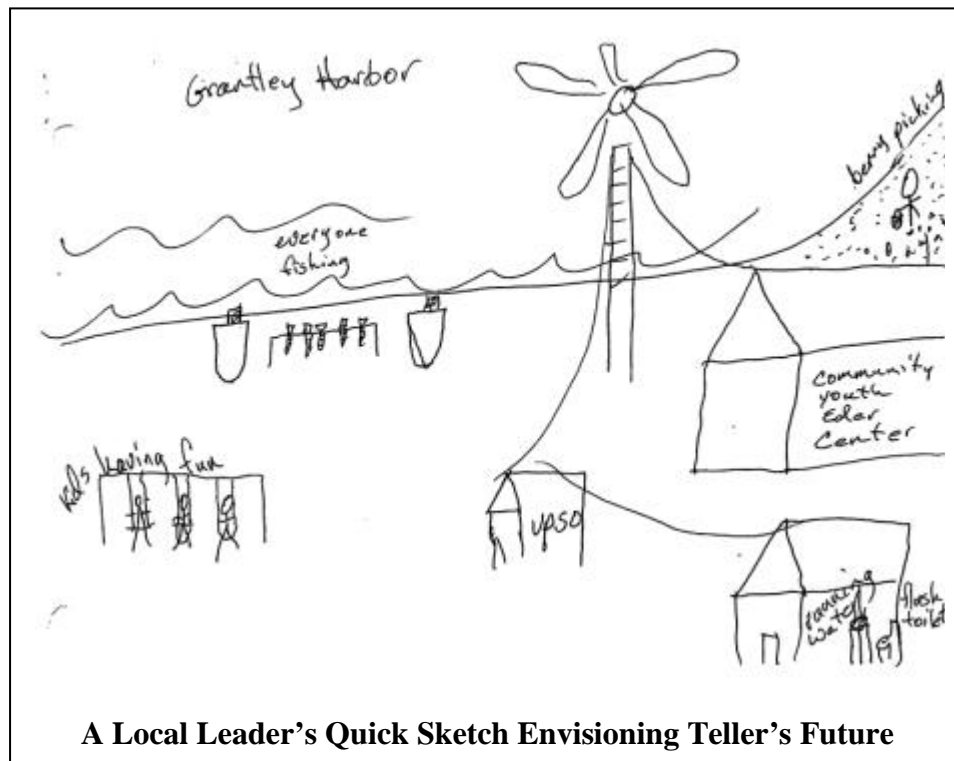
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1.0 Introduction and Purpose of the 2013 - 2018 LEDP

The LEDP is a critical step in the on-going development of the tribe and its efforts to improve community conditions and the well being of its members. This comprehensive plan is structured to:

- Provide the community with a complete inventory of existing demographics, races, social conditions and services, economic conditions and activities, public services provided, and public and private facilities;
- Equip the community with the basic informational tools of local planning that accurately show land status and ownership as well as traditional resources and subsistence areas;
- Provide a section setting forth policies, goals, and standards for the community relative to each major component of the plan.
- Provide implementation strategies for development priorities; including land use, public facilities and services, capital improvements, economic development and community governance;
- Place emphasis on the crucial development issues; economic and resource development, land use planning and needs of the community with regards to infrastructure, and priority capital improvement projects;
- Involve key decision makers to assist in the identification of common goals and direction to achieve those goals.

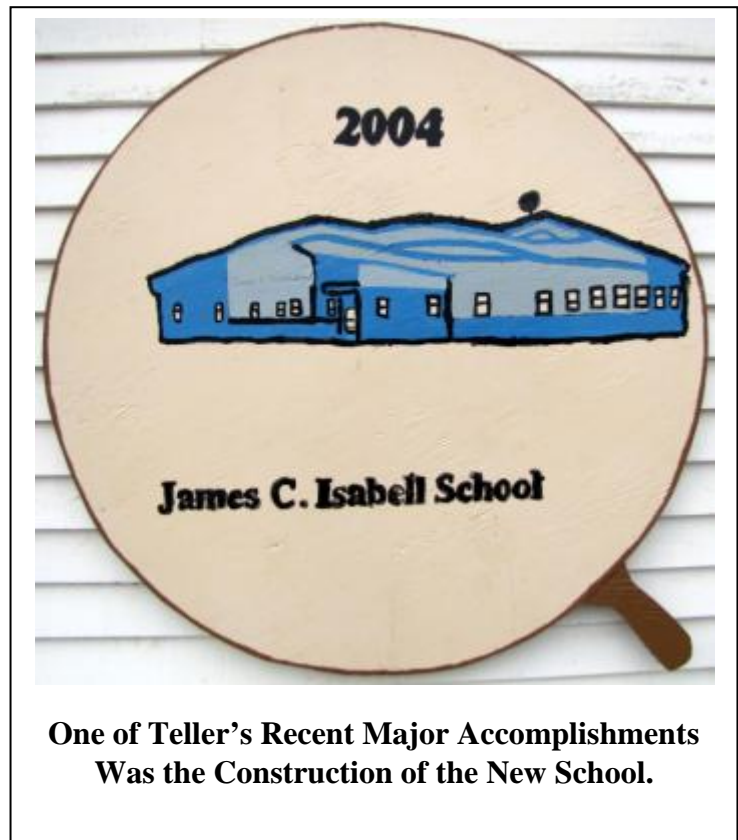


2.0 Planning Process and Public Involvement

2.1 Planning History and Accomplishments in Teller

Teller published LEDPs in 2002 and 2006 and outlined their top ten development priorities in 1998 and 2000. The third most important of these two early priority lists, a larger, more modern school, was accomplished in 2004 with the construction of the James C. Isabell School. The planning group identified other accomplishments since the publishing of the last LEDP:

1. New clinic (top ten priority in 1998, 2000, 2002)
2. Search and Rescue (top ten priority in 2008)
3. City Government
4. Working together
5. Built 4 new houses (top ten priority in 1998, 2006)
6. Working on drainage at new site
7. Two new CDL licensed people
8. Communication is better between organizations
9. Got rid of some of the junk that was lying around
10. New dump truck, front end loader and a CAT
11. City is better at hauling away trash
12. HBT truck is new
13. City is mapping the gravesite
14. Mary's Igloo is working on a multi-purpose building (top ten priority in 2000, 2006, and 2008)
15. New patient transport vehicle
16. 6 successful cultural festivals
17. new shelter cabin built and one renovated (top ten priority in 2002 and 2006)
18. IGAP Environmental program
19. Fuel business and store doing really well
20. Laundromat is running
21. City has finished water / sewer master plan (top ten priority in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2006, and 2008)
22. Small turnaround for teachers
23. New teacher housing



24. Playground at new site
25. MITC completed 3rd annual cultural camp this summer
26. Community activities are still going
27. Annual community basketball tournament
28. Little dribblers tournament
29. Long term health aides
30. Ukithlagaag making class taught by three elders (August 2010)
31. City Garage maintenance and repair, summer 2011
32. Cemetery maintenance, summer 2011

2.2 Planning Committee & Staff Description



Teller's Local Leaders Created the 2013-2018 LEDP.

Members from Teller Traditional Council, Teller Native Corporation, the City of Teller, the Mary's Igloo Traditional Council, as well as adult and youth members of the general public attended a series of evening meetings during the last week of August 2011 to discuss the community's vision of Teller's future and the top development priorities that will progress the community toward its goals. An additional full day meeting with representatives from the four local governing organizations focused on descriptions of community infrastructure, history, culture, economy, and environment. The meetings were facilitated by Bryant Hammond, program director at Kawerak's Community Planning and Development.

2.3 Method for Plan Development and Components

The planning organizations in Teller sought a strategic planning process based upon:

- Technology of Participation methods developed by *the Institute of Culture Affairs*
- Denali Commission, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
- Alaska Humanities Forum *Community Strategic Plan Guide and Form*

These methods are proven effective in encouraging full participation from diverse groups and are best applied within community-based settings. This process was implemented among the participant's by first brainstorming ideas individually, then sharing ideas through small group discussions, and finishing with review among all participants confirming new resolves and decisions. The following foundational values or ground rules were applied during planning sessions:

- Participation: each person brings a different insight, perspective and knowledge that formulates the larger picture
- Respect: respect and honor each person's views and ideas, empower each other
- Teamwork: each person works with everyone else in their role to accomplish the goals of the community
- Creativity: giving permission for the dialogue between the rational (mind) and intuitive (heart) perspectives, keep our eyes open, new ways of thinking
- Action: moving economic development towards local responsibility and accountability

The planning process was made up of three parts. Each component helped provide a comprehensive planning approach.

- LEDP Vision, Values and Goals - Developed the direction for the community's social and economic development with an overall vision, guiding community values, and development goals.
- Implementation Strategies - Created planning steps that the community can take in the coming 5 years to begin the actions and movement toward the vision and development goals.
- Funding and Land Use - Identified potential funding and community investments to implement development goals. Identified potential sites for selection of projects requiring land.
- Recommended application of community values during implementation of development activities.

It is expected that the Local Economic Development Planning document should include:

- Community profile and assessment data
- Community vision, value statement and goals
- Updated community priorities for community and economic development
- Top priority implementation strategies for guidance in community development projects

2.4 Comprehensive Development Status

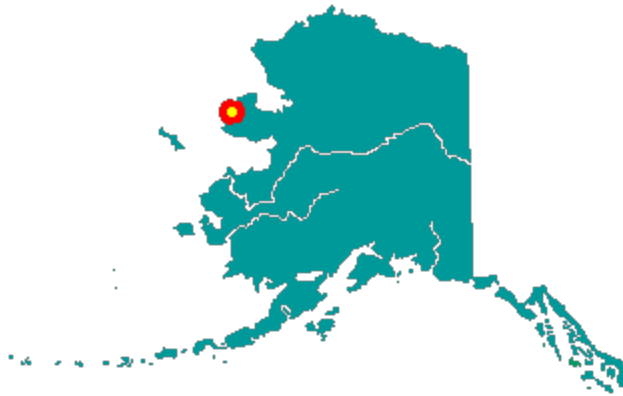
As a second-class city in the unorganized borough, the City of Teller has optional powers under the state law for planning, platting, and land use regulation within municipal boundaries. The City of Teller has assumed some of these powers.

A Community and Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the regional economic development plan, was completed for the Bering Strait Region communities in 2009 by the Bering Straits Development Council and is updated annually. The next CEDS revision is scheduled for 2013. The document can be found at <http://www.kawerak.org/servicedivisions/csd/cpd/index.html>.

Teller published a successful Local Economic Development Plan in November 2005 and updated its top priority projects in May 2008. Priorities in housing development and road maintenance received the most attention. Recently, the city has spent a significant amount of time finalizing water / sewer plans, Mary's Igloo Traditional Council is moving forward with plans for a multi-purpose building. A search & rescue group, managed by volunteer community members, has been formed.

The approved 2013 – 2018 Teller development priorities are:

1. Water and Sewer
2. Tank Farm
3. Housing (for PA / VPSO / residential)
4. Evacuation road
5. Seawall repair / reconstruction
6. Dump / landfill
7. Emergency equipment
8. Weatherization and renovation of existing homes
9. Multi-purpose building
10. Crosswind runway



3.0 Community Descriptions

3.1 Location

Teller is located 72 miles northwest of Nome on the western tip of the Seward Peninsula. The village is situated on a spit between Port Clarence (to the west) and Grantley Harbor (to the east). Teller's geographic coordinates are approximately 65.263610 North Latitude and -166.360830 West Longitude (Sec. 01, T003S, R038W, Kateel River Meridian) and lies within the Cape Nome Recording District. The village area encompasses 1.9 square miles of land and 0.2 square miles of water. Climate is dominated by maritime influences during the ice-free months from early June to mid-October, changing to a continental climate following freeze-up. Grantley Harbor is generally ice-free from early June to mid-October. Average summer temperatures range from 44 to 57 °F; winter temperatures average -9 to 8 °F. Extremes have been measured from -45 to 82 °F. Annual precipitation averages 11.5 inches, with 50 inches of snowfall.

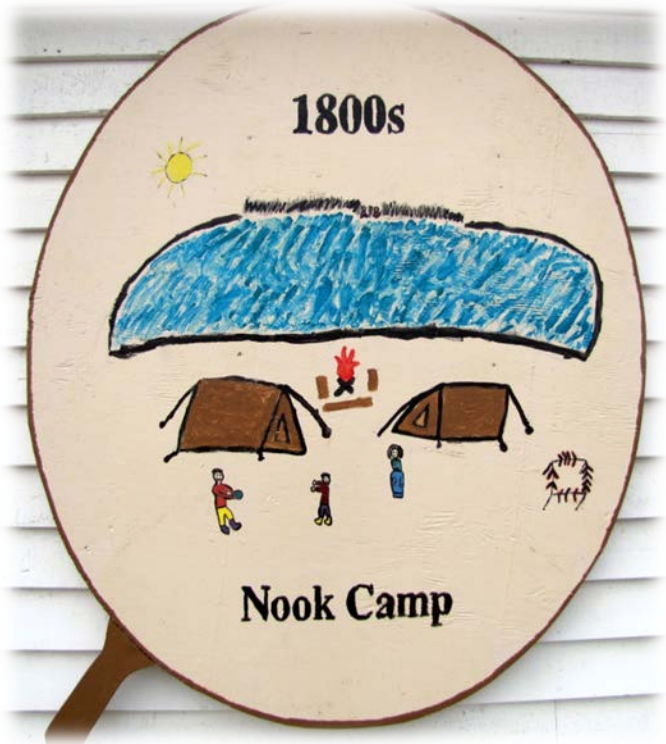
3.2 History and Culture

The Eskimo fishing camp called "Nook" was reported 20 miles south of Teller in 1827. A Western Union Telegraph expedition wintered at the present site in 1866 and 1867; it was then called "Libbyville" or "Libby Station." The Teller Reindeer Station was operated by the U.S. Government at a nearby site from 1892 to 1900. The station was named in 1892 by Sheldon Jackson for U.S. Senator and Secretary of the Interior Henry Moore Teller. Teller Mission, a Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran mission, was built in 1900 across the harbor at the current site of Brevig Mission. It was renamed

Brevig Mission in 1903, after Reverend T.L. Brevig. The permanent site present-day Teller was also established in 1900 after the Bluestone Placer Mine discovery 15 miles to the south. During these boom years, Teller had a population of about 5,000 and was a major regional trading center, attracting Natives from Diomedes, Wales, Mary's Igloo, and

King Island. The Teller Post Office was established in 1900. However, by 1910, the population of Teller had fallen off to 125 and continued to decrease until hitting a low of 76 in 1930. In May 1926, bad weather caused the dirigible "Norge" to detour to Teller on its first flight over the North Pole from Norway to Nome. The City of Teller was incorporated in 1963.

Teller is a traditional Kawerak Eskimo village with a subsistence lifestyle. Many residents today were originally from Mary's Igloo.



3.3 Government, Corporations, and Service Providers

3.3.1 Traditional Council

The Teller Traditional Council is the federally-recognized tribal body governing tribal affairs for the members of the Tribe of Teller. The Council works closely with Kawerak, Inc. and Norton Sound Health Corporation, the regional non-profit association and the regional health corporation, respectively, providing services to the region's federally recognized tribes. Tribal membership meetings are held annually and council meetings are held monthly. Members are elected to the Council annually. Elections are held the last Friday in October and decided by majority vote. Seats are staggered so as not to have an entire new council. The Traditional Council of Mary's Igloo (also a federally recognized tribe) is also located within the village of Teller.

Traditional Council Staff:

Charlene Isabell, Tribal Coordinator, 907-642-3381

Dolly Kugzruk, Tribal Family Coordinator

Native Village of Teller Traditional Council—January, 2013

President	Wesley Okbaok (Seat C, 2 year)
Vice President	Jenny Lee (Seat A, 3 year)
Secretary	Dolly Kugzruk (Seat D, 2 year)
Treasurer	Josie Garnie (Seat G, 1 year)
Member	Tanya Ablowaluk (Seat F, 1 year)
Member	Sig Wien Omiak (Seat B, 3 year)
Member	Blanch Okbaok-Garnie (seat E, 1 year)

3.3.2 City of Teller

The City of Teller, incorporated in 1963, is a 2nd class city in the unorganized borough. The City has the authority under Alaska State Statute to assess property, sales, and/or other taxes to support local government services and facilities. Taxes are subject to statutory limitations and require voter approval. The sales tax in 2011 is 3%, with no property or special taxes levied. The City also assumes optional powers under State Statute of planning, platting, and land use regulation within municipal boundaries, but has not adopted formal guidelines concerning development. The City operates the Laundromat, HBT services, trash haul, and road maintenance.

Regular elections are held the 1st Tuesday in October and the Council meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Teller is a local option community.



