



How to Request Assistance

State, local government, and Tribal officials who are interested in obtaining planning assistance under this program may contact the Alaska District's PAS Coordinator at the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District

**ATTN: CEPOA-PM-C
P.O. Box 6898**

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK 99506

Email: CEPOA-CivilWorks@usace.army.mil

FAX: (907) 753-5645



Sample Request Letter

District Commander
Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN:: CEPOA-PM-C
P.O. Box 6898
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson,
AK 99506-0898

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Planning Assistance to States Program. We understand that the provisions of Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides authority for the Corps to assist in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, use, and conservation of water and related resources. The (City of ___ or Native Village of ___ or Borough of ___) requests planning assistance from the Alaska District to provide data collection, planning and study services, and to provide recommendations related to ____.

We would like to discuss the availability of information, required schedule, and level of effort required to negotiate a cost-sharing agreement to initiate a Section 22 study.

Please contact (Name, title, phone number) to arrange a further discussion of this request.
Signed: (Name/Title of person and organization requesting assistance)



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Section 22 Planning Assistance to States and Tribes Program

The Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Programs allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist States, local governments, Tribes and other non-Federal entities with comprehensive planning and technical assistance related to their water resource needs. The Alaska District works closely with communities to identify resource issues, data gaps, and research or training needs.

Program Overview

The PAS program is authorized by Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1974, as amended, and is sometimes referred to as the "Section 22" program.

Every year, each State and Tribe determines its planning assistance needs and provides the Corps of Engineers requests for studies under the program. The Corps then accommodates as many studies as possible within the national annual allocation. PAS studies may only include planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project construction

Studies generally involve the analysis of existing data for planning purposes using standard engineering techniques, although some data collection is often necessary. Most studies become the basis for State, Tribal or local planning decisions.



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Study Process

The process for PAS investigations begins after a state, local government, or tribal entity requests Corps of Engineers assistance under the program. The Corps of Engineers will work with the requesting organization to develop a scope of work, assemble a study team, and prepare a cost sharing agreement. The typical timeframe for completing work under PAS is around one year. State, local government, and Tribal officials who are interested in obtaining planning assistance under this program may contact the Alaska District's PAS Coordinator at: **CEPOA-CivilWorks@usace.army.mil**

A sample request letter is included in this brochure.

Cost Sharing Information

PAS programs are cost shared 50% with the study partner. The sponsor may use in-kind support such as labor, services, materials, and supplies in lieu of payment for comprehensive planning assistance. Federally recognized Tribes and U.S. Territories' local cost-sharing requirements are waived up to \$530,000 (2022, adjusted annually for inflation).

Individual studies generally cost under \$200,000. Multi-year studies may be conducted, but Federal funds for out-years are not guaranteed.

Typical Studies

The PAS program consist of many types of studies dealing with water resource issues. Types of studies conducted in recent years under the program include the following:

- **Water Supply/Quality/Sanitation**
- **Ecosystem Restoration/Protection**
- **Wetlands Evaluation**
- **Flood Risk Management**
- **Flood Plain Management**
- **Stream Bank Erosion Protection**
- **Coastal Erosion Protection**
- **Harbor and Port (Navigation Improvements)**
- **Community Relocation**
- **Natural Disaster Planning**
- **Hazardous materials assessment plans**
- **Recreation safety/planning**
- **Cultural resources management/ protection**
- **Watershed planning**
- **Surface and groundwater quality**
- **GIS mapping**
- **Hydropower**



Flood Risk Management



Ecosystem Restoration



Community Relocation