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Up to \$445,000 in Alaska Clean Water Actions Grants Available *Local organizations sought to help improve State's high priority water bodies*

(JUNEAU, AK) — Up to \$445,000 may be available for clean water projects through the Alaska Clean Water Actions (ACWA) grants from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The ACWA grant program is operated by DEC, along with the Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Game, and directs federal pass through funds to local communities and citizens groups for projects that monitor, protect, and restore Alaska's high priority water bodies.

"Our annual grant program is one important way we work with local entities to improve water quality throughout the state," said Michelle Hale, DEC's Director of Division of Water. "We feel fortunate that this year's grants include new funds provided by the federal government to promote sewage pumpouts in harbors. We have also worked this year to reduce the burden of preparing the application. We hope that our streamlining efforts will make the process easier for everyone."

For more information about the ACWA grant priorities and the solicitation process, visit: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/acwa/onlineACWAapp.htm.

To see what communities and organizations have accomplished on past ACWA projects, visit: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/acwa/acwa_index.htm.

The solicitation opens December 29, 2016. All applications must be submitted online by 5:00pm, February 15, 2017.