Teller City & VPSO Office Building

During the 2011 summer, immediately prior to drafting this document, the City of Teller employed three residents in a repair and maintenance project in the village cemetery. Workers repaired existing and replaced worn crosses between July and September through funding support from NSEDC. The City staffs such temporary positions as needed and as funding is available.

Elected/Appointed Officials:

Teller residents vote council members into office. The council appoints members to the offices of mayor, vice-mayor, secretary, and treasurer.

Mayor (term as mayor ends):	The Honorable Joe Garnie (2012)
City Council (term ends):	
Seat A	Lucy Oquilluk, Secretary/Treasurer (2014)
Seat B	Charlene Isabell (2014)
Seat C	Jenny Lee (2012)
Seat D	Cora Ablowaluk (2012)
Seat E	Joe Garnie, Mayor (2014)
Seat F	Wilma Ongtawasruk (2012)
Seat G	Blanche Okbaok-Garnie, Vice Mayor (2012)
Advisory School Board (term ends):	
	Wesley Okboak
	Charlene Isabell
	Dolly Kugzruk (2011)
	Sig Wien Omiak (2011)
	Charlie Lee (2011)
Planning Commission (term ends):	Joint entity meetings held quarterly
Municipal Employees:	
Position:	Employee Name:
City Clerk	Carolyn Oquilluk
Office Assistant	<i>Vacant</i>
Administrator	Charlie Lee
HBT Sanitation Driver	The City of Teller also employs an HBT driver and assistant—who provide sanitation and refuse hauling services—four Laundromat operators—who provide basic maintenance and ensure the facilities meet residents’ needs—two heavy equipment operators who maintain roads and other infrastructure as needed—and two general maintenance positions who upkeep the city offices and buildings.
HBT Sanitation Assistant	
Laundromat Operators (2 weekday, 1 weekend, and 1 alternate)	
Heavy equipment operator(s)	
City Maintenance Staff	

Planning Organizations:

- Teller Traditional Council
- Teller Native Corporation
- City of Teller
- Mary's Igloo Native Corporation

State of Alaska Services & Facilities:

Alaska State Troopers
P.O. Box 1050, Nome, AK 99762
800-443-2835 or 907-443-2835
<http://www.dps.state.ak.us/ast/>

US Government

Post Office 907-642-4261
BLM 907-443-2177
National Weather Service 907-443-2321
Federal Aviation Administration 907-443-2821
Search and Rescue-U.S. Coast Guard
1-800-478-5555
<http://www.uscg.mil/D17/>

3.3.3 Teller Native Corporation

The Teller Native Corporation is the entity formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) in 1972. The Native Corporation is in the process of 14(c) re-conveyance and also operates the Native Store and Teller Fuel. The Teller Native Corporation owns a 4-wheeler, fuel truck, and a snow-machine with sled.

Native Corporation Board-September 2011

President	Charlie Lee
Vice President	<i>vacant</i>
Treasurer / Secretary	Wesley Okbaok
Chairperson:	Joe Garnie
Members:	Wilma Ongtawasruk
	Marvin Okleasik
	Isaac Okleasik



3.3.4 Regional Corporations and Organizations

Teller is served by several regional corporations and organizations, which have offices in Nome, Unalakleet, and/or Anchorage: Kawerak, Inc (regional native non-profit), Norton Sound Health Corporation (regional hospital / healthcare provider), Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority (regional housing authority), Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (regional Community Development Quota (CDQ) organization), Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC), the Bering Strait School District, and the Bering Strait Native Corporation (regional native for-profit).

Local and Regional Government Contacts

<p>Teller Traditional Council PO Box 517, Teller AK 99778 Phone: 907-642-3381, Fax: 907-642-2072 c.isabell@kawerak.org</p>	<p>City of Teller P.O. Box 548, Teller 99778 Phone: 907-642-3401, Fax: 907-642-2051 cityofteller@gmail.com</p>
<p>Kawerak, Inc. P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762 Phone: 907-443-5231, Fax: 907-443-4452 E-Mail: webmaster@kawerak.org http://www.kawerak.org Headstart: 907-642-2067 (phone) 907-642-3232 (Fax)</p>	<p>Norton Sound Health Corporation P.O. Box 966, Nome, AK 99762 907-443-3311, Fax: 907-443-3139 http://nortonsoundhealth.org/ Teller Health Clinic 907-642-3311 Village Based Counseling 907-642-2175</p>
<p>Teller Native Corporation P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778 tellernativecorporation@yahoo.com 907-642-6132 (phone) 907-642-6133 (fax) Native Store: 907-642-4521</p>	<p>Bering Straits Native Corp. and Bering Strait Development Corp. P.O. Box 1008, Nome, AK 99762 907-443-5252, Fax: 907-443-2985 http://www.beringstraits.com/</p>
<p>Alaska Village Electric Cooperative 4831 Eagle St. Anchorage, AK 99503 Phone: 907-561-1818 Fax: 907-562-4086</p>	<p>Bering Straits Regional Housing Auth. P.O. Box 995 Nome, AK 99762 907-443-5256, Fax: 907-443-8652</p>
<p>Bering Straits School District P.O. Box 225, Unalakleet, AK 99684 907-624-3611 http://www.bssd.org James C. Isabell School 100 Airport Ave, Teller AK 99778 Phone: 907-642 3041 Fax: 907-642-3031 Representative (representing Teller, Wales, Brevig Mission and Diomedé) Jenny Lee</p>	<p>Norton Sound Economic Dev. Corp. 601 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 415 Anchorage, AK 99503 1-800-650-2248 or 907-624-3190 http://www.nsedc.com Representative: Joe Garnie Liaison: Wilma Ongtawasruk</p>

3.3.5 Other Product or Service Providers

GCI, Cable P.O. Box 274, Nome, AK 99762 1-800-800-4800 residential 1-800-800-7754 business http://www.gci.net	Teller Lutheran Church Pastor Brian Crockett Teller, AK 99778
AT&T Alascom 505 East Bluff Drive Anchorage, AK 99501-1100 1-800-252-7266 http://www.attalascom.com/	Teller Catholic Church Priest Paula Alvanna Teller, AK 99778
Starband 1-800-4STARBAND Stargate Alaska – Kenneth Hughes Box 586m Teller, AK 99778 907-642-3682, or 443-5130 nanuaq@StarBand.net	Telalaska
ERA Airlines P.O. Box 1856, Nome, AK 1-800-478-5125 http://www.frontierflying.com/	Dish Network http://www.dishnetwork.com/ 1-888-284-7116 current customers 1-888-825-2557 new customers
Bering Air P.O. Box 1650, Nome, AK 99762 1-800-478-5422 or 907-443-5464 http://www.beringair.com/ Local Agent: Hazel Kakaruk 907-642-3351	Arctic Transportation Services/Ryan Air P.O. Box 790, Nome, AK 99762 907-443-5482 or 907-624-3200 http://ats.texrus.com/index.jsp Local Agent: Hazel Kakaruk 907-642-3351
Peninsula Air 6100 Boeing Ave., Anchorage, AK 99502 907- 771-2500, or 907-624-3540 Fax: 907-771-2661	Northern Air Cargo 3900 Old International Airport Road Anchorage, AK 99502 907-624-3098
Alaska Logistics PO Box 3512, Seattle, WA 98124 1-866-585-3281	Crowley Marine Services, Inc. P.O. Box 700, Nome, AK 99762 907-443-2484 http://www.crowley.com/fuel-sales-distribution/Nome.asp
Larry's Auto Repair, LLC 316 Bellmont Pt, Nome, AK 99762 907-443-4111	Quality Auto Parts / Carquest Nome, AK 99762 907-443-2881
Spenard Builders Supply 6 Aft Drive Nome, AK 99762 907-443-2650	Outsiders Construction, Inc Nome, AK 99762 9070443-5516

3.4 Community Infrastructure

3.4.1 Housing

Housing is presently not adequate for the current population, with several families living together in single family housing units. The extent to which families double up is difficult to measure because few families apply for assistance or keep up with their paperwork. Thus, the problem might appear as dire to regional and state agencies as it appears at the local, village level. Convictions or inadequate work also serve as barriers to assistance and housing construction. New housing is being built, though at a rate the community sees as inadequate. Four new 3-bedroom housing units were built by the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority in 2007.

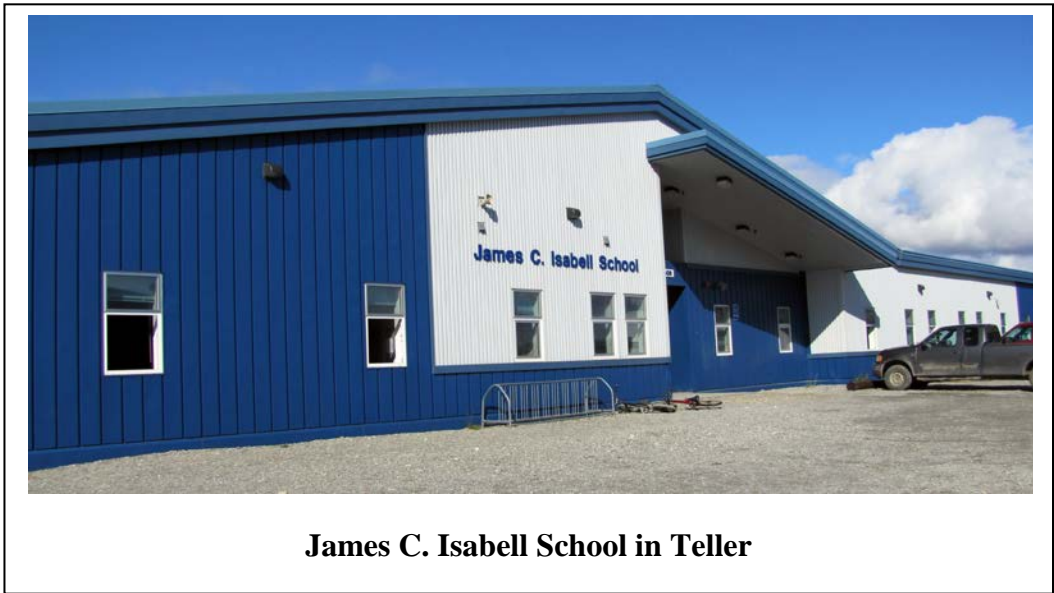
Opportunities for expansion of Teller are predominantly at New Site, the Coyote Creek subdivision. New Site was originally built as emergency housing after the 1974 flood but soon became a permanent part of the Teller. Although there has been discussion of relocating the community to New Site, several new buildings have been built in the original settlement on the sand spit. Presently, the poor condition of the housing at New Site and the 2-mile distance between town and the subdivision make living at New Site unattractive.

Housing Structure Types:	
<i>Numbers may not reflect actual occupancy.</i>	
<i>xx=government data (x)=local data</i>	
Single Family (Detached):	68
Single Family Attached:	4
Duplex:	6 (7)
Trailers/Mobile Homes:	2 (1)

Plumbing/Kitchen/Phones/Heating:	
Total Households:	76
Percent of Households That	
Lack Complete Plumbing (lack sink, bath/shower or flush toilet):	86.10%
Lack a Complete Kitchen (lack stove, fridge or running water):	83.30%
Lack Phone Service:	41.70%
Heat Using Electricity:	0.00%
Heat Using Fuel Oil, Kerosene:	97.20%
Heat Using Wood:	0.00%
Heat Using Piped Gas (utility):	0.00%
Heat Using Bottled, Tank, LP Gas:	0.00%
Heat Using Coal or Coke:	0.00%
Heat Using Solar Energy:	0.00%
Heat Using Other Fuel:	2.80%
Use No Fuel:	0.00%

3.4.2 Schools

The James C. Isabell School is part of the Bering Strait School District and was built in 2004. During the 2011 – 2012 school year, there are 70 students in grades K – 12 and 21 employees. The old school serves as teacher housing. The Head Start program has six students and three staff. The building was built in 2003. The James C. Isabell School provides a library and gymnasium for village youth. Open gym for the community is 6 PM to 10 PM Tuesday through Friday. Saturdays during the school year is City League basketball. Additionally, Teller Traditional Council funds the Fitness Center which is located on school property. The Center is open to the entire community.



School District

	Bering Straits
District Name:	Schools
Operated By:	REAA
Total Number of Schools (FY 2011):	15
Total Number of Teachers (FY 2011):	179
Total Number of Students (FY 2011):	1,868
Student/Teacher Ratio (FY 2011):	10.3
Dropout Rate (7-12 Grade) (FY 2010):	6.50%
Percent Native Students (FY 2011):	99.00%
Expenditures Per ADM (FY 2010):	\$25,869

3.4.3 Water and Sewer

Teller currently draws water seasonally from Coyote Creek (2 miles via pipe) approximately 1000 feet upstream from the Coyote Creek Subdivision and stores it in a one-million gallon storage tank. Water is treated at a plant run jointly by the City and the school. Distribution to individual homes is available by request from the City water truck, where residents fill home storage tanks. Water is piped to the school and teacher housing. Individuals haul water from a central watering point at the Laundromat, at no cost. Springtime rationing occasionally decreases water usage. Some residents used their own ATV's or snow machines to haul water and/or melt ice from area creeks. Woolley Lagoon and Gold Run River (about 20 miles southwest and southeast of town respectively) are used for this purpose.

The school operates its own sewage system to which teacher housing is connected. The existing lagoon the school uses is undersized and must be pumped several times per year into Port Clarence. 100 percent of remaining households use honey buckets. One home has a septic tank. The city, as well as individuals, hauls the waste from each home to the fenced landfill five miles southeast of town. Trash and honey bucket hauling services \$35 per month for residences and \$50 per month for businesses in September 2011.

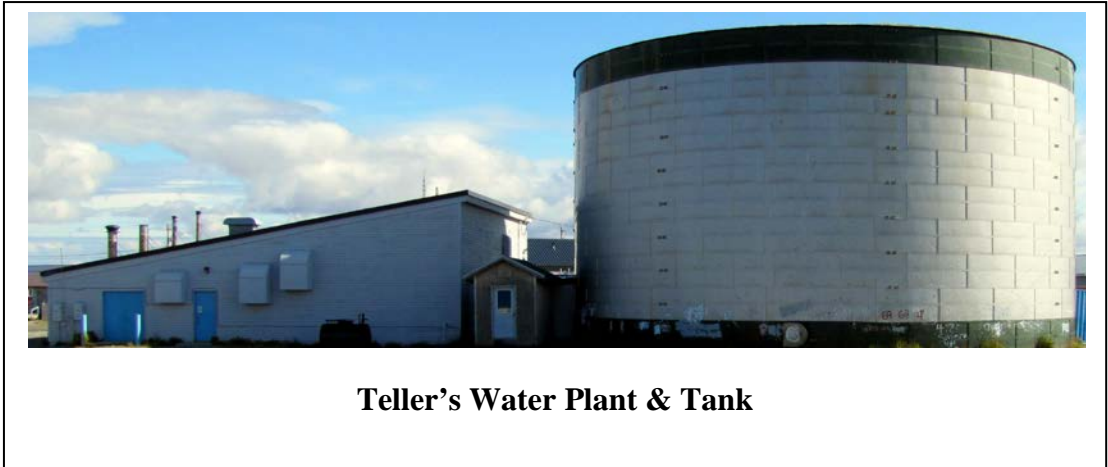
Water Distribution, Source & Treatment Systems:

Sewage Collection Systems:

Water System Operator:	City, Individuals	Sewer System Operator:	City
Washeteria Operator:	City	Piped Sewer System:	No
Piped Water System:	No	Honeybucket Haul:	Yes
Central Watering Point (Haul):	Yes	Honeybucket Pits:	No
Multiple Watering Points:	No	Individual Septic Tanks:	Yes
Water Truck (Delivery):	No	Community Septic Tank:	No
Individual Wells:	No	Sewage Pumper:	Yes
Community Well Source:	No	Sewage Lagoon:	Yes
Surface Water Source:	Yes Not	Sewage Lift Station:	No
DEC Water Permit Number:	Available	Outhouses:	No
Water Is Filtered:	Yes		
Water Is Chlorinated:	Yes		

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Village Safe Water program has performed feasibility studies on a piped water / sewer system in Teller since 1997. Village Safe Water mentioned a target price not to exceed \$200,000 per house unit for the overall project. Some exceptions could be made for communities with a demonstrated record of sustainability in other utility projects.

The final master plan for sewer and water was completed just prior to the drafting of this LEDP. Implementing this plan remains a top priority for the community.



Teller's Water Plant & Tank

3.4.4 Landfill

The Teller landfill is located five miles southeast of the village on the Nome-Teller Highway. The landfill is managed with the use of a bulldozer. No incinerators are used. The City provides a solid waste, septic and honey bucket waste collection service (\$35/month per residence and \$50/month per business) and disposes of it at the fenced landfill. The City of Teller pays for the landfill permit (\$100/year). Some individuals haul their own waste to the landfill. The community participates in hazardous waste collection and the City of Teller works with Kawerak's backhaul and IGAP program.

