

USDA Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy Investment Recommendations

Appendix B - SASSi Investment Screening

STEP 1 - Individual Project Screening Criteria – Work Group	YES	NO
<i>Quality Assurance/Quality Control</i>		
The investment proposal outlines a definite, explicit project or barrier in Southeast Alaska		
<i>The investment proposal meets one or more elements of intent in the Secretary’s announcement:</i>		
1) Responsive to Tribal and/or local priorities		
2) Reflects diverse needs and opportunities in the region		
3) Advances economic, ecologic, and cultural sustainability		
4) Supportive of ongoing partnerships		

The proposal fits into the following SASSi categories:

Tier 1	Tier 2	✓
Infrastructure		
	Access (docks, trails, roads, bridges)	
	Public health (water, wastewater, medical facilities)	
	Technology (broadband, cellular)	
	Renewable Energy (hydro, biomass)	
	Recreation sites (cabins, visitor centers and services)	
	Other	
Natural Resources		
	Mariculture	
	Fisheries	
	Watershed, fish, and wildlife restoration	
	Young-growth forest management	
	Agriculture	
	Subsistence	
	Other	
Capacity		
	Workforce development	
	Youth engagement and education	
	Business development	
	Marketing	
	Tourism development	
	Artisan Products	
	Other	
Tribal and Indigenous Interests		
	Wild/cultural and traditional foods	
	Traditional technical knowledge	
	Cultural use of trees	
	Workforce development	
	Arts and Culture	
	Other	
Opportunities and Potential Barriers		
	Grants and agreements (authorities, matching funds)	
	Commercial access (capacity, modernization)	
	One USDA (Intra-agency coordination and lack of capacity)	

STEP 2 - Agency Readiness - Steering Team	YES	NO	Add'l Resources Needed
The investment proposal is within the scope of authority of the USDA – do not disqualify if outside USDA authority but flag needed resources from outside USDA			
If not in USDA authority can authority be obtained from other agencies?			
The investment proposal can be obligated and initiated in FY 22			

STEP 3 - Qualitative Assessment to sort remaining projects for Steering Team review				
Selection Criteria	Factors to Consider for Each Selection Criterion	High 3 Points High quality	Medium 2 Points Proposal is sufficient	Low 1 point Low quality
Strength of Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal includes a diverse set of partners Proposal is community-led / collaboratively developed 			
Represents a priority economic sector	Proposal includes a key SASS sector: Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Capacity, Tribal and Indigenous Interests, Opportunities and Barriers			
Addresses critical community capacity needs/increases capacity	Proposal builds community capacity (workforce, training, coordination role), and builds internal agency capacity to allow for better service to local communities and the region			
Meets USDA commitment to ecological, economic, cultural sustainability	Proposal includes triple bottom line interests: ecological, economic and/or cultural sustainability			
Equity	The proposal addresses historic and structural decisions that have contributed to challenges being addressed			

STEP 4 - Ensure diverse impact of entire recommendation package – Steering Team:
a) demonstrates equity, b) demonstrates wide geographic/community distribution, c) demonstrates diversity in the types of partners and population served, d) targets priority economic sector (validated by SEAK CED), e) increases agency and partner capacity, f) allows for a OneUSDA approach, g) demonstrates USDA commitment to advancing economic, ecologic, and cultural sustainability in Southeast Alaska