



Yukon Kuskokwim

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

YK Community Assessment Tool

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1. Contact Information

Have a question or need assistance completing the tool? Contact:

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2. About this Tool

- The **Community Assessment Tool** is meant to help Tribal, Municipal, and Village Corporation leaders identify **community needs and priorities**.
- Your responses to this tool will help communities and regional partners identify advocacy and project priorities, pursue relevant funding opportunities, and plan our future together.
- After you complete the tool, we will use the information to develop a **“snapshot” for each YK community**.
- The snapshot will help tell the story of your community, including what we know about the population, housing, employment numbers, and your biggest challenges, opportunities, and near-term priorities.
- The combined results for all YK communities will contribute to an update of **the Yukon Kuskokwim Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**, a 5-year plan that includes a regionwide vision, goals, and priority strategies that support the economic vitality of the YK Region.
- As a key partner in the CEDS process, the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) aims to update these profiles each year.

3. How to Complete the Assessment Tool

- The tool focuses on nine topics.
- Under each topic there are three questions for communities to answer about their top priorities. Please write in **one** project for each topic. If you choose to include more than one project for any topic, please rank them in order of priority.
- The answers to some questions might already be available in existing plans or documents your community has, like hazard mitigation plans, climate resiliency plans, or capital improvement project (CIP) lists.

4. How To Involve Your Community

We recommend engaging your community leadership in discussing and answering these questions. Here are some ways to get people involved:

Council meetings: Use time during a scheduled City and/or Tribal Council meeting to complete the tool. Ask to be on the agenda for the meeting and offer to help with guiding questions or other materials. Publicize the meeting and provide an opportunity for the community to share their thoughts on priorities.

Community meeting or workshop: Hold a community meeting to discuss the topics and questions in the tool. Identify a facilitator who can lead the discussion and a notetaker or print off the pages of the tool and allow people to provide written feedback.

Conversation: Sit down with community leaders, such as the Tribal Council President and/or City Manager, to talk through the topics and fill it out together.

5. How to Respond

Please complete ONE RESPONSE on behalf of your community. You have three options to respond – pick one!

1. Print this document, handwrite your responses, and email, mail, or fax it to us:
 - a. Email to datti@avcp.org
 - b. Mail: AVCP c/o Diane Atti, PO Box 219, Bethel, AK 99559
 - c. Fax: 907-543-7455
2. Download and complete a fillable PDF, and email or mail to us. To download the PDF, visit the AVCP CEDS website: <https://www.avcp.org/regional-comprehensive-economic-development-strategy> **or**
3. Respond online. Go to the following link to access the assessment electronically:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ykcommunityassessment>

6. Deadline

Please respond no later than Friday, February 9, 2024. If we don't hear back from your community, we will follow up by phone and email.

7. Prizes

Respond and be eligible to win funds for your community!

All communities who respond will be entered to win one of three prizes: \$1,000, \$500, or \$250 toward your Tribe's general fund. Please only submit one response for your community. The drawing will be held after the February 9, 2024 deadline.

7. Community Assessment: Your Response

1. Name of community: _____

2. Date completed: _____

Contact information if we have questions:




3. Name: _____




4. Organization: _____



5. Phone: _____ 6. Email: _____

7. In a few sentences, please describe the method used to collect this information. What information or processes did you use? For example, did these priorities come from existing community plans or documents, from community leadership, or did you do interviews or have a community meeting?

8. How can AVCP support your community in addressing your priorities?

TOPIC IMPORTANT: Please complete Questions #1, 2, and 3 for each topic.	1. What is your top community priority or project for this topic? <i>This should be the project you want to make progress on over the next year.</i>	2. What are you doing currently or what steps have you taken to address that priority project?	3. What is the biggest barrier to making progress on your top priority project?
A. Housing  <i>This topic may include issues about new housing, overcrowding, housing costs, and others.</i>			
B. Water-Sewer  <i>This topic may include issues about water, sewer, washeteria, and related issues.</i>			
C. Food Security  <i>This topic may include grocery costs, food storage, subsistence, greenhouse opportunities, and other food related issues.</i>			

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D. Communications  <i>This topic may include landline and cell phone coverage/quality, internet access/quality, and related issues.</i>			
E. Education and Jobs  <i>Things like schools, training, job availability, and other similar issues.</i>			
F. Energy  <i>This topic may include power or fuel costs, renewable energy, fuel tank farms and other energy-related issues.</i>			

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G. Transportation  <i>This topic may include air, water, roads, and trail access, availability, maintenance, and related issues.</i>			
H. Health, Wellness, and Safety <i>This topic includes issues about VPSOs, VPO/TPOs, search and rescue, fire, emergency medical services, and related issues.</i>			
I. Other  <i>This topic(s) may include childcare, cultural activities, quality of life, and other issues not covered by the other topics.</i>			