Refuse/Landfill System:

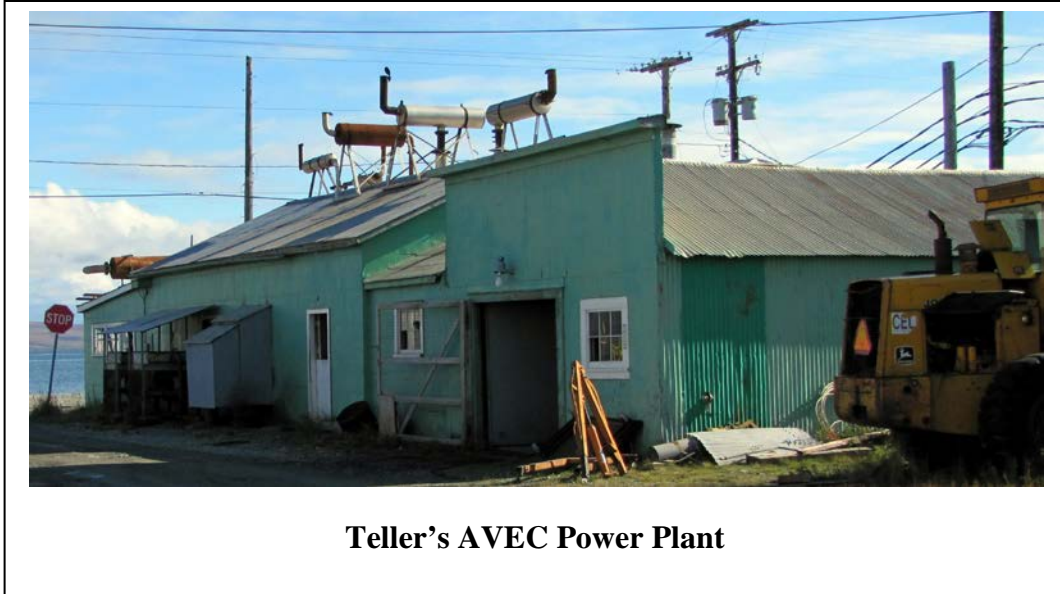
Refuse Collector:	City
Landfill Operator:	City
DEC Landfill Permit:	Yes
Type of Landfill:	Class 3 SWG0303002 Current

Top Landfill Priorities

- An Upgrade is needed

3.4.5 Electricity

Electricity is currently produced through diesel generation by Alaska Village Energy Cooperative (AVEC) at an electrical generation plant in Teller. AVEC has been working on consolidating electrical generation for the villages of Teller and Brevig Mission (which is located nine miles away across Port Clarence) in one village and connecting to the other through an intertie. The site of the power plant has switched from Teller to Brevig Mission. Most of the permitting has been accomplished and easements obtained at the time of writing.



Teller's AVEC Power Plant

Electric Utility:	
Electric Utility Name:	AVEC
Utility Operator:	REA Co-op
Power Source:	Diesel
FY 2010 Rate:	56.3 cents
Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Subsidy:	Yes
FY 2010 Total kWh Generated:	912,225 kWh
FY 2010 Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Rate*:	34.58 cents/kWh
FY 2010 Average Effective Residential Rate:	21.70 cents/kWh
*For consumption up to 500 kWh monthly	Link to the most current PCE Report: www.akenergyauthority.org

3.4.6 Fuel

From previous LEDP

The existing tank farm was built in the 1990s, mostly with Indian Community Development Block Grant funds. The tank farm serves the needs of both Teller and Brevig Mission (when Brevig runs out of fuel). As a result, fuel sales have increased, causing the community to run short at various times of the year.

Fuel Tanks Currently in Use

OWNER	CAPACITY (in gallons)
Teller Commercial Co.	218900
Village Corporation Fuel	129800
Bering Straits School	71200
Lutheran Church	6100
Native Corporation Store	3500
AK DOT	3300
Army National Guard	2300
Teller Power	1900
City Clinic	1000



3.4.7 Existing Transportation Systems

Teller is the only year round community connected to Nome by road. The Nome-Teller Road (State Route 160000) is 72 miles long and Teller marks its northern terminus. The dirt road, depending on weather, is accessible from May to October/November. Alaska Department of Transportation does not maintain the road during winter months.



Most development is concentrated in the last 4,000 feet of the road (mileposts 72.5-73.3). The village has approximately 4.0 miles of roadway, including a 1,700-foot length road constructed by the BIA (BIA Route 62). Outside of the community, winter-only routes connect the community to camps and settlements along the Bering Sea and inland on the Seward Peninsula.

All roads in Teller, except the Nome-Teller Road (state property), are owned by the City. The town site survey of Teller identified a small grid of roadways for the community, with right-of-way widths ranging from 20 to 50 feet. A 1993 Bureau of Indian Affairs review of Teller by low-altitude aerial photograph, overlaid with boundary and right-of-way lines, indicated the community's roads generally fall within their appropriate corridors. Teller roads are generally less than 20 feet wide with the Nome-Teller Road, at 22 feet, being the widest. These road widths can typically only support a single direction of travel by large motor vehicle at any time. Rutting, potholes, and soft, muddy conditions are a problem on the roads. Drainage provisions for Teller's roads include ditches and culverts. Flooding and washouts are a problem.

The two-mile separation between the Coyote Creek Subdivision (New Site) and the main community center generates multiple daily trips. The road link to the social and economic opportunities in Nome also increases Teller's traffic volumes in the summer.

Airport

Teller is accessible by land, air, and sea. There is a state-owned 3,000' long by 60' wide gravel runway. Several air carriers provide daily service to and from Nome.

Barge/Boat Access

Teller is situated on a spit located between Port Clarence to the west, and Grantley Harbor to the east. Port Clarence is a natural, deep water port and has been considered for harbor development. The channel between Port Clarence and Grantley Harbor is 90 feet deep. Ocean going barges have come through the channel and pulled up to the beach on the east side of the spit. There is no dock. No lightering is necessary.



Port Clarence on the Left/Grantley Harbor on the Right

The village has a long history of boating. The deep water port attracted whalers who wintered in the village, waiting for the ice to break at points further north. Lloyds of London specifies Port Clarence as the location barges (headed for Prudhoe Bay) shall wait until conditions allow them to continue their voyage. Each season, a number of barges or other large craft make scheduled and unscheduled stops for delivery or maintenance purposes.



Barges Bring Freight to Teller Every Summer.

Boat and barge access to Teller is in the summer months only. Fuel barges arrive at this time. Residents use skiffs for transportation to and from Teller to Brevig Mission and other villages in the region, as well as to subsistence camps along the Grantley Harbor shoreline, and further east in the Imuruk Basin. Residents state that the natural harbor is very busy in the summertime with many departures and arrivals of boaters from Nome, Wales, Shishmaref, Diomedes, Brevig, and Teller residents.

The State of Alaska name Port Clarence as a deep water port. Development along these lines may bring economic opportunity to Teller; however, residents see the designation as threatening marine resources, and increasing the potential of human and animal diseases being introduced from a greater volume of vessel traffic.

Unimproved subsistence routes connect Teller to neighboring villages such as Brevig Mission and Mary's Igloo. There is a State-owned 3,000-foot by 60-foot gravel runway, which was recently improved. Several air carriers provide daily service to and from Nome. Barges deliver a majority of the community's bulk cargo during the summer months. There are no docks and the ocean going barges that come through the channel pull up to the beach. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers performed a 100% federally funded reconnaissance study of a proposed boat harbor in Teller in June 2004 and determined there is federal interest in proceeding with a feasibility study of navigation improvements at Teller. The next step is for the City of Teller to initiate a feasibility study with the Corps of Engineers.



Teller Residents Use Boats for Transportation, Fishing, and Hunting.

3.4.8 Communications



Communication Towers in Teller

Communications:	
In-State Phone:	Mukluk Telephone Co./TelAlaska
Long-Distance Phone:	AT&T Alascom GCI Mukluk Telephone
Internet Service Provider:	GCI (www.gci.net), telalaska, Stargate (hughs.net)
TV Stations:	
Radio Stations:	KICY-AM; KNOM-AM; KOTZ-AM
Cable Provider:	Dish Network
Teleconferencing:	Alaska Teleconferencing Network

3.4.9 Health Care

Teller is classified as an isolated village and is found in EMS Region 5A in the Norton Sound Region. The community clinic and health aid provide health care in the village. Emergency services have limited highway, coastal and air access. The old Teller Clinic was built in 1975. The existing clinic was built in 2008.

The clinic has two exam rooms and one trauma that can also serve as an exam room. Another room serves as dental/specialty exam room. There is a bunkhouse for visiting practitioners. The mid-level practitioner from Brevig Mission provides services to Teller residents. There are 1.5 bathrooms for patients and practitioners staying at the clinic.

The Teller village-based counselor, under Norton Sound Health Corporation's Behavioral Health Services, is also based in the clinic but uses the Teller Traditional Council building or the church when needed. Specialists visit on occasion. They either fly in or, if the road is open, they can drive. More extensive medical services are available with transport to Nome or Anchorage. There is a morgue. In September 2011, it was not functioning due to miscommunication concerning required wattage. The septic system becomes an issue when the City's sewage pumper breaks down.

In September of 2011, Teller had two longer term health aides.



Teller's Health Clinic

Top Clinic Priorities

- Garage to keep snow machine and four wheeler in
- New vehicle for patient transport

Health Care:

Clinic/Hospital in Community:	Teller Health Clinic
Clinic/Hospital Phone Number:	907-642-3311
	Norton Sound Health Corporation - NSHC (907 443-3311)
Operator:	www.nortonsoundhealth.org
Owner:	Teller Traditional Council
Facility Status:	Community Health Aid Program CHAP site
Alternate Health Care:	
Health Comments:	Emergency Services have limited highway coastal and air access. Emergency service is provided by a health aide.

3.4.10 Municipal Buildings and Municipal Heavy Equipment

The City owns the building in which the City offices are housed, the City garage, the Laundromat, the community hall and the fish / meat plant.

City-owned heavy equipment includes a front end loader, a dump truck, a Case dozer, an HBT truck, an HBT 4-wheeler, and a trailer.

3.4.11 Tribal Buildings

The Teller Traditional Council owns the council building, as well as an extra office building, and the clinic building.

3.4.12 Public Safety

There is currently no VPSO or VPO in Teller. Teller Search and Rescue was formed in 2009 and has since acquired two snow-machines to carry out its functions. The organization has limited access to a 4-wheeler and boats for operations during the warmer months.



3.4.13 Libraries, Social Events, and Programs

There are two libraries in Teller, the Kawerakmiut library and the library located in the James C Isabell School. The community participates in several forms of social events throughout the year. Each year in September, the community hosts dance groups and guests other villages in the Bering Strait Region during the Annual Teller Cultural Festival. During autumn, Teller also hosts the Fall Classic, a basketball tournament. Over Christmas, the community holds a feast and holds a week of Eskimo games. Other social events include school-centered events, such as volleyball tournaments and basketball games, holidays, such as the Fourth of July, as well as tribal and municipal meetings and joint meetings.



Eskimo Dancing at a Festival in Teller

The community of Teller hosts a culture camp and a village clean up over the summer months.

3.4.14 Cemeteries and Graves

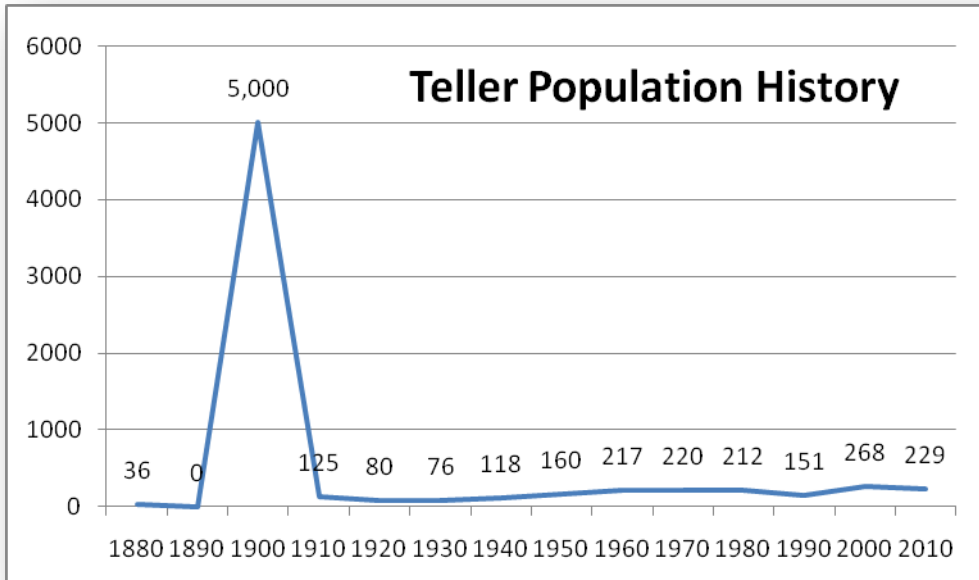
There are two cemeteries in Teller. One is located on the hill west of town, behind the new teacher housing and the school. The other, older cemetery, is located halfway between town and the New Site. During the summer of 2011 the gravesites on the hill were partially rehabilitated and mapped. However, more work needs to be done as there are still graves that are not properly marked.



A Teller Cemetery

4.0 Population and Growth Trends

4.1 Teller Census Data

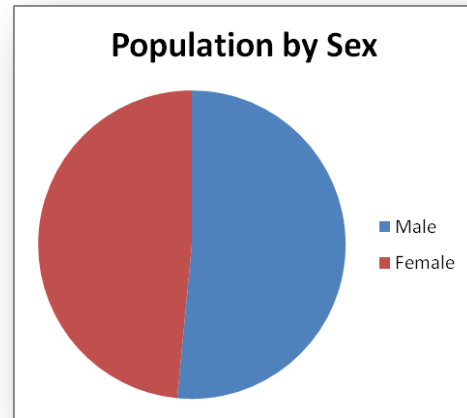
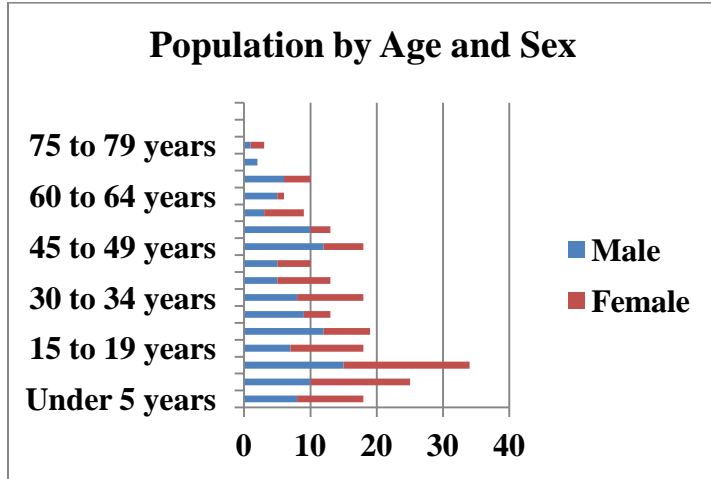


Median age and population of selected age groups

Median age	25.1	28	20.5
Population 16 years and over	150	84	66
Population 18 years and over	143	80	63
Population 21 years and over	129	74	55
Population 62 years and over	20	13	7
Population 65 years and over	15	9	6

Population of one race: 229

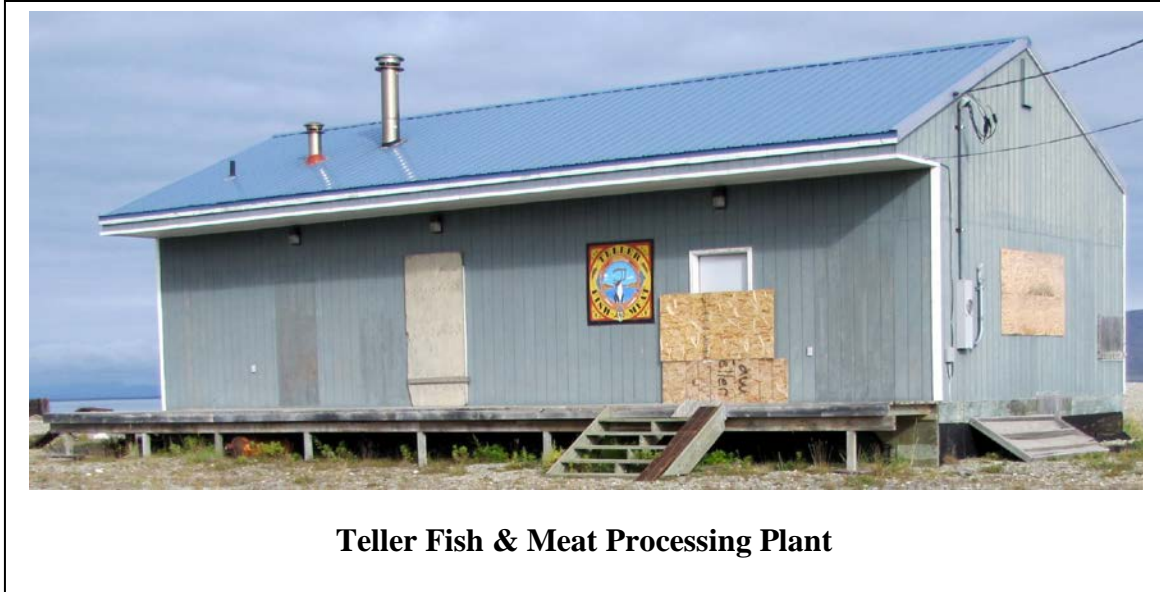
	Race alone
White	9
Black or African American	0
American Indian and Alaska Native	220
Asian	0
Pacific Islander	0
Other	0



Relationship		Households	
Total	229	Total	72
In households	229	Family households (families)	54
Householder	72	With own children under 18 years	34
Spouse	14	Husband-wife family	14
Child	91	With own children under 18 years	10
Own child under 18 years	68	Male householder, no wife present	19
Other relatives	30	With own children under 18 years	10
Under 18 years	17	Female householder, no husband present	21
65 years and over	2	With own children under 18 years	14
Nonrelatives	22	Nonfamily households	18
Under 18 years	1	Householder living alone	16
65 years and over	0	Male householder living alone	13
Unmarried partner	3	65 years and over	6
In group quarters	0	Female householder living alone	3
Institutionalized population	0	65 years and over	2
Male institutionalized population	0	Households with individuals under 18 years	39
Female institutionalized population	0	Households with individuals 65 years and over	15
Non-institutionalized population	0	Averages	
Male non-institutionalized population	0	Average household size	3.2
Female non-institutionalized population	0	Average family size	3.5

4.2 Employment and the Economy

The Teller economy is based on subsistence activities supplemented by part-time wage earnings. Norton Sound Health Corporation, Bering Strait School District, Kawerak, and local government are the major employees in the village. When the Teller Fish and Meat Plant is brought back into operation, the business will provide employment as well as a local source of meat. Construction, mining, commercial fishing and tourism provide some seasonal employment. There is currently a small business providing round trip taxi service to Nome.



Residents maintain a subsistence lifestyle. Fish, seal, moose, and reindeer are the primary meat sources. Residents gather eggs and berries and use seal oil to preserve and store greens, roots, and meat. Seal oil also serves as a nutritional staple of the subsistence diet. In the past, beluga served as a source of meat. Residents have been hoping belugas will return. There is increasing skepticism due to growing shipping routes and the designation of Port Clarence as a deep water port. There is a reindeer herd in the area. In 2010, four residents held commercial fishing permits. Over one-third of households produce crafts or artwork for sale and some residents trap fox, wolves, and wolverines. Local artists use ivory tusks and teeth to produce figurines, sculptures, tools, and jewelry. Skins are produced into hats, mittens, parkas, and slippers.

The 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) estimated 91 (MOE +/-31)¹ residents as employed. The ACS surveys established that average median household income (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars) was \$38,571 (MOE +/--\$6,948). The per capita income (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars) was \$12,387 (MOE +/--\$3,002). About 0.321% (MOE +/-0.163%) of all residents had incomes below the poverty level.

Business Licenses in Teller

The following records reflect current business licenses on file with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing, Business Licensing Section. These licenses may not represent actual business activity. For more information on a specific business, use Commerce's Business License Search website.

License Number	Business Name / Owner	Address	Expiration Date	Line of Business Code
954655	COYOTE CREEK EXPRESS / LUCINDA MENADELOOK	PO BOX 587 TELLER AK 99778	12/31/2012	42
947699	OK HYUN & CO / THOMAS CHA	1632 N POST RD, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	12/31/2012	42
933322	STARGATE ALASKA;KENNETH A HUGHES	BOX 586 TELLER AK 99778	12/31/2012	42
919450	TELLER NATIVE FUEL;TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION	TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION TELLER AK 99778	12/31/2013	42
905790	TELLER NATIVE STORE;TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION	PO BOX 590 TELLER AK 99778	12/31/2013	42



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Community Capital Projects in Teller, AK

The following table was acquired from Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development's Capital Projects Database showing funding, status, and lead agency of capital projects relating to infrastructure, public facilities, and publicly owned equipment where costs totaled \$10,000 or more.

Capital Projects and Grants

For more information on a specific project, contact the lead agency

Lead Agency	Year	Status	Project Description	Stage	Cost	Time Line	Contractor
DCRA	2011	funded	Heavy Equipment Purchase - Comments: Legislative - new dozer	Preliminary	\$228,300	4/19/2011-6/30/2015	City of Teller
AEA-AEEE	2010	Funded	Teller Wind Analysis - Comments: OTHER FUNDING: Federal	Preliminary	\$123,800		Alaska Village Elec Coop
Denali	2010	Funded	Teller - Airport Road Dust Control - Comments: DOT&PF State Match \$75000	Project Close-out Complete	\$150,000		Department of Transportation
HUD	2009	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - Comments: NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Contract	\$194,046		Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
DCRA	2009	Funded	Teller Community Health Clinic Construction - Comments: Legislative Grant	Construction	\$210,000	Appropriation Date 4/13/08, Lapse Date 6/30/13	City of Teller

Denali	2009	Funded	AMHTA Funding - Teller Clinic	Project Close-out Complete	\$25,000	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
HUD	2008	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - Comments: NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Design	\$172,990	Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
HUD	2007	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - Comments: NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Construction	\$200,796	Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
Denali	2007	Funded	Health Clinic - Comments: State of Alaska \$170268.02, Co mmunity Development Block Grant \$300000, Indian Health Equipment \$251967, Village Funds \$3000	Project Close-out Complete	\$1,525,717	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

5.0 Environmental Scan

5.1 Soils and Topography

Teller is located in a transition zone between the Seward Peninsula mainland and a spit between Port Clarence and Grantley Harbor. Consequently, soils in the area range from well-drained to poorly-drained. The main community is located near sea level on coastal and alluvial deposits of silt, sand, and beach gravel. Hilly areas and ridges supporting low shrubs and alpine tundra are generally well-drained and very gravelly, but have some erosion potential. The steeper slopes on the bordering mountains are poorly drained and support various types of sedges and moss. Permafrost ranges from shallow to deep and is discontinuous around Teller, although most of the town-site is permafrost-free.

5.2 Vegetation

Vegetation on the Seward Peninsula is principally tundra, with alpine dryas-lichen tundra and barrens at high elevations and moist sedge-tussock tundra at lower elevations. Patches of low-growing ericaceous and willow-birch shrubs occur on better-drained areas. Vegetation around Teller follows similar patterns consisting primarily of moist (mesic) tundra. Low willows, blueberry, crowberry, bearberry, Labrador tea, cottongrass, and sedges are common. Other grasses, forbs, mosses and lichens make up the vegetative communities.

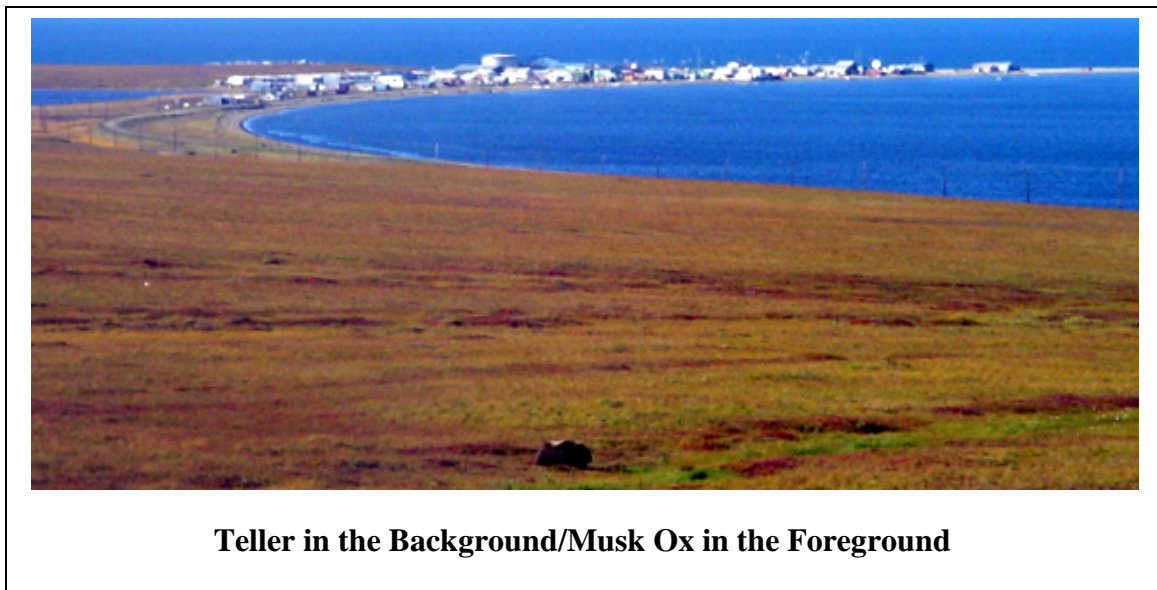
Local residents use a various types of the local vegetation for subsistence purposes. These include: tukniuk sura, masruk (Eskimo potatoes), pamiuqtuq (fireweed flowers for jam), tukaayuk (beach parsley), asaluk (beach greens), ivik kusiumik (rhubarb), and iviglik (rose roots), as well as berries, other greens, and roots.

5.3 Climate

Teller has a maritime climate when the Bering Sea is ice-free, usually early June to November. The freezing of the ocean and Port Clarence causes it to change to a more continental climate with less precipitation and colder temperatures. Winter temperatures average between -9° and 8° Fahrenheit, with an extreme low of -45° Fahrenheit. Mean annual snowfall is 40 inches. Summer temperatures average between 44° and 57° Fahrenheit, with a record high of 82° Fahrenheit. The mean annual precipitation is 10 inches. Winds from the east are predominant at Teller during the winter. Southwest and north winds prevail in the summer. The average wind velocity is 15 knots. The maximum wind speed ever recorded at Teller was 58 knots to the northwest.

5.4 Wildlife

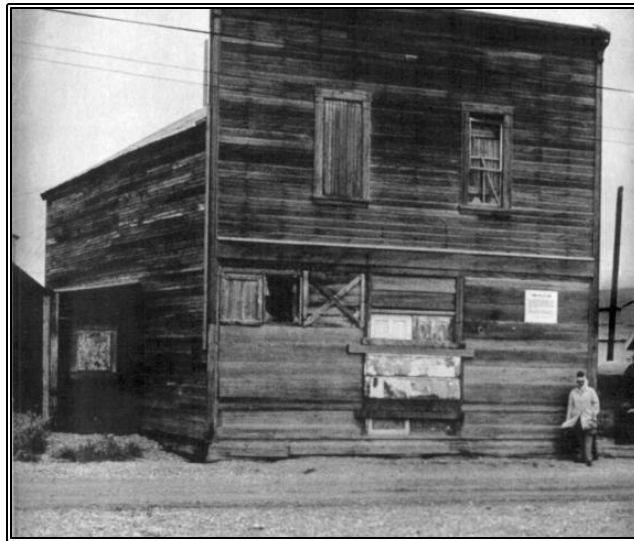
Wildlife in and around Teller is typical of the Seward Peninsula. All types of seal that can be found in Alaska can be found in Teller: ringed seal, fur seal, spotted seal, and beard seal. Walrus migrate outside Port Clarence to the west. Common fish inhabiting the waters around Teller include sculpin, lingcod, pike, trout, tomcod, salmon (coho, sockeye, chum, and pink), rock-cod, and smelt. Land mammals include bear, moose, musk ox, wolves, fox, wolverine, beaver, rabbits, ground squirrels, and occasionally caribou from the Western Arctic Herd. Domesticated reindeer are herded in the area.



5.5 Historic Preservation

Some buildings in town date back to the gold rush era of Teller, but most are not maintained. There is a dredge located at Gold Run, as well as camps located at Gold Run and Bluestone that miners used while mining operations were active. Most of these buildings are not registered as historic landmarks and are in poor condition. Community sentiment is to raze the dilapidated buildings to renew the village.

One exception is the storage site of the dirigible Norge. The warehouse on Front Street in which the Norge was stored after Amundsen's May 1926 polar expedition but prior to shipment back to Italy is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The two-story building with a false front might have been constructed in the 1910's and was reportedly once a store.



Teller Townsite Plat #3452 A and B, Block 2,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE		
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM		
<i>(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)</i>		
1. NAME		
COMMON Norge Landing Site	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS) OCT 8 1974
2. LOCATION		
STATE Alaska	COUNTY Northwest	TOWN Teller
STREET AND NUMBER		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Howard Burkher	DATE 1973	NEGATIVE FILED AT Alaska Division of Parks Anchorage, Alaska
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Southeast view of warehouse facade and north wall.		
#1 of 1 photos		

Historic Site Registration of Norge Storage

National Register of Historic Places

Historic Significance: The Norge dirigible from Amundsen's air journey across the North Pole was stored after the expedition.

Area of Significance: Science and Transportation

Period of Significance: Early 20th Century

Owner:

Historic Function: Warehouse and Store

Historic Sub-function:

Current Function: Vacant



5.6 Seismic, Flood, and Wetland Information

Storm winds from the west and southwest have the greatest potential for causing damage at Teller. Corps of Engineers data regarding flood depth and severity documented on their Internet web site indicate that the 1913 flood is said to have reached a maximum depth of 4 ft. Wind-blown ice from a storm in the late 1960's or early 1970's covered the area where the new school is located. An August 1970 flood reached an estimated depth of about 3 ft. In 1973 the flood level was at or just above the first floor doorsill of the Post Office. Water levels reached approximately 4 ft above ground at the house owned by N. B. Tweet. The house is located 150 ft south of the old Northstar Mercantile Store. The 1974 storm was especially severe, as large chunks of ice were driven into the village by strong winds. The flood reached a depth of about 2 ft. Water rose to 22 inches above the ground at the State highway living quarters, and 15 inches above the living room floor. Water rose to 2 inches above the floor of the Post Office, approximately 29 inches above ground level. The October 2004 storm caused major flooding and damage as well. Some flooding of the village occurs almost every fall, although damage is usually minor.



Teller's Seawall

A representative from Teller attended the "Be Prepared" conference spring 2011. There are plans to work on a mitigation plan with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and seek funding for VHF radios. The community has identified an evacuation road as one of its top 10 priorities. Presently, the only road out of the village is at sea-level and easily flooded. One proposed solution is to raise the road. This would leave the road less apt to flooding and cut down on winter snow removal costs.

Earthquakes in Teller are rare but not entirely absent. Residents have felt a few earthquakes in recent years, the most recent being the May 21, 2011 earthquake, which had a magnitude of 5.7.

The Corps of Engineers rated the flood hazard as "average" and lists Teller as exposed to flooding and erosion caused by storm surges and storm-driven waves from the Bering Sea and Port Clarence. The Army Corps of Engineers determined that nearly half of the homes in Teller are situated in the 100-year floodplain.

5.7 Land Status

The Teller Native Corporation is working on the 14c process.

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Land Status

ANCSA Land Entitlement:

Village Corporation:	Teller Native Corporation
12(a) Land Entitlement:	115,200 acres (see note 1)
12(b) Land Entitlement:	17,600 acres (see note 2)
Other Land Entitlements:	

14(c)(3) Land Status:

14(c)(3) Status:	In Process (see note 3)
14(c)(3) Comments:	Starting map of boundaries. Federal townsite.
14(c)(3) Agreement Signed:	No
Map of Boundaries done:	No
Date Plat Filed:	
Plat Number:	
Recording District:	
Municipal Land Trust:	No
Appropriate Village Entity:	n/a (see note 4)

Notes:

1. ANCSA 12(a) land entitlement to village corporation from federal government.
2. ANCSA 12(b) land reallocated to village corporation from Regional Native Corporation.
3. Under ANCSA 14(c)(3), village corporations must reconvey certain land to the local city government or the state in trust to provide for community use and expansion.
4. Recognized village group which represents the views of residents on municipal trust land acquisition and management in accordance with AS 44.33.755(b) and 3 AAC 190.110 - 150.

