Tribal Library Enhancement Program (TLEP)

# This is an offer to establish your tribal library and receive high-speed internet and future broadband subsidies for your community.

Alaska Tribal Spectrum (ATS) has a nonprofit mission to bring affordable broadband to all Alaskan communities. As opportunities become available to pay for your tribal networks to be enhanced, ATS will continually apply for funding to do so. For example, ATS recently applied with 96 ATS member tribes to receive NTIA funding to bring community-wide affordable broadband to their communities.

ATS is inviting all tribal ATS members and any nonmember tribe in Alaska to benefit from another opportunity: The US Treasury Tribal Coronavirus Capital Projects Grant program, which is offering $167k of funding per tribe to establish broadband/library capabilities. The ATS Tribal Library Enhancement Program (TLEP) was created specifically to qualify for this grant funding. ATS is applying for all interested tribes in Alaska as a consortium. The TLEP will establish an internet community center (library) with a year of prepaid broadband service that can do telehealth, distance education, and economic development. ATS is a tribal OneWeb Distribution partner and the TLEP program is only available through this ATS consortium application. All tribes in Alaska are invited to participate.

Note: The tribal library definition is very flexible. MuralNet will work with you following the application to designate the location which allows for even just a small portion of a room to qualify for funding. There is no increased burden on the tribe for administration. The service hot spot will provide service over a large local area and qualify for E-rate funding in the future. Tech support is provided for any questions by anyone. (See benefit list below)

All your tribe needs to do is provide a simple designation letter **(see language and instructions below)** designating that ATS can apply for them as part of the consortium application. That’ s it. A TLEP program Award is guaranteed when applied for. The grant is not competitive. Grant award notification takes potentially only a few weeks.

ATS will supply the required grant plan for the TLEP and administer the grant. ATS and MuralNet will coordinate with your tribal point of contact as awards are received.

**The TLEP represents over $250k of value to your community using the $167k available.** ATS has negotiated large group rate with OneWeb for broadband service that stretches grant dollar value much further for all.

# The TLEP includes:

1. A bring-your-own-device Wi-Fi library hotspot for phones, tablets, computers. Also, up to 5 devices for library connection to the internet.
2. One-year prepaid high-speed access for the library using OneWeb service.
3. Tribal ownership of OneWeb receiver and all installed equipment.
4. Assistance from MuralNet to receive Tribal Library designation certificate. Assistance from MuralNet and others to receive future Tribal library related funding and e-rate funding.
5. Hotspot installation and one year of prepaid support included. Installation can be scheduled after award to bring up service as soon as equipment is received.
6. Devoted technical and nontechnical Cisco volunteers on an ongoing basis to assist anyone needing advice on general internet usage, or if technical questions.
7. This is a sustainable solution – library will be eligible for state and federal grants for operations, use, adoption.

ATS is inviting all Alaskan tribes to get their tribal library and year of broadband service by simply returning the designation letter below. If you do, you will receive the library and connection award. It’s that simple.

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| If you have any questions, please contact the following: |  |
| **ATS**  Cheryl Schreib [Cheryl.schreib@aktribalspectrum.org](mailto:Cheryl.schreib@aktribalspectrum.org) | (907) 231-0654 |
| Jim Berlin [Jim.berlin@aktribalspectrum.org](mailto:Jim.berlin@aktribalspectrum.org) | (907) 465-7845 |

Tribal letter and contact information sheet instructions

1. Place the letter language below on your Tribal letterhead if possible and edit the date to match the signed letter date. Sign letter by someone with tribal authority. Tribal President will work best.
2. Fill out the requested information on the contact and information sheet.

Please return to [members@aktribalspectrum.org](mailto:members@aktribalspectrum.org) :

1. The signed letter
2. The completed contact and information sheet

The US Treasury has agreed to award ATS tribes in the order that designation letters are received from ATS. Sending both requested documents to ATS as soon as possible will put you at a higher place in the “queue” for earlier award.

To: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Attn: **Capital Projects Fund**

1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20220

# Re: Designation Letter for Tribal Library Enhancement Program (TLEP)

Our Tribe is an Alaska Tribal spectrum member. Our tribe is designating Alaska Tribal Spectrum and its employee, Cheryl Schreib, to act as our official tribal representative for our tribe to make an application to the Treasury for the CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS as a member of the Alaska Tribal Spectrum consortium to use the maximum allowable funding from the Treasury fund ($167,504) to establish a Tribal Library Enhancement Program for our tribe.

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| Tribe Name |  |
| Tribal EIN |  |
| Tribal DUNS |  |
| Tribal Address |  |

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Note: This is not part of the designation letter to Treasury, but we need this information to contact you after award to get started for the service installation. Please return with the letter.**

**Contact and Information Sheet for Tribal Library Enhancement Program (TLEP) project**

Name of the Tribe

Name of contact person for this project

Title

Phone number

Email address

Name of alternate contact person for this project

Title

Phone number

Email address

Besides the public-school facilities, describe any library-like spaces in your community like: book swap racks, computer access workstations for public use, showcases displaying art or cultural items, maps, Alaska Native language resources, spaces for afterschool activities, places for the public to study or read, etc: