

DCCED ARDOR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Name of applicant: Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation

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Deadline for review completion: August 14, 2025

Date review completed: August 7, 2025 Reviewer: Sara Chambers

Date notified of review outcome:

Meets requirements?

If not, list deficiencies:

Date publicly noticed:

Date of end of public comment:

Written comments received?

Date comments provided to applicant:

Substantive objections?

If yes, date suspension noticed to parties:

Date proposed resolution received:

Date proposed resolution accepted by department:

Date of designation as an ARDOR:

Reviewer instructions: All sections in blue must be marked “Y” to determine compliance with the requirements of the application per 3 AAC 57.060(b). Subsection details may vary and may not require a “Y” to advance. The subsections should demonstrate how the applicant met the requirement of the section.

Meets Section Requirements	Subsection Detail	Description of Subsection
An application must demonstrate that it is eligible for designation as an Alaska regional development organization. (3 AAC 57.030)		
Y	(a) The department will accept applications from an applicant seeking designation and funding as an Alaska regional development organization, if the applicant is one of the following:	
	Y	a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of Alaska, including a regional Native nonprofit corporation;
	N	an association of municipal governments;
	N	a public/private association such as an association of municipal governments and chambers of commerce;
	N	an association of local chambers of commerce;
	N	an association of local economic development councils or private economic development councils;
	N	a body formed by an organized municipality; or
	N	any other entity that meets the criteria of AS 44.33.026(e)(2).
Y	(b) It is the responsibility of the applicant to show that the proposed regional development organization complies with the criteria in:	
	Y	3 AAC 57.040
	Y	3 AAC 57.050 and
	Y	AS 44.33.896(a)(2)
An application for designation of a regional organization as an Alaska regional development organization shall be filed with the department. (3 AAC 57.060) The application must contain all elements:		
Y	Y	a map delineating boundaries;
Y	Y	a description of the proposed Alaska regional development organization,
Y	Y	a description of its board representation,

Y	Y	a copy of its bylaws;
Y	Y	formal resolutions supporting the application from three-fourths of the organized communities in the region (in the case of an unincorporated community, the resolution must be from the traditional governing body);
Y	Y	formal resolutions supporting the application from three-fourths of the nonprofit organizations in the region that are, as outlined in their articles of incorporation, directly involved in community or regional economic development activities.
The application must demonstrate that it meets regional size requirements. (3 AAC 57.040)		
Y	(a) To assure that an Alaska regional development organization is able to plan and carry out development projects of broad geographic significance, the organization must be of sufficient size or population, and must contain adequate resources, to support an active regional economic development program.	
	Y	Does the applicant demonstrate that it is adequate in size and resources to comply with 3 AAC 57.040(a)?
Y	(b) The applicant must submit proof that the proposed organization's boundaries include a large enough population to form an economically viable unit with shared interests, resources, traditions, and goals. At a minimum, the applicant must provide evidence that the proposed organization's boundaries	
	Y	contain a regional economic center with a population of at least 2,500 people which serves the area;
	Y	have either a geographic area of at least 12,000 square miles or a total population of 80,000 or more; and
	Y	the boundaries must also conform to AS 44.33.896(a)(2).
Y	(c) If the proposed boundaries do not include a regional economic center with a population of at least 2,500 people, the applicant must identify the regional economic center and submit information to convince the department that there are sufficient population and resources to fulfill the intent of (a) and (b) of this section.	
	N	Is this requirement relevant to the application?
	NA	If relevant, was this demonstrated?
The application must demonstrate that it meets board representation requirements. (3 AAC 57.050)		
Y	(a) It is the intent of the Alaska regional economic assistance program that Alaska regional development organization boards have private sector economic development and business orientation. To conform to AS 44.33.026(e), representation on the board should include:	
	Y	locally elected public officials; and
	Y	the principal economic interests of the region, including business, service industry, transportation, utilities, and labor; the professions; and educational institutions.
Y	(b) If an Alaska regional development organization is composed of a single organized municipality or a regional Native corporation, it is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate how the interests listed in (a) of this section will be represented on the board.	
	N	Is this relevant to the application?
	NA	If relevant, was this demonstrated?
Y	(c) An Alaska regional development organization board with a large number of members, as determined by the department, must appoint an executive committee to be responsible for program administration. (Per Director Moller, this is 9.)	
	Y	Does this board have a large number of members?
	Y	Does this board have an executive committee responsible for program administration?