5.8 Designated Land Status and Management Issues

There are no National Wildlife Refuges near Teller, nor are there any designated Wild and Scenic Rivers. Teller is included in the Bering Strait Coastal Resource Service Area. Teller is located in Alaska State Game Management Unit 22D. Teller Native Corporation processes hunting licenses and game permits.

5.9 Land Use Potential

Many buildings in Teller are owned by a family that has moved on from the village. There has been some talk of purchasing the properties; however, due to several issues, no transaction has been completed.

There is land available within the city limits for housing projects. There is a possibility that Teller Native Corporation will relocate their fuel business, which would make some property available to shareholders and non-shareholders eventually.

6.0 Opportunities and Barriers to Development (SWOT)

6.1 Development Opportunities, Trends, and Strengths

What are our development opportunities, current trends or strengths and assets that will help us as we plan and complete projects in our community?

Potential Opportunities (From Outside Teller) for Development

- Tank farm upgrades
- Grants
- Education
- Alternative energy
- Administrate our own roads program
- Fisheries development
- More projects / more jobs
- New deep water port
- Computers / Internet
- Will have a community wellness coordinator
- New heavy equipment
- Easy access for subsistence lifestyle

Strengths (From Inside Teller) or Local Assets for Development

- The entities now have the ability to communicate with one another
- Representation on outside boards is good
- Consistent council membership
- Planning and following through
- Teamwork
- Group of people dedicated to community
- Ability to identify what resources are available
- Organizations are financially stable

6.2 Development Barriers, Hazards, and Areas of Concern

What are development barriers, hazards, or areas of concern that we need to consider as we begin development projects?

Weaknesses (within Community)

- Bickering
- Bullying
- Vandalism
- Corruption
- Lack of knowledge / education
- No law enforcement

Threats (from OutsideTeller)

- Weather
- Floods
- Global warming
- AVEC's old generators
- Erosion
- Lack of funds
- Burnout
- No representation in consortium we are in
- People in general
- Lack of housing
- Overfishing the high seas
- Deep water port
- Pollution in our waters and lands

The planning group examined the SWOT analysis exercise and thought about what is needed to take advantage of their strengths and minimize their weaknesses, as well as take advantage of opportunities and minimize or avoid threats.

To take advantage of Strengths and minimize weaknesses, it will take:

- Teamwork
- Dedication
- Good communication between entities and council members
- Support
- Leadership

To take advantage of opportunities and minimize threats, it will take:

- Identifying the manpower and resource needs
- Identifying what planning is needed
- Identifying what types of education and training are needed
- Planning to protect against threats
- Supporting elected officials

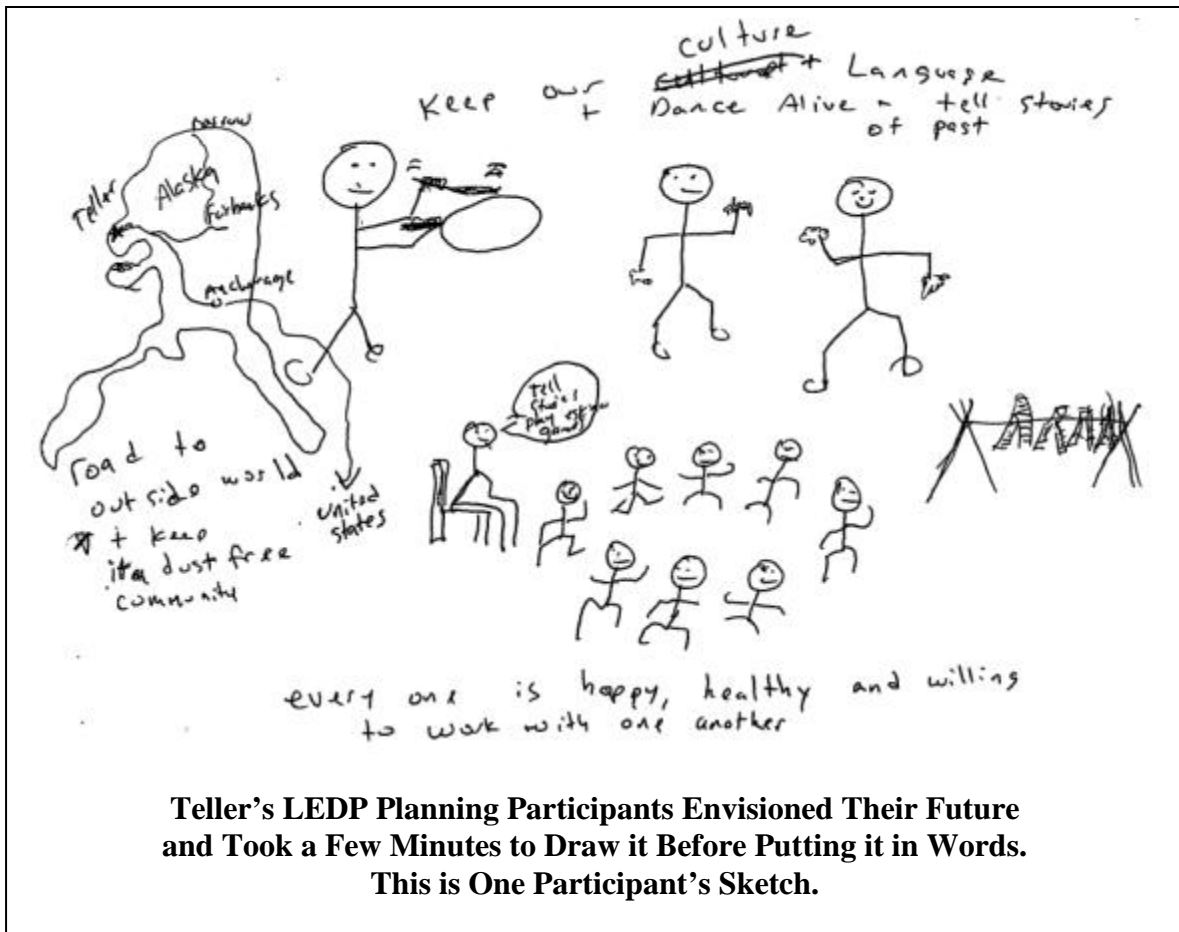
7.0 Teller's Vision, Goals, and Values

7.1 Teller's Vision

We see an active community with strong leadership working together to achieve our goals. We have healthy lifestyles, support continuing education and a strong local economy that can adapt to an ever changing future while supporting one another and respecting our cultural values.

Mission of the Bering Strait School District

“To educate our children to become self-sufficient and responsible citizens through quality programs that express high expectations for all in a safe and supportive environment which respects our children’s heritage.”



Teller's LEDP Planning Participants Envisioned Their Future and Took a Few Minutes to Draw it Before Putting it in Words. This is One Participant's Sketch.

7.2 Teller Development Goals and Objectives

1. Assist and Support the entities responsible for developing housing units
 - a. Become more involved in housing authority
 - b. Complete re-conveyance of land to the city
2. Continue to make sure everyone goes out and votes to keep our leaders that are concerned for the community
 - a. Door prizes after the vote
 - b. Provide transportation
 - c. Promote accomplishments of leaders
 - d. Put up notices
 - e. Refreshments and food
 - f. Campaign
3. Evaluate our goals to see what skills are needed to achieve our goals and encourage our youth to gain those skills
 - a. Educate 2 local grant-writers
 - b. Get a local planning and development specialist
 - c. Use examples of other villages success
 - d. Request Quickbooks, office management, and grantsmanship training
 - e. Lead by example
 - f. Designate youth representatives to local government (and possibly budget a stipend)
 - g. Designate Elder representatives to local government
4. Study alternative energy
 - a. Attend 1 energy workshop provided by BIA / Kawerak annually
 - b. Research wind, solar, geothermal, and hydro power options
 - c. Conduct feasibility studies
 - d. Support AVEC in their feasibility studies
 - e. Take advantage of \$1 million NSEDC energy funding to bring proper training to our schools and community
 - f. Create energy committees on local government
5. Control and administer our own programs and become less dependent on outside help
 - a. Trust ourselves and vote for the right leaders
 - b. Contract independently with funders
 - c. Business management training
 - d. Acquire our own tools and know how to use them
 - e. Network / contract other villages for developing our own programs (housing authority example)
 - f. Apply for housing funds (\$6 million) and manage budget ourselves

6. Starting in our own homes—teach our children to live cleaner and not vandalize or be disrespectful
 - a. Lead by example for kids
 - b. Send home newsletters about activities that will help discourage vandalism
 - c. Talk to your kids about littering
 - d. Put garbage cans throughout the village (city will pick up as part of trash collection)
 - e. Ask kids to volunteer at community events
 - f. Spend money saved on clean-up on fun activities for community
7. Invite the younger generation to participate in local governance
 - a. Change constitution to have youth representative and Elder representative
 - b. Let youth run some of the community events
 - c. Have a youth advisory committee
 - d. Continue to send youths to conferences (AFN etc)
 - e. Listen to the youth
 - f. Work with the school district to have seminar on how local government works
 - g. Use examples the kids can relate to (basketball court example)
 - h. Invite our own children to come to council meetings
8. Establish an emergency planning committee to hold workshops to prepare for natural disasters
 - a. Invite people to come to our community to hold a workshop
 - b. Have 2 people from each entity server on the committee
 - c. Committee will meet quarterly
9. Teach our younger generation our cultural values that were handed down by our Elders from generation to generation.
 - a. Give our appreciation awards
 - b. Invite younger kids to Elder lunches
 - c. Have a spot in school for Elders to come in and talk to kids
 - d. Continue to support MITC cultural camps by finding funding and volunteers
 - e. More showing of skills and knowledge to other members of community
 - f. Find funding for more cultural classes

7.3 Teller Community Values and Development

7.3.1 Teller Values

The community defined its core values for guiding local development.

1. Access to subsistence
2. The ability to pick up and work together
3. Christmas Native activities / games
4. Strong relationship with the school
5. Strong leadership
6. Our culture—where we come from
7. Community dance
8. High standard of education
9. Preserving fish and fishing
10. Our land around us
11. The waters around us—Port Clarence and Grantley Harbor
12. Elders
13. Empowering each other
14. Sportsmanship

7.3.2 Applying Values to Community Development

When we develop and plan important projects or programs, what are the things the community planning group asks project managers to remember? We should:

1. Keep our subsistence resources
2. Continue to educate our next generation about subsistence activities
3. Keep our community whole, working together
4. Not be polluting our water and destroying our land
5. Educate our young people to cut fish and game
6. Preserve our cultural identity and ties to the land
7. Encourage business, management, and economic education
8. Take care of each other, the whole community
9. Encourage our children to learn both Western and traditional ways
10. Praise sobriety and do good things for the people who are
11. Educate our up and coming generation in the ways of alternative energy
12. Ensure that local hire is a top priority

8.0 Development Priorities and Implementation

There were 10 priorities identified by the Teller Planning Committee and approved by the Teller Traditional Council and the City of Teller in order to improve the economic development for the community. In order to provide a thorough understanding of each project, the following information is given for each priority:

Project Description

- Background
- Project Needs and Benefits
- Potential Constraints to Project Development

Project Implementation

- Plan of Action/Timelines
- Organizations Responsible and Contact Information
- Funding Possibilities

Jointly Approved Top 10 Priorities for the Community of Teller 2013-2018

1. Water and Sewer
2. Tank Farm
3. Housing (for PA / VPSO / residential)
4. Evacuation road
5. Seawall repair / reconstruction
6. Dump / landfill
7. Emergency equipment
8. Weatherization and renovation of existing homes
9. Multi-purpose building
10. Crosswind runway

8.1 PRIORITY # 1 Water and Sewer

8.1.1 Project Description

Background

Teller currently draws water seasonally from Coyote Creek (2 miles via pipe) approximately 1000 feet upstream from the Coyote Creek Subdivision and stores it in a one-million gallon storage tank. Water is treated at a plant run jointly by the City and the school. Distribution to individual homes is available by request from the City water truck, where residents fill home storage tanks. Water is piped to the school and teacher housing. Individuals haul water from a central watering point at the Laundromat, at no cost. Springtime rationing occasionally decreases water usage. Some residents used their own ATV's or snow machines to haul water and/or melt ice from area creeks. Woolley Lagoon and Gold Run River (about 20 miles southwest and southeast of town respectively) are used for this purpose.

The school operates its own sewage system to which teacher housing is connected. The existing lagoon the school uses is undersized and must be pumped several times per year into Port Clarence. 100 percent of remaining households use honey buckets. One home has a septic tank. The city, as well as individuals, hauls the waste from each home to the fenced landfill five miles southeast of town. Trash and honey bucket hauling services \$35 per month for residences and \$50 per month for businesses in September 2011.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Village Safe Water program has performed feasibility studies on a piped water / sewer system in Teller since 1997. Village Safe Water mentioned a target price not to exceed \$200,000 per house unit for the overall project. Some exceptions could be made for communities with a demonstrated record of sustainability in other utility projects.

The final master plan for sewer and water was completed just prior to the drafting of this LEDP. Implementing this plan remains a top priority for the community.

Project Needs and Benefits

- Running water in homes
- Flush toilets

Potential Constraints to Project Development

- State & Federal funding is limited and this project is a lower priority than some needed in other communities.

8.1.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action/Timelines

- Create a tri-entity resolution for the project.
- Collaborate with RUBA, VSW, & NSHC to secure funding.
- Refer to Teller's Sanitation Facilities Master Plan.
- The City needs to make an agreement with Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) to proceed.
- Write to Alaska Senator Donald Olson & Representative Neil Foster for assistance.
- With funds from Kawerak's Grant Writer Assistance program, hire a grant writer to identify alternative funding sources and submit an application for construction funds.
- ICDBG & CDBG want to see match money for a high score. Find out if NSEDC will provide that match. Match money might go toward VSW or IHS.
- The City of Teller can submit an application for a Rural Development (RD) direct grant. ANTHC can assist with the application.
- Make needs known.
- Describe needs in writing. Distribute description to Kawerak & decision makers.
- Hire a lobbyist to assist in securing funds through State of Alaska.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

State of Alaska Legislature

- Request assistance for a capital project
- Representative Neal Foster
- Senator Donald Olson
- <http://senate.legis.state.ak.us/>

State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Dev.

- <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/>

Norton Sound Health Corporation - Office of Environmental Health

- Kevin Zweifel, Director, 907-443-3294, kzweifel@nshcorp.org
- <http://www.nortonsoundhealth.org/>

State of Alaska – Department of Water - Village Safe Water (VSW)

- Manager: Greg Magee, 907-269-7613
- Primary Project Engineer: Lynn Marino, 907-269-7602
- dec.alaska.gov/water/vsw/

CDBG - Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

- Requires matching funds of 25% to receive highest scoring
- \$850,000 maximum annual grant amount per community
- Deadline: 1st Friday in December by 4:30 p.m.
- Application materials usually available in early September and workshops in fall
- Grant Administrator: Janet Davis (907)-451-2746
- <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/grt/blockgrants.htm>

ICDBG

- Wants to see matching funds
- Application may be out in October and will include due date.
- Maximum Grant award: \$600,000
- Key contact: Elaine Hammes, Grants management Specialist, 907-677-9884
- <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/icdbg.cfm>

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC)

- Outside Entity Funding (OEF) for priority projects is \$60,000 per year per village
- Grant application deadline: January 15, 2013
- Primary Contact: Paul Ivanoff III, (800)-385-3190, paul@nsedc.com

Rasmuson Foundation

- Tier 1 (\$25,000 or less), 60-90 day approval, Jeff Baird, Program Associate, 907-297-2831, jbaird@rasmuson.org or Aleesha Towns-Bain, Senior Program Associate, 907-297-2875, atowns-bain@rasmuson.org
- Tier 2 (over \$25,000), Approval by Board in June and December meetings annually, Sammye Pokryfki, Senior Program Officer, 907-297-2881, spokryfki@rasmuson.org
- www.rasmuson.org

USDA Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Program

- No grant application deadline
- Multiple programs
- Contact: James Nordlund, State Director, 907-761-7707, james.nordlund@ak.usda.gov
- <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (DSFC)

- Alaska Division Director, Steve Bolan, 907-729-3711, steven.bolan@ihs.gov
- <http://www.ihs.gov/dsfc/index.cfm?module=home>

Private Foundations and Local Donations

PRIORITY # 2 Tank Farm

8.2.1 Project Description

Background

The community runs out of fuel every year by April.

Teller's tank farm needs at least 30,000 gallons greater storage capacity. It is expected that the ability to maintain greater reserves of fuel will help the community avoid expensive emergency deliveries during months when the sea remains un-navigable due to ice conditions.

Potential Constraints to Project Development

It is possible that the Coast Guard or other agencies may have regulations concerning the construction of tank farms in flood-plains. Teller is located in a flood-plain.

The Denali Foundation is interested in using funding to refurbish or maintain existing tank farms rather than building new fuel storage facilities. Funding may be easier to find for upgrades, though such a project alone may not meet the community's needs.

8.2.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action

- Organizations within the community develop a policy to conserve fuel.
- Work with the community in developing ways to conserve fuel in the home.
- Ensure that all fuel storage tanks in the community are filled before the barging season ends.
- Identify, assess, and inventory existing bulk fuel storage tanks within the community.
- Calculate community needs based on past usage.
- Identify potential funding sources and submit proposals.
- Develop a maintenance and training plan to ensure adequate upkeep as management changes hands.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

- **Denali Commission**

Jodi Fondy, Energy Deputy Program Manager, (907) 271-3011,
jfondy@denali.gov, http://denali.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=2

- **Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG)**
Elaine Hammes, Grants Management Specialist U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Alaska Office of Native American Programs (AONAP), 3000 C Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, AK 99503
Phone (907) 677-9886 or (877) 302-9800 Extension 886
Fax (907) 677-9807 e-mail: elaine.hammes@hud.gov
- **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Division of Community Advocacy - 211 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701-4639, <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/grt/blockgrants.htm>, Jo E. Grove, Block Grants-Program Manager, Jo.Grove@alaska.gov, 907-451-2716; Fax: 907-451-2742, Janet Davis, Grants Administrator, Janet.Davis@alaska.gov, 907-451-2746; Fax: 907-451-2742
- **Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority**
Development Finance Program, <http://www.aidea.org/programsdevfin.html>
813 West Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (907) 771-3000 Fax (907) 771-3044, Toll Free (Alaska Only) 888-300-8534
- **United States Coast Guard, District 17**
Licensing 907-463-2458, Inspections 907-463-2450
<http://www.uscg.mil/d17/>

PRIORITY # 3 PA / VPSO / Residential Housing

8.3.1 Project Description

Background

Teller's housing is currently inadequate for its needs. The Alaska Housing Assessment defines overcrowding as less than 300 square feet per person in a home. Many multi-generational extended families living in homes make overcrowding common in Teller. Medical practitioners often visit and need accommodations. Teachers require housing as well.

All Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) rentals are low-income based. Rent varies from about \$100-\$200 per month depending on income. The renter eventually owns the home, but it might take as long as 35 years. BSRHA has 6 applications on file for housing in Teller. There is one for a two-bedroom house. There are four for three bedroom homes. There is one application for a four-bedroom house.

Acquiring housing is challenging for middle-income people. They make too much money to qualify for low-cost housing programs. But they do not make enough money to purchase housing on their own.

Eligibility for the Village Purchase Homebuyer Program is also dependent on credit and criminal background checks. People with a history of being evicted or convicted have a hard time finding housing which adds to the pressure of the situation. People with certain convictions can be disqualified for life or for years depending on the offense. These regulations are in accordance with the Federal Housing Act and enforced by HUD. In some cases, people who seek and complete rehabilitation through Behavioral Health Services can be granted special consideration. But it does not guarantee that the Housing Authority can relax its regulations.

Project Needs and Benefits

Teller needs more housing to decrease the problem of overcrowding.

The rate of new home construction needs to increase in order to meet the needs of Teller's growing population. If more housing units were available to the tribe, more families and elders would remain in the community and contribute to the culture.

There is a need for the education and preparation necessary to take advantage of existing programs for acquiring new housing.

Building new housing will:

- Alleviate over-crowding of households with multi-generational extended families. The Alaska Housing Assessment defines overcrowding as less than 300 square feet per person in a home.
- Projects will provide locals, especially youth, with on-the-job training (OJT).
- Generate jobs and income from the construction of new homes and the renovation of existing housing
- Small businesses might be started in some homes to create and supplement incomes.

Potential Constraints to Project Development

Constraints to new housing development include material & labor costs and the short building season.

The Teller Traditional Council gets money from HUD for housing projects. Money is pooled with other villages for mutual benefit. But the waiting list for projects can take as long as ten years to go through a rotation. Teller needs a full-time grant writer to explore and apply for alternative funding possibilities.

Funding for housing projects is decreasing while construction costs are rising. Material costs in the Bering Straits Region have increased an average of 10-15% every year over the last decade. Ten years ago residential construction cost about \$375 per square foot. Now the cost is \$500-\$550 per square foot and sometimes as high as \$600 per square foot.

Potential costs include: materials, shipping, liabilities, insurance, labor, management, plumbing, water, sewer, codes, roads, permitting, fuel, electricity, training, land-lot, turn-over, time-line, administrative, soil tests (up to \$5,000 per site for engineer to travel to Village), and surveys.

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) does credit and criminal background checks on everyone who applies to the Village Purchase Homebuyer Program. People with certain convictions can be disqualified for life or for years depending on the offense. These regulations are in accordance with the Federal Housing Act and enforced by HUD. In some cases, people who seek and complete rehabilitation through Behavioral Health Services can be granted special consideration. But it does not guarantee that the Housing Authority can relax its regulations.

8.3.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action/Timelines

- Create a village planning committee consisting of five to seven key people from major entities in the Village (Traditional Council, Corporation, City, School, Clinic, Utilities, etc.). Meet quarterly to discuss housing issues. The committee can arrange to have a representative from the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) present at each meeting to address the plan of action step-by-step as it develops.
- Conduct a local survey to determine the housing needs and number of units needed.
- Look into proven and affordable alternative methods and designs for construction and renovation.
- Incorporate traditional local input into planning and designing.
- Clearly define administrative duties.
- Develop a local skilled overseer/project manager.
- Contact BSRHA to arrange Housing Authority representation at village planning committee meetings.
- Outsource duties to outside administrator, if necessary while developing a local skilled overseer/manager.
- Hold joint meetings with the City, Corporation, utilities, etc. to plan where to build.
- Select potential sites for the new homes and look into easement and environmental issues as well as access issues to utilities.
- Test soil to make sure it is not too soft.

- File paperwork with the City for making the new lots.
- Write management and maintenance policies for the potential rental units. Develop application forms and lease agreement forms.
- A grant-writer will establish & cultivate relationships with existing and potential project partners and secure funding & other forms of project assistance.
- Submit grant applications.
 - Kawerak's Regional Grant Specialist, (907-443-4254) may be able to assist in identifying possible funding sources.
- The Tribe can apply for the ICDBG grant or they can look into the leveraging options listed below:
 - Title VI options – The Tribe may borrow against future block grant allocations.
 - Partnering – There are USDA programs for low interest loans to build houses for eligible families.
 - Section 184 – There is a program where the Tribe can use a commercial bank to obtain funds for new housing.
- Get locals trained and certified for construction work. Provide as much on-the-job (OJT) training as possible.
- Clear & ready lots, build foundations, and get gravel.
- Continue to work with the Tribe, City, Corporation, and private owners to expand all housing opportunities in the community. Add to agenda for tri-council meetings.
- Continue to seek funding to assist community members in renovations.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

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2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Colleen Bickford, Alaska Field Office Director,
- Phone (907)-677-9830, (877)-302-9800, 907-677-9800, Cell (907)-223-1126
- Fax (907)-677-9805,
- Email: colleen_bickford@hud.gov
- Anchorage Field Office, 3000 C Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99503
- www.Hud.gov

Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG)

- Wants to see matching funds
- Application may be available in October and will include due date.
- Maximum grant award: \$600,000
- Key Contact: Elaine Hammes, Grants Management Specialist, (907)-677-9884

- <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/icdbg.cfm>

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority

- Vice President/Contracting Officer: Paul Whipple
- **Phone:** 443-5256 or 5257
Fax (907) 443-8652
Toll Free: 1-800-478-5255
- **Physical Address**
415 E. 3rd & Campbell
Nome, Alaska 99762
- **Mailing Address**
P.O. Box 995
Nome, Alaska 9976
- <http://bsrha.org/>

Rasmuson Foundation

- Tier 1 (\$25,000 or less), 60-90 day approval, Jeff Baird, Program Associate, 907-297-2831, jbaird@rasmuson.org or Aleesha Towns-Bain, Senior Program Associate, 907-297-2875, atowns-bain@rasmuson.org
- Tier 2 (over \$25,000), Approval by Board in June and December meetings annually, Sammye Pokryfki, Senior Program Officer, 907-297-2881, spokryfki@rasmuson.org
- <http://www.rasmuson.org/>

M. J. Murdock Trust

- No application deadline
- Average grant amounts \$100,000 - \$200,000
- Typically not interested in granting funds less than \$50,000
- <http://www.murdock-trust.org/>

Private Foundations and Local Donations

State of Alaska Legislature

- Request assistance for a capital project.
- Representative Neal Foster
- Senator Donald Olson
- w3.legis.state.ak.us/index.php

United States Legislature

- Request assistance for a capital project.
- Senator Mark Begich: <http://begich.senate.gov/public/>
- Senator Lisa Murkowski: <http://murkowski.senate.gov/public/>

United States House of Representatives

- Request assistance for a capital project.
- Representative Don Young: <http://donyoung.house.gov/>

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

- Teacher/senior/public safety housing programs, Mark Romick, Director of Planning, 907-330-8274
- Provides grants to Regional Housing Authority and Rural Cap for free (income-based) weatherization, etc.
- AHFC has other programs too.
- <http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/home/index.cfm>

USDA Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Program

- No grant application deadline
- Multiple programs
- Contact: James Nordland, State Director, 907-761-7707, james.nordlund@ak.usda.gov
- <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

USDA Rural Housing Preservation Grants

- Max award: \$50,000
- Contact: James Nordland, State Director, 907-761-7707, james.nordlund@ak.usda.gov
- http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-HPG_Grants.html

State Farm Company Grants Program

- Programs for government entities and 501(C)(3)
- Minimum Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Maximum Grant Amount: Based on community population
- Regional contact: Carolyn Fujioka, (808)-951-1160
- <http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/company/company.asp>

Housing Assistance Council

- Occasionally has grants
- Currently has loans for new construction and renovation projects up to \$750,000 for unit construction per project (Unit could mean a subdivision with multiple structures.)
- Primary Contact: Dierdra Pressley, (202)-842-8600 ext. 154, hac@ruralhome.org
<http://www.ruralhome.org/>

The Hearst Foundations

- No application deadline
- \$50,000 grant minimum
- The Foundation works with 501(C)(3)s that have at least \$1million budget
- Primary contact: Mr. Paul Dinovitz, (415)-908-4500, hearst.sf@hearstfdn.org
- <http://hearstfdn.org/>

American Seafoods Corporate Giving Program

- Grant deadlines: Approximately January 15, April 15, and November 15, annually
- Grant amounts: Usually under \$5,000
- Primary contact: Ms. Kimberly Lynch, (206)-256-2659
<http://www.americanseafoods.com/>

PRIORITY # 4 Evacuation Road

8.4.1 Project Description

Background

Storm winds from the west and southwest have the greatest potential for causing damage at Teller. Corps of Engineers data regarding flood depth and severity documented on their Internet web site indicate that the 1913 flood is said to have reached a maximum depth of 4 ft. Wind-blown ice from a storm in the late 1960's or early 1970's covered the area where the new school is located. An August 1970 flood reached an estimated depth of about 3 ft. In 1973 the flood level was at or just above the first floor doorsill of the Post Office. Water levels reached approximately 4 ft above ground at the house owned by N. B. Tweet. The house is located 150 ft south of the old Northstar Mercantile Store. The 1974 storm was especially severe, as large chunks of ice were driven into the village by strong winds. The flood reached a depth of about 2 ft. Water rose to 22 inches above the ground at the State highway living quarters, and 15 inches above the living room floor. Water rose to 2 inches above the floor of the Post Office, approximately 29 inches above ground level. The October 2004 storm caused major flooding and damage as well. Some flooding of the village occurs almost every fall, although damage is usually minor.

A representative from Teller attended the "Be Prepared" conference spring 2011. There are plans to work on a mitigation plan with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and seek funding for VHF radios. The community has identified an evacuation road as one of its top 10 priorities. Presently, the only road out of the village is at sea-level and easily flooded. One proposed solution is to raise the road. This would leave the road less apt to flooding and cut down on winter snow removal costs.

Earthquakes in Teller are rare but not entirely absent. Residents have felt a few earthquakes in recent years, the most recent being the May 21, 2011 earthquake, which had a magnitude of 5.7.

The Corps of Engineers rated the flood hazard as "average" and lists Teller as exposed to flooding and erosion caused by storm surges and storm-driven waves

from the Bering Sea and Port Clarence. The Army Corps of Engineers determined that nearly half of the homes in Teller are situated in the 100-year floodplain.

Project Needs and Benefits

Teller needs an evacuation road that is above the flood zone so residents have a dependable route for escaping major floods and tsunamis.

Potential Constraints to Project Development

Many of Alaska's coastal communities are in similar danger from flooding and funding is limited. The rural location and relatively smaller population of Teller makes it harder to compete for funding and convince outside agencies of the severity of the problem.

8.4.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action/Timelines

- Add roads to next tri-council meeting agenda.
- Inventory more Indian Reservation Roads (IRR).
- Review STIP score on website and research ways to raise it.
- Document impacts of roadwork on community well-being to influence STIP score.
- Provide match to DOT (at least 10%). The match amount greatly influences the project's ranking in the order that transportation projects are completed.
- Provide gravel and equipment as much as possible for DOT projects. This also significantly impacts how soon the project will be completed.
- Document roads at high dust, traffic-accident, wash-out times, and other hazards due to road conditions. This helps the project's ranking too.
- Keep communication lines open with the Kawerak Transportation Program and inform the Tribal members of all planned road improvement projects.
- Determine who owns all of the land for the potential road projects and begin meetings to solve the land issues for the future road project.
- Work with agencies to prioritize future road project ideas to be written into the Long Range Transportation Planning (LRTP) documents, so they can be recommended and approved.
- Use Kawerak's grant writer assistance program to hire a grant writer to explore funding sources, seek matching funds and apply for project funds.
- Acquire and repair heavy equipment for road maintenance, etc.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

Kawerak Transportation Program (KTP)

- <http://www.kawerak.org>

State of Alaska – Department of Transportation (DOT)

- STIP score info is on this website:
- <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/stip/index.shtml>

Bureau of Land Management

- <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/ado/afo.html>

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC)

- <http://www.nsedc.com>

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Denali Commission

- <http://www.denali.gov>

National Park Service Historic Preservation

- www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tribal

US Dept. of Health & Human Services

- <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/>

Indian Reservation Roads (IRR)

- Snow removal, guard rails, etc.
- <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/irr/>

State of Alaska Legislature – Appropriations

- Request assistance for a capital project
- Representative Neal Foster
- Senator Donald Olson
- <http://senate.legis.state.ak.us/>

Private Foundations and Local Donations

PRIORITY # 5 Seawall Repair and Reconstruction

8.5.1 Project Description

Background

Storm winds from the west and southwest have the greatest potential for causing damage at Teller. Corps of Engineers data regarding flood depth and severity documented on their Internet web site indicates that the 1913 flood is said to have reached a maximum depth of 4 ft. Wind-blown ice from a storm in the late 1960's or early 1970's covered the area where the new school is located. An August 1970 flood reached an estimated depth of about 3 ft. In 1973 the flood level was at or just above the first floor doorsill of the Post Office. Water levels reached approximately 4 ft above ground at the house owned by N. B. Tweet. The house is located 150 ft south of the old Northstar Mercantile Store. The 1974 storm was especially severe, as large chunks of ice were driven into the village by strong winds. The flood reached a depth of about 2 ft. Water rose to 22 inches above the ground at the State highway living quarters, and 15 inches above the living room floor. Water rose to 2 inches above the floor of the Post Office, approximately 29 inches above ground level. The October 2004 storm caused major flooding and damage as well. Some flooding of the village occurs almost every fall, although damage is usually minor.



Teller's Seawall

A representative from Teller attended the "Be Prepared" conference spring 2011. There are plans to work on a mitigation plan with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and seek funding for VHF radios. The community has identified an evacuation road as one of its top 10 priorities. Presently, the only road out of the village is at sea-level and easily flooded.

The Corps of Engineers rated the flood hazard as "average" and lists Teller as exposed to flooding and erosion caused by storm surges and storm-driven waves from the Bering Sea and Port Clarence. The Army Corps of Engineers determined that nearly half of the homes in Teller are situated in the 100-year floodplain.

Project Needs and Benefits

Teller needs its seawall to protect its people and property from damage to flooding during storms.

Potential Constraints to Project Development

Many of Alaska's coastal communities are in similar danger from erosion and funding is limited. The rural location and relatively smaller population of Wales makes it harder to compete for funding and convince outside agencies of the severity of the problem.

