

THE BRISTOL BAY CEDS

Free Tool for Development



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"It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan." -Eleanor Roosevelt

WHAT DOES CEDS STAND FOR?

CEDS stands for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which is a fancy way to say a planning document.

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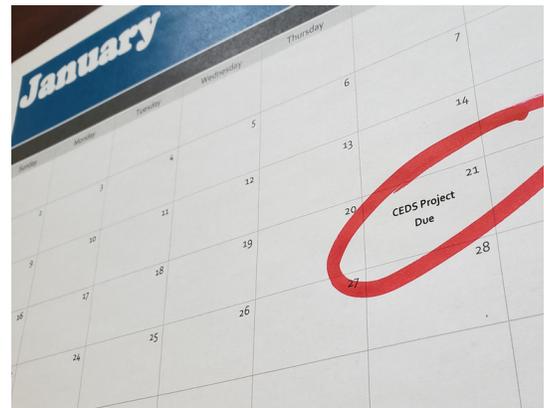
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MAKE THE CEDS WORK FOR YOU

The four benefits of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Most people are unaware of the benefits the CEDS can bring to a project, by participating in the CEDS process, projects receive public & private organizations, communities, and regional support that can move a project forward.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

Bristol Bay Community Funding Workshop

February 15th-17th

Register at: tinyurl.com/BBCFW

Roll up your sleeves,
let's get to work.



Community Planning and Grant Writing Workshop: February 15-17 2022, the Economic Development Program will co-host with the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation a three-day Community Planning and Grant Writing Workshop to help increase local capacity. This workshop will help tribes and municipalities understand the importance of planning documents and how to use them to their fullest potential. As well as cover the basics of grant writing and how to efficiently work with consultants. Additionally, this workshop series will provide attendees with tools and templates to help successfully complete grant applications.

Resiliency Series: This winter the Economic Development Program will bring the Resiliency Series to Bristol Bay to help tribes, city and borough governments, schools and others understand what it means to be resilient. Understanding resiliency can help your organization withstand shocks and disruptions (like COVID, earth quakes, and more) to your daily operations. It short, understand and being resilient can help make your organization more efficient and stronger! The Resiliency Series started in October 2021 with a "What does it mean to be Resilient" presentation from Brett Schwartz of the National Association of Development Organizations or NADO. Over the coming months the Resiliency Series will introduce attendees to understand the power of a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats or SWOT Analysis, Eight (8) Types of Wealth, Strategies for Supporting your work, and Prioritizing work. This series will be recorded and placed on the Economic Development page of the BBNA website. Anyone interested in attending this series of workshops should contact Kristina Andrew.



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First, by getting your project idea down on paper you are creating a roadmap or plan for the future. Creating a plan helps you tell your story and illustrate the roadmap you will take to reach your goals. This is important for attracting funding, creating policy changes, and helping to onboard new staff. Best of all there is less uncertainty because you do not have to guess what is coming next; your plan tells you which way to go.

Secondly, the CEDS helps attract funding for your project. There are a few ways the CEDS helps you attract funding. Having a project in the CEDS opens up funding opportunities, like through the Economic Development Administration that only funds projects listed in a CEDS. Other funding agencies, like the USDA or Administration for Native Americans, give extra scoring points if your project is part of a regional planning process or document like the CEDS. When the CEDS steering committee meets to review your project in the CEDS, they will often make suggestions for possible funding opportunities and list them under your objective—it is like having a team of funding experts review your project. The Economic Development Program will keep your project in mind and share funding and learning opportunities to help you make your project come to life.

Third, the CEDS helps create partnerships that can speed up your project. Both the Steering Committee and Economic Development Program can make recommendations for potential partners or resource references, to help you make your project a reality. They can connect you to a host of statewide resources that can plug you into a wealth of resources related to your project needs.

Fourth, the CEDS helps reduce redundancies in development efforts. This works hand in hand with creating partnerships, if the CEDS team knows of another project similar to yours, they can get you in touch with people who have experience and can help with the process to help save you time and move your project forward.

The Economic Development Program looks forward to working with you and making the CEDS work for you.

WHAT IS A CEDS?

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or CEDS is a development tool for our region to map out where we want to go, partner to streamline and coordinate efforts, reduce redundancies, and attract funding. The CEDS is a regionally based planning document that outlines what is happening in our region. It contains statistical information for a snapshot of the region, such as population, graduation rate, fisheries data, and more. It also features a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis created by people living in the region. Most importantly, the CEDS Action Plan outlines what objectives or projects the region supports and wants to see completed in the next five years.



**"Gain Access to
Funding
through the
CEDS."**