



**Bristol Bay Native Association  
Economic Development Program  
EDA Partnership Planning Program  
Mid – Pt. Performance Report  
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2018 Fiscal Year**

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Kristina was on leave status from June 26, 2018 until September 4, 2018. This report reflects what was completed from September 4 to September 30, 2018.

The Performance Report should be concise and easily accessible to both the public and decision-makers of the organization.

**Part I - Scope of Work:**

**1. Determine project opportunities for the expansion of broadband and alternative energy to the region.**

**Nuyakuk Hydro:** Kristina continues to assist Nushagak Coop. with planning efforts for their Hydro project and is in regular contact with Bob Himschoot. In the month of September, Kristina helped edit a grant application and got an update on the Project. Kristina is assisting Nushagak Electric with an EDA funding application for environmental studies regarding their Hydro project. On 9/24/2018, Kristina and Jayne hosted a meeting with Bob Himschoot for an update regarding Nushagak's Hydro project. They are looking at securing study monies to determine if the project is viable.

**a. Search for funding opportunities to increase broadband/middle mile and alternative energy opportunities.**

Kristina has not actively searched on Grants.gov to date but has been keeping an eye out through her email subscription newsletters. She has sent Nushagak Coop. and Naknek Electric Association a couple of announcements.

**b. Research potential impacts of broadband to region to determine economic opportunities.**

Kristina has been looking into how broadband brings value to a region and increases a regions GDP. She has found a couple reports which she has passed on to Nushagak Coop. to strengthen their applications for the Hydro project.

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Kristina has also made contact with Gary Chythlook who is working with Aleknagik Native Limited (ANL) and wants to start building up in region web based businesses. ANL are drafting an innovation business plan competition and would like BBNA's support.

**c. Assist with public outreach at Nushagak Cooperation's request for the Nuyakuk Hydro project and other alternative energy projects as relevant to development.**

N/A

**2. Determine project opportunities for Art and Culture.**

**a. Identify opportunities for local artist to sell their crafts in new venues.**

Kristina has been having conversations with Jayne Bennett at BBNA about looking at creating more opportunities for local artists-there are currently very few combined group efforts. They are brainstorming ideas and want to create a full time position to handle this project. A website and increasing artist web-resources are potential options identified thus far.

**b. Identify opportunities to support culture and language revitalization to strengthen the Region's Human Capital.**

Kristina has been working with a teacher, Lee Ann Andrew at the Dillingham Elementary school and assisting her find resources that are culturally relevant for the students. Lee Ann is very proactive and has been relaying material to the school faculty. Kristina is encouraging school led efforts because of the historical significance the schools have played in undoing the local cultures values. This is a very positive step in preparing local young people with culturally relevant life skills. Kristina has shared a variety of BBNA material and state wide web based resource: [alaskool.org](http://alaskool.org).

**3. Assist public and private entities in planning efforts that support BBCEDS based regional goals and EDA planning strategies.**

**a. Attend local, regional, and national conferences as appropriate.**

Small Business Development Center: On 9/6/2018, Kristina attended a conference call with the Small Business Development Center hosted by SWAMC and SBDC Ian Grant to discuss bringing in Small business technical assistance via a kiosk located in Dillingham.

Implicit Bias training: On 9/13/2018, Kristina attended an Implicit Bias training at the Bristol Bay Campus with Campus staff.

Small Business Administration: On 9/20/2018, Kristina and Jayne Bennett attended a meeting hosted by BBEDC for SBA Jeremy Field Region 10 Administrator and Nancy Porzio Alaska District Director. They wanted a general overview of the region to determine what kinds of programs will encourage small business in region.

"Let's talk about Privilege": On 9/28/2018, Kristina attended a webinar "Let's talk about Privilege" hosted by APA's Kansas Chapter, guided by the AICP Code of Ethics.

**b. Coordinate planning efforts within region to address economic resiliency, participation in the CEDS, and planning priorities.**

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Kristina has started to practice her power points on “what is a CEDS?” and “Resiliency training for everyday Bristol Bay”. She gave one presentation to BBNA’s Human Resource Department Director Rose Fisher. The CEDS presentation went well, but Kristina needs to work on resiliency talking points. She has located training material on the NADO website and is making use of it.

**c. Foster partnerships within the region to reduce radiances in planning efforts.**

A sub-region of Bristol Bay, known as the Chignik Area experienced a fishing disaster in the 2016 and 2018 seasons. Kristina has been assisting the communities with technical assistance on letters and planning by hosting a communication net-work to ensure information is getting to the right people given the current conditions of the communities. This is helping her build relationships with members of those communities.

2016 Gulf of Alaska Pink Salmon Disaster: The first week of September Kristina assisted BBNA and the Chignik communities with submitting public comment for the *2016 Gulf of Alaska Pink Salmon Disaster Draft Spending Plan*.

2018 Chignik Fishery Group: Kristina started to facilitate a cross communication updates between all service providers and people involved with getting relief to the Chignik area given the 2018 Fishery Disaster. Kristina has been conducting extensive outreach to the Chignik area to determine any gaps in services and ensure all interested parties have correct and accurate information as to the situation down there. She has a large list of grass tops (regional and state), the Chignik Coalition, and Chignik area residents she contacts for updates. Kristina has been keeping in contact with BBNA employees on relevant matters like the Chignik to leverage their knowledge for economic development planning.

Region Wide Networking: Kristina makes it a practice to learn all she can about regional based efforts on all fronts: if there is a program or project that is unknown, Kristina takes the time to get to know the projects and efforts so she can ensure she has a complete inventory of the latest regional based happenings and that all stakeholders are reducing redundancies.

Bristol Bay Campus Energy Program: On 9/11/2018, Kristina met with Mark Masteller at the Bristol Bay Campus to discuss his Energy program and his plans for energy education. At this meeting, they also discussed potential business opportunities for when the Nushagak Hydro is implemented.

**4. Update and implement the CEDS for the Bristol Bay Region.**

On 9/25/2018, Kristina hosted a conference call with staff from Southeast Conference in Juneau; Meilani Schijvens and Robert Venables. They were able to help her figure out a way to structure the BBCEDS subcommittees with tips and insight to how they operate their EDA planning grant.

**a. Collaborate with the Alaska Economic Development Representatives.**

Kristina has been contacting Shirley Kelly in Anchorage as needs rise. Kristina has received technical assistance from Shirley for EDA reporting forms and EDA funding opportunity applications for both herself and Nushagak Coop. Kristina has also contacted Shirley regarding the recent Chignik Fishery disaster for recommendations as to what Kristina can do as an EDA planning partner to assist the communities affected by the disaster.

Kristina has also been contacting Bill O’Neil in Seattle when she needs clarification on EDA grant requirements, forms, and deadlines. BBNA had to resubmit documents for the EDA grant because they were

not signed by an authorized representative. Patty Heyano had them signed and Kristina mailed to the Seattle office in early September. All documents for the new grant period of 2018-2021 have been turned in.

**b. Collaborate with regional entities to conduct public outreach for the CEDS.**

Kristina is constantly looking for ways to inform people of the CEDS process. She has not solicited for public participation for this year's CEDS but when opportunities occur she is mentioning to various organizations how they can use the CEDS to improve their funding searches. Kristina has scheduled this for December and January and is working on a contact list to solicit CEDS participation. She has received two local inquiries to the Bristol Bay CEDS and has informed them of the time line and information needed to participated in the CEDS process; Ekuk Tribal and Port Heiden.

**c. Watch for and distribute funding announcements as appropriate to regional projects.**

Kristina has been sending funding announcements, along with innovative ideas to regional entities as she receives them and where appropriate. It is not "grant hunting season" yet, so opportunities at the moment are limited.

**d. Organize two full CEDS steering committee meetings and additional Regional Goal Sub-Committee CEDS meetings.**

BBNA hosted its first of two CEDS steering committee meeting on September 26, 2018. At this meeting the committee adopted a subcommittee format to help the CEDS planning process for each industry listed in the current CEDS. Kristina is coordinating with the Alaska Job Center, Carol Luckhurst and BBNA Serena McArthur-Aikins to consolidate the workforce sub-committee with the Community resource forum that the workforce field has hosted in the past. The second full CEDS committee meeting will be held in March. The first CEDS Sub-committee meeting is scheduled for January and will be Transportation & Infrastructure and Energy.

**e. Submit EDA mid-point reports by October 30, 2018 and April 30, 2019.**

This is the first mid-point progress report.

**f. Submit final progress report by July 30, 2019.**

N/A

**g. Launch the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy's updates in the CEDS to reflect changes in the regional economy and update of objectives by June 30, 2019.**

N/A