8.5.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action/Timelines

- Keep good communications with VSW, DOT, Kawerak, and other agencies on erosion issues in Teller. Keep the community aware of the project through posters, radio announcements and public meetings.
- Work with the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers to begin planning the project.
- Continue to seek funding for all stages of the project. Work with the Tribe to possibly use Kawerak's grant writer assistance program to hire a grant writer to explore funding sources, seek matching funds from the community, and apply for funds for the various stages of planning and construction: easements, environmental studies, gravel, permits, construction, business plan, inspections, and policies and procedures for center operations. BIA funding is potentially available through KTP only if the seawall will protect existing roads nearby.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

Kawerak Transportation Program

- <http://www.kawerak.org>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management

<http://www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm>

U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska

- <http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/hm/default.htm>

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Community Advocacy

<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/grt/blockgrants.htm>

Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG)

- <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/icdbg.cfm>

PRIORITY # 6 Dump / Landfill

8.6.1 Project Description

Background

The Teller landfill is located five miles southeast of the village on the Nome-Teller Highway. The landfill is managed with the use of a bulldozer. No incinerators are used. The City provides a solid waste, septic and honey bucket waste collection service (\$35/month per residence and \$50/month per business) and disposes of it at the fenced landfill. The City of Teller pays for the landfill permit (\$100/year). Some individuals haul their own waste to the landfill. The community participates in hazardous waste collection and the City of Teller works with Kawerak's backhaul and IGAP program. The community's overall waste management system needs to be upgraded.

Potential Constraints to Project Development

- Regional technical engineers are limited to assist with new project designs.
- Delays in funding and administering services – Funding sources for landfill development projects are limited and not usually oriented toward new construction projects.
- The shipping and delivery costs are very high on all construction materials.
- Construction seasons in the region are very short.
- Land issues may need to be resolved and permits obtained.
- If a new landfill site is built, a plan will be needed to close the old landfill site.

8.6.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action

- Contact or visit other communities like Elim or Koyuk that are currently renovating landfills to get information and ideas and see the issues they are facing and the solutions they have identified.
- Obtain copies of existing maintenance and hazardous waste plans from other communities and complete Teller's waste management and hazardous waste management plans.
- Write plans identifying the purpose, type of items needed, material and shipping costs, and construction costs for needed landfill improvements.
- Select a construction site and obtain site control. Investigate easement or environmental issues. Obtain permits.

- Work with the Tribe to possibly use kawerak’s grant writer assistance program to hire a grant writer to contact funding sources, seek matching funds from the community and outside agencies, and apply for funds needed to complete the projects.
- Find funding opportunities to train and hire workers to manage the renovations or construction in compliance with policies.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Indian General Assistance Program

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/programs.htm>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project

www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm#EPA-OSWER-OSW-08-03

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)

<http://www.anthc.org/>

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation

<http://www.nsedc.com>

Rasmuson Foundation

www.rasmuson.org

Private Foundations and Local donations

Solid Waste Alaska Network (SWAN)

<http://www.ccthita-swan.org/funding/IGAP.cfm>

Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council Report

www.yritwc.com/Presentations/contamination_awareness.pdf

PRIORITY # 7 Emergency Equipment

8.7.1 Project Description

Background

A representative from Teller attended the “Be Prepared” conference spring 2011. There are plans to work on a mitigation plan with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and seek funding for VHF radios.

8.7.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action/Timelines

- Develop a list and research all of the equipment and other needs of Teller’s emergency response teams. Develop a resource list and prices including freight.
- Review policies and procedures that exist or need to be developed for the new equipment and emergency response plans.
- Use Kawerak’s Grant Writer Assistance program or hire a grant writer to apply for assistance to acquire all the equipment and training needed.
- Consult other villages to explore possible solutions.
- Use emergency funds from Homeland Security & FEMA and other sources to acquire emergency response equipment.
- Use and maintain equipment and disaster-response plan for the benefit of the community.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC)

- www.NSEDC.com

Department of Homeland Security – FEMA

- <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/>
1-866-274-0960
- FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov

State of Alaska Legislature – Appropriations

- Request assistance for a capital project
- Representative Neal Foster
- Senator Donald Olson
- <http://senate.legis.state.ak.us/>

Private Foundations and Local Donations

Bureau of Land Management

- www.blm.gov

FireFighters Charitable Foundation

- One West Street
Farmingdale, NY 11735
Phone: 516-249-0332
Fax: 516-249-0338
Email: ffcf@ffcf.org
Url: <http://www.ffcf.org/>
Toll-free number: 800-837-3473
Eligibility Requirements: Nonprofit organizations and individual
- Application Deadlines: None

Fireman's Fund Heritage Program

- 777 San Marin Drive
Novato, CA 94998
Phone: 866-440-8716
Email: heritage@fffc.com
Url: <http://www.firemansfund.com/heritage/>
Application Deadlines: None

Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program - U. S. General Services Administration (GSA)

- <http://gsaccess.gov>

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

- 505 5th Avenue South
Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: 206-342-2030
Fax: 206-342-3030
Email: info@pgafamilyfoundation.org
Url: <http://www.pgafamilyfoundation.org/>
Total Annual Giving: \$14,693,000
Application Deadlines: Inquiries: none

PRIORITY # 8 Weatherization and Renovation of Existing Homes

8.8.1 Project Description

Existing structures need weatherization, innovation, and upgrades. Families want improvements before winter sets in. They are worried for the safety of their children.

8.8.2 Project Implementation

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

- Teacher/senior/public safety housing programs, Mark Romick, Director of Planning, 907-330-8274
- Provides grants to Regional Housing Authority and Rural Cap for free (income-based) weatherization, etc.
- AHFC has other programs too.
- <http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/home/index.cfm>

Housing Assistance Council

- Occasionally has grants
- Currently has loans for new construction and renovation projects up to \$750,000 for unit construction per project (Unit could mean a subdivision with multiple structures.)
- Primary Contact: Dierdra Pressley, (202)-842-8600 ext. 154, hac@ruralhome.org
<http://www.ruralhome.org/>

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority

- Vice President/Contracting Officer: Paul Whipple
- **Phone:** 443-5256 or 5257
Fax (907) 443-8652
Toll Free: 1-800-478-5255
- **Physical Address**
415 E. 3rd & Campbell
Nome, Alaska 99762
- **Mailing Address**
P.O. Box 995
Nome, Alaska 9976
- <http://bsrha.org/>

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

- www.ruralcap.com/

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

- www.bia.gov/

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Colleen Bickford, Alaska Field Office Director
Phone (907)-677-9830, (877)-302-9800, 907-677-9800
Cell (907)-223-1126
Fax (907)-677-9805,
Email: colleen_bickford@hud.gov
Anchorage Field Office, 3000 C Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99503
- www.Hud.gov

PRIORITY # 9 Multipurpose Building

8.9.1 Project Description

Background

A new multi-purpose building is needed in order to alleviate the existing structural deficiency problems of local organization offices as well as provide the much needed space for essential community activities and business expansion. These community functions will be consolidated into a single facility that will include a community hall, teen center, elder's center, office space for businesses, the City of Teller, Traditional Council, and Native Corporation.

Project Needs and Benefits

The benefits of having the multiple-use building include:

- The consolidation of governing entities into one building will help eliminate duplication of services and facilitate closer working relationships and increased coordination of activities.
- The teen center will not only offer a safe place to the youth of Teller, but will also increase the efficiency with which services are delivered by being in the same building that houses the organizations that plan and administer youth activities.
- The enhancement of the quality of life of residents by providing a place suitable for community events, meetings, and other gatherings. The quality of these meetings will also be enhanced by being in the same building that houses the organizations that plan and administer these activities.
- Rent from business would help offset monthly operation and maintenances of the building.

Potential Constraints to Project Development

Finding land to build the multipurpose building on could prove to be challenging as property is very limited in Teller. Thorough planning will require cooperation between the tribal entities, the City of Teller and the native corporations that all reside within the city limits of Teller.

8.9.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action/Timelines

- Apply for the Indian Community Development Block Grant planning grant.
- Start planning with the Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation, the City of Teller, the Teller Traditional Council and the Teller Native Corporation to lay out plans for designing the multipurpose building and acquire property for the building.
- Hire a designer and architect.
- Apply for the Indian Community Development Block Grant construction grant.
- Following are brief descriptions of these funding types compiled from the Denali Commission web site (www.denali.gov).
- **Conceptual planning** projects should address early project development issues and questions. The expected outcome of a Conceptual Planning project is design readiness including a Business Plan and Site Plan Checklist. Funding of conceptual planning proposals does not commit the Commission to fund subsequent project phases.
- **Design** projects are for the final design of a Multi-Use facility to at least 95% completion. The expected outcome of a Design project is construction readiness. Funding of design proposals does not commit the Commission to fund subsequent project phases.
- **Construction** projects can occur after completing all the project elements identified in the Conceptual Planning and Design phases. The expected outcome is the construction of a Multi-Use Facility that eliminates the duplication of services and increases the efficiency of delivering services.
- **Repair** and renovation projects can occur after completing all the project elements identified in the Conceptual Planning and Design phases. The expected outcome is the repair or renovation of a Multi-Use Facility.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778
4. Native Village of Mary’s Igloo – Grant writer at (907) 642-3731
5. Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation, PO Box 629, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

Revenue Generated by the Center

- Rent from ICWA (if ICWA activities are on the site)

Like-funds from Gambell's Governing Entities

Elders/children/teens/volunteers

Private Foundations and Local Donations

Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG)

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/icdbg.cfm>

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC)

Small Business Initiative Grant

Community Benefits Fund

<http://www.nsedc.com>

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (CDBG)

<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/grt/blockgrants.htm>

Kawerak – After School Funds

Phone: (907) 443-9073 or 1-(866) 283-2273

Rasmuson Foundation

<http://www.rasmuson.org/>

National Park Service Historic Preservation

www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tribal

National Park Service: Tribal Preservation Program

Historic Preservation Grants Division

1201 Eye Street, NW, 6th Floor

Washington, DC

20005

Phone: 202-354-1837

Fax: 202-371-1794

Email: NPS_Tribal_Grants@nps.gov

Url:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/trib>

[al/application.html](#)

Primary Contact:

Mr. James Bird

Email: james_bird@nps.gov

Total Annual Giving: \$899,000

Grant Range: \$7,500 - \$60,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations

Areas of Interest:

The Tribal Preservation Program, administered by the National Park Service, is dedicated to working with Indian tribes, Alaska Native groups, Native Hawaiians, and national organizations to preserve and protect resources and traditions that are of importance to Native Americans.

Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC)

<http://nortonsoundhealth.org/>

NSHC Camp Department Nome Community Fund

Phone: (907) 443-3480

US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans (ANA)
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/>

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
<http://bsrha.org/>

M. J. Murdock Trust
<http://www.murdock-trust.org/>

Americorps/BIRCH
<http://www.ruralcap.com/cod/BIRCH/index.cfm>

Boys and Girls Club
<http://www.bgcalaska.org/>

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) - Northwest Campus (NWC) - Cooperative Extension Program
<http://www.nwc.uaf.edu>

Partner programs (AEWC, NSHC, BSSD, clubs, church)

Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation
103 Foulk Road
Suite 200
Wilmington, DE 19803
Phone: 888-372-6303
Primary Contact:
Ms. Rose B. Patek
President
Total Annual Giving: \$11,493,000
Grant Range: \$800 - \$5,372,000

Average Grant: \$1,000 - \$50,000
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations
Application Deadlines:
None
Areas of Interest:
Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation supports nonprofit organizations across the United States.

Kalliopeia Foundation
P.O. Box 151020
San Rafael, CA 94915
Email: info@kalliopeia.org
Url: <http://www.kalliopeia.org/>
Primary Contact:
Ms. Barbara Cushing
Director of Grantmaking
Total Annual Giving: \$3,775,000
Average Grant: \$5,000 - \$25,000
Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations
Application Deadlines:
Letters of inquiry: none
Areas of Interest:
The mission of the Kalliopeia Foundation is to contribute to the evolution of communities and cultures that honor the unity at the heart of life's rich diversity.

CACFP - USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program

www.fns.usda.gov/fns
<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/cns/>

Alaska Summit Enterprise, Inc.
<http://www.anaalaska.org>

The Foster Foundation
<http://www.thefosterfoundation.org>

The Hearst Foundations
<http://hearstfdn.org/>

Johnson O'Malley Funds
Phone: 907-443-4256

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
<http://www.mhtrust.org>

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
<http://www.samhsa.gov>

ACF Assets for Independence Demonstration Program
Phone: (206) 615-3660

George H. and Jane A. Mifflin Memorial Fund
Phone: 617-622-2355

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Development - Community Facilities Program

Who is Eligible To Apply? Political subdivisions of the State such as Boroughs, Cities, Port Authorities, etc., community based Non-Profits, and federally recognized Alaska Native Tribes.
Examples of Eligible Projects: Clinics, Public Safety Buildings, Roads, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Centers, Student Living Centers, Animal Shelters, Fire Stations, Fire Trucks, Ambulances, Computers, Mental Health facilities, Libraries and other essential facilities. The key is that it provides essential community services and be a facility that is typically provided by local government or a community based organization for the benefit of the community.

800 West Evergreen, Suite 201
Palmer, AK 99645
Phone: (907) 761-7705
E-mail: erin.sturdivant@ak.usda.gov

Garfield Foundation
89 North Water Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Email: inquiry@garfieldfoundation.org

Url: <http://www.garfieldfoundation.org/>
Primary Contact:
Ms. Jennie Curtis

Total Annual Giving: \$4,200,000
Grant Range: \$10,000 - \$100,000
Grant Details:
Occasionally, larger grants are provided.
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines:
None
Areas of Interest:
The Garfield Foundation addresses some of the most significant ecological and social justice issues of the 21st century.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Office of Grants Management
140 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603 -5285
Phone: 312-726-8000
Fax: 312-920-6258
Email: 4answers@macfound.org
Url: <http://www.macfound.org/>
Primary Contact:
Mr. Robert L. Gallucci
President
Additional Contact Information:
TDD Number: 312-920-6285

Total Annual Giving: \$298,500,000
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations
Application Deadlines:
None
Areas of Interest:
The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Programs

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington, DC 20017 -1194
Phone: 202-541-3210
Fax: 202-541-3329
Email: cchdgrants@usccb.org
Url:
<http://www.usccb.org/cchd/grants/index.shtml>

Primary Contact:
Grants Administrator
Phone: 202-541-3210
Grant Range: \$25,000 - \$75,000
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations and Economic Development Institutions (EDIs)

Application Deadlines:

The Pre-application Eligibility Quiz is accepted from September 1 through November 1, annually.

Online applications for current grantees: December 1, annually

Online applications for eligible prospective grantees: December 31, annually

Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development

P.O. Box 4569
Arcata, CA 95518
Phone: 707-825-7640
Fax: 707-825-7639
Email: tia@7genfund.org
Url: <http://www.7genfund.org/>
Primary Contact:

Ms. Tia Oros Peters
Executive Director
Total Annual Giving: \$383,000
Grant Range: \$100 - \$5,000
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations
Application Deadlines:

Teller Local Economic Development Plan 2013-2018

February 1, June 1, and October 1,
annually

Indian Land Tenure Foundation

151 East County Road B2
Little Canada, MN
55117 -1523

Phone: 651-766-8999

Fax: 651-766-0012

Email: info@iltf.org

Url: <http://www.iltf.org/>

Primary Contact:

Ms. Pat Chase
Grants Manager

Total Annual Giving: \$57,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, government agencies, and educational institutions

Application Deadlines:

Visit the Foundation website or contact the Foundation office for current RFP deadlines.

Areas of Interest:

The mission of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation is to ensure that land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management.

Alaska Children's Trust

P.O. Box 92155
161 Klevin Street, Suite 101
Anchorage, AK
99509

Phone: 907-248-7676

Fax: 907-248-7668

Email: akchildrenstrust@alaska.net

Url:

<http://www.alaskachildrenstrust.org/>

Primary Contact:

Panu Lucier

Executive Director

Total Annual Giving: \$485,000

Grant Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations, traditional councils, city or borough governments, unified municipalities, school districts, and regional Native health corporations

Application Deadlines:

RFPs are generally issued in the spring of each year.

Areas of Interest:

The Alaska Children's Trust was created by the state legislature in 1988. The mission of the Trust is to improve the status of children in Alaska by generating funds and committing resources to promote healthy families and to assist in developing healthy communities.

The NRA Foundation: State Fund Grants

11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA
22030

Phone: 800-554-9498

Fax: 703-267-3985

Email: grantprogram@nrahq.org

Url:

<http://www.nrafoundation.org/grants/stat>

[efund.asp](#)

Primary Contact:

Ms. Sandy Elkin

Grants Manager

Phone: 703-267-1131

Email: selkin@nrahq.org

First National Bank Alaska Corporate Giving Program

Marketing Department
101 West 36th Avenue, Suite 207
P.O. Box 100720
Anchorage, AK
99510 -0720
Phone: 907-777-4362
Url: <http://www.fnbalaska.com/235.cfm>
Total Annual Giving: \$1,000,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines:

Requests to the Donations Committee are reviewed monthly. Requests should be received at least two months prior to the date the funds are needed.

Areas of Interest:

The First National Bank Alaska is committed to Alaska and Alaskans and to their economic and cultural growth. In addition to employee involvement, First National contributes funds to selected Alaska-based nonprofit organizations.

Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation

50 California Street
Suite 2925
San Francisco, CA
94111
Phone: 415-616-4050
Fax: 415-616-4060
Email: info@draperrichards.org
Url: <http://www.draperrichards.org/>
Primary Contact:
Ms. Jenny Shilling Stein

Executive Director

Total Annual Giving: \$1,200,000

Grant Details:

Grants range up to \$100,000 annually for three years.

Eligibility Requirements:

Social entrepreneurs

Application Deadlines:

None

Areas of Interest:

The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation provides selected social entrepreneurs with funding to start new nonprofit organizations. The projects selected will demonstrate innovative ways to solve existing social problems. By delivering support at the critical start-up phase, the Foundation helps outstanding people create wide-reaching social change. Funded projects must have national or global reach.

The N7 Fund

c/o Nike Community Affairs
P.O. Box 4027
Beaverton, OR 97076
Email: N7.Fund@nike.com
Url: <http://niken7.com/n7-fund/>
Grant Details:
Grants of up to \$75,000 and product donations are provided.

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations

Areas of Interest:

Nike N7 is committed to inspiring and enabling participation in sport for Native American and Aboriginal populations in the U.S. and Canada.

National 4-H Council Grant Programs

7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD
20815 -4999
Phone: 301-961-2800
Fax: 301-961-2894
Email: 4HGrants@fourhcouncil.edu
Url: <http://4-h.org/grants.html>
Primary Contact:

Mr. Gregg Tabachow
Phone: 301-961-2869
Email: gtabachow@fourhcouncil.edu
Eligibility Requirements:
4-H Extension groups
Application Deadlines:
Varies by program

Areas of Interest:

The National 4-H Council offers grants to 4-H Extension groups in local communities, in counties, and on the state level. These grants provide opportunities for young people and adults to take action on issues critical to their lives, their families, and communities. Youth and adults work in partnership in the design of the project, the proposal writing process, the implementation, and the evaluation of funded projects.

National Geographic Society: Conservation Trust

1145 17th Street NW
Washington, DC
20090 -8249
Email: conservationtrust@ngs.org
Url:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/fiel>
[d/grants-programs/conservation-trust/](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/field/grants-programs/conservation-trust/)

Average Grant: \$15,000 - \$20,000
Eligibility Requirements:
Individual researchers and research teams
Application Deadlines:
None

Areas of Interest:

The objective of the Conservation Trust is to support conservation activities around the world as they fit within the mission of the National Geographic Society. The Trust will fund projects that contribute significantly to the preservation and sustainable use of the Earth's biological, cultural, and historical resources.

Dale and Edna Walsh Foundation

6461 Valley Wood Drive
Reno, NV
89523
Phone: 775-200-3446
Fax: 775-787-3069
Email: info@dewfoundation.org
Url: <http://www.dewfoundation.org/>
Primary Contact:
Ms. Shai Edberg

Director and Program Officer
Total Annual Giving: \$632,000
Grant Range: \$500 - \$75,000
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations
Application Deadlines:
Letters of inquiry: August 31, annually
Invited proposals: October 1, annually

National Geographic Expeditions Council

1145 17th Street NW
Washington, DC
Teller Local Economic Development Plan 2013-2018

20036
Email: ecouncil@ngs.org

Url:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/council/index.html>
Grant Range: \$5,000 - \$35,000
Eligibility Requirements:

Individuals
Application Deadlines:
None. Pre-applications should be submitted at least six months before anticipated project dates.

Areas of Interest:

The National Geographic Expeditions Council (EC) is a grant program that funds exploration and adventure around the world. Grants support a wide range of projects, including projects involving adventure, culture, mountains and volcanoes, marine research, natural history and conservation, and more.

Charlotte Martin Foundation

c/o Bank of America
701 5th Avenue, Suite 4700
Seattle, WA
98104
Email: info@charlottemartin.org

Url: <http://www.charlottemartin.org/>
Total Annual Giving: \$1,466,000
Grant Range: \$1,000 - \$20,000
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations

Areas of Interest:

The Charlotte Martin Foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives of youth in the areas of athletics, culture, and education and also to preserving and protecting wildlife and habitat.

Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation

2233 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Suite 414
Washington, DC
20007 -4122
Phone: 202-337-3300
Email: info@mvdreyfusfoundation.org
Primary Contact:
Mr. John Hager

Chief Operating Officer
Total Annual Giving: \$2,912,000
Grant Range: \$2,000 - \$30,000
Grant Details:
Occasionally larger grants are provided.
Eligibility Requirements:
Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines:

Grants are issued in March, June, and October of each year.
For March grants, submit between July 16 and November 10.
For June grants, submit between November 16 and March 10.
For October grants, submit between March 16 and July 10.

Areas of Interest:

The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation primarily provides support in the following areas of interest:

- museums;
- cultural, performing, and visual arts programs;
- schools;
- hospitals;
- educational and skills training projects; and,
- programs for youth, seniors, and the handicapped.

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

505 5th Avenue South
Suite 900
Seattle, WA
98104

Phone: 206-342-2030

Fax: 206-342-3030

Email: info@pgafamilyfoundation.org

Url:

<http://www.pgafamilyfoundation.org/>

Total Annual Giving: \$14,693,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines:

Inquiries: none

Areas of Interest:

The mission of the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, created through the consolidation of Allen's six previous foundations, is to transform lives and strengthen communities by fostering innovation, creating knowledge, and promoting social progress. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations located in, or serving populations of, the Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington).

Blockbuster Inc. Corporate Giving Program

c/o Office of Corporation Contributions
3000 Redbud Boulevard
McKinney, TX
75069

Url:

<http://www.blockbuster.com/corporate/c>

[Community Relations](#)**Eligibility Requirements:**

Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines:

None. Requests are reviewed monthly.

Areas of Interest:

The Blockbuster Corporate Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations at both the national and local level. The company will consider requests from organizations that meet one or more of the following requirements:

- project has film/video industry focus;
- project impacts children and families;
- project supports a particular Blockbuster business objective, i.e., diversity or employment; and,
- project has clearly defined and measurable goals.

May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust

c/o AdminiTrust LLC
2320 Marinship Way, Suite 150
Sausalito, CA
94965

Phone: 415-332-0166

Email:

grantsmanager@adminitrustllc.com

Url:

<http://www.adminitrustllc.com/foundatio>

[ns/msscct.htm](#)**Primary Contact:**

Ms. Janet Ferraiolo
Grants Manager

Email: jferraiolo@adminitrustllc.com

Total Annual Giving: \$10,729,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines: None

Areas of Interest:

The May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust supports nonprofit organizations throughout the world, with emphasis on Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Bering Straits Foundation

P.O. Box 1008

Nome, AK

99762 -1008

Phone: 907-443-5252

Fax: 907-443-2985

Email: foundation@beringstraits.com

Url:

<http://www.beringstraits.com/northriver/>

wb/pages/foundation.php

Primary Contact:

Ms. Kirsten Timbers

Total Annual Giving: \$170,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Individuals

Application Deadlines:

Varies by program

Areas of Interest:

The mission of the Bering Straits Foundation is to enrich the lives of the people of the Bering Straits community and strengthen self-sufficiency by supporting educational goals, cultural heritage, and traditional values.

Lannan Foundation

313 Read Street

Santa Fe, NM

87501 -2628

Phone: 505-986-8160

Fax: 505-986-8195

Email: info@lannan.org

Url: <http://www.lannan.org>

Primary Contact:

Ms. Laurie Betlach

Program Director

Total Annual Giving: \$5,525,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines:

None

Areas of Interest:

The Lannan Foundation is dedicated to cultural freedom, creativity, and diversity through projects that support exceptional contemporary artists and writers, as well as inspired Native activists in rural indigenous communities.

Surdna Foundation

330 Madison Avenue, 30th Floor

New York, NY

10017

Phone: 212-557-0010

Email: questions@surdna.org

Url: <http://www.surdna.org/>

Primary Contact:

Mr. Phillip Henderson

President

Total Annual Giving: \$38,780,000

Eligibility Requirements:

Nonprofit organizations

Application Deadlines:

None

PRIORITY # 10 Crosswind Runway

8.10.1 Project Description

Background

The Teller airport has daily flights (weather permitting) from several local airlines. Each airline has local agents. Teller depends on its runway for deliveries of freight. The gravel runway is regularly maintained. The length is acceptable for most aircraft currently flying to Teller.

Project Needs and Benefits

The planned improvements are necessary due to weather and emergencies. Wind has always been a major factor in cancelling flights to Teller, so a crosswind runway is needed, especially when transporting critical patients, or when visitors are coming to the community to provide important services (mechanics and medical staff). The airport is critical to daily life in Teller.

Dust palliative will reduce loss of surfacing materials and improve safety and air quality in the community. Resurfacing and apron improvements would improve safety and extend the life of the runway.

Potential Constraints to Project Development

An adequate gravel source will need to be developed in order to carry out the project.

8.10.2 Project Implementation

Plan of Action/Timelines

Explore land options and material source locations for gravel. Update TERO ordinances and get local people trained so they can be employed in the project. Keep in close communication to see how Teller can help keep the project on schedule.

Organizations Responsible and Contact Information

1. City of Teller, P.O. Box 548, Teller, AK 99778
2. Teller Native Corporation, P.O. Box 590, Teller, AK 99778
3. Teller Traditional Council, P.O. Box 517, Teller, AK 99778

Funding Possibilities and Other Contact Information

State of Alaska Department of Transportation

- Christine Klein, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation
- (907) 269-0730
- <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/>

Alaska Aviation System Plan (AASP) -

<http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdav/forms/AASPInitialWebSite.pdf>

Rural Airport Documents

- <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdav/Documents.shtml>

9.0 Review and Update Process

The governing entities are encouraged to review, update, and re-prioritize the Top Priorities annually and add addendums to this plan as needed to facilitate the community's continual progress.

10.0 Maps

Current maps of the community are available through Kawerak's Community Planning and Development program or Kawerak Transportation.

11.0 Public Participation

Public Planning Meetings

Please Sign in
6p-10p Monday Aug 29th

Name	Organization / Community	Number
① Herman Mondelbock & Siglisier Associates	TTC Member / member	16
② Wes Okba & Assoc.	Teller Traditional Council President	17
③ Stella Oswald	Teller Traditional	18
④ Carol Akwasak	MITC	19
⑤ Nate Zoglich	MITC	20
⑥ Charlene Isbell	City	21
⑦ Jenny M. Lee	Teller Trad. Council Vice-President	22
⑧ Lucy Ogilvie	City of Teller	23
⑨ Dolly R. Kuzgub	Teller Traditional Council	24
⑩ Blanch Okboak	Garnie City	25
⑪ Joe Form	T.N.C.	26
⑫ Bill W. Giffitt	MITC	27
⑬ Sha E. Loh		28
⑭ Anna Lee Kedian		

Monday Aug 29th
6p-10p

Name	Organization
Hazel Kakarak	Manys 19/00
Wilma Ogilvie	TNC
Carol Akwasak	City of Teller

Please Sign in

Aug 30th

- 1) Jenny M. Lee Vice President Teller Trad.
- 2) Wesley Ottawa President TTC
- 3) Sigwin Amick member TTC
- 4) Conrad Akhwalak City of Teller
- 5) Hazel Kakaruk Marys 19/00
- 6) Charlene Terbell City of Teller
- 7) Lily R. Kuyuk Teller Traditional Council
- 8) Stella Ottawa Teller Traditional Council
- 9) Joe Jarmine T.N.C.
- 10) Blanche Ottawa Garrison City of Teller
- 11) Lucy Ogilvie City of Teller
- 12) Conrad Akhwalak MITC
- 13) Wil Ogilvie TNC
- 14) Ned Ogilvie MITC

Please Sign in
 Aug 21st

- ① Cora A. Ahlwardt - City of Teller
- ② Charlene Isabell - City of Teller
- ③ Wes Okunok - Teller Traditional
- ④ Norman Monodelook Teller Traditional
- ⑤ Neil Zylak MITC
- ⑥ Stella Okunok Teller Trad
- ⑦ Doug L. Heyman Teller Traditional Vice P
- ⑧ Jenny Lee Teller Trad. Co
- ⑨ Liz Uzelbt City of Teller
- ⑩ Tramin S. Okunok Teller NATIVE CORP.
- ⑪ Justina Peter
- ⑫ Sig Wien Okunok Teller Trad Council
- ⑬ Agnes Okunok Teller Alaskan
- ⑭ Hans Kalant Marys Igloo
- ⑮ Blanch Okunok Garne City of Teller
- ⑯ Joe Form TNC
- ⑰ John Okunok Marys Igloo
- ⑱ ~~Neil Zylak~~ MITC

Joint Entities Meeting Review of Draft

Following the completion of the public planning meetings in August, 2011, the Tribal Council, the City of Teller, and the Native Corporation Board agreed to hold a joint meeting on [redacted] to review the draft LEDP, edit if necessary, and adopt the plan by resolution.

Public and Joint Council review of the final draft of the updated LEDP for Teller, 2013-2018

LIST OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN FINAL REVIEW

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**Prepared for the Community of Teller and The Bering Strait Development Council
by
The Teller Planning Organizations and Kawerak Community Planning and Development**

Teller Planning Organizations

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Teller, AK 99684

Teller Native Corporation
P.O. Box 100
Teller, AK 99684

Teller IRA Council
P.O. Box 270
Teller, AK 99684

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ADDENDUM

JOINT ENTITIES RESOLUTION

Native Village of Teller

City of Teller

Teller Native Corporation

JOINT RESOLUTION # 14-06-12-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF TELLER ADOPTING THE 2013-2018 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LEDP) APPLICABLE FROM January 1st, 2013 to December 31st, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council is the federally recognized governing body of the tribal members of Teller, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Teller City Council is the municipal governing body of Teller, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Teller Native Corporation is the village corporation established under ANCSA; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Native Village of Teller IRA Council, City Council, and Corporation Board are to serve the people, community, and businesses of the tribe by promoting economic opportunities that improve the economic, social, and environmental quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council, City Council, and Corporation Board are responsible for the planning and implementation of economic development activities for the tribe in Teller; and,

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council, City Council, and Corporation Board are responsible for the development and implementation of a community economic development strategy to guide the economic growth of the village in order to help increase local employment opportunities, foster a more stable and diversified economy, and improve the quality of life for residents, while maintaining the cultural heritage of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the LEDP provides the factual data support necessary to qualify for assistance in funding local projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Teller IRA Council in a Joint Meeting with the City of Teller and the Teller Native Corporation, with assistance from Kawerak Community Planning and Development Program staff, has updated its five-year LEDP that states the community's values, goals, objectives, and strategy necessary for guiding future growth and economic development of the village; and,

WHEREAS, the 2013-2018 economic development priorities ¹³~~(14)~~ listed in this LEDP were developed, reviewed, and approved by the community during a joint public meeting held on ~~August 31st, 2014~~; and,

June, 12 2014

WHEREAS, we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan; and,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Native Village of Teller Traditional Council, City Council, and Corporation Board approves and adopts the five-year Teller LEDP 2014-2018 and priorities for the tribe in Teller, applicable between ~~January 1st, 2013 and January 31st, 2017.~~ ^{June 12, 2014} ~~December~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the (10) economic development priorities listed below for the Native Village of Teller as reviewed, updated, re-prioritized, and approved on ~~August 31st, 2011~~ ^{June 12, 2014} are:

1. Seawall
2. Water + Sewer
3. Evacuation Road
4. Tank Farm
5. Roads
6. More Housing
7. Weatherization
8. Crosswind Runway
9. Emergency Equipment
10. Landfill

- ① Multi-purpose Building
- ② Reindeer Husbandry
- ③ Power Plant


CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a convened meeting on June 12, 2014.


President, Teller Traditional Council

06/12/2014
Date


Secretary

6/12/14
Date


Mayor, City of Teller

6/12/14
Date


Secretary

6/12/14
Date

President, Teller Native Corporation

Date


Secretary

Date

President, Mary's Igloo Native Corp

Secretary

Date


Marys Lolo Traditional Council


Secretary

6/12/14
date

6/12/14
date