

# Overview of Local Government Information Tutorials (LGIT) and DCRA



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# Local Government Information Tutorials

## DCRA Overview

### What Can DCRA Do For You?



## Presentation Overview

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What are they?

When will they be held?

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What to expect?

What is the next one?



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What are they?

1-hour long tutorials dedicated to  
specific topics!

Ex. Budgets, Elections, Best  
Practices, Grant Programs, etc.

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. AST  
via ZOOM



When will  
they be held?



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Each LGIT will cover a single topic. Participants will have access to the chat box to ask questions, and the ability to participate in different activities.

What to expect?

What is the next one?

## August

- 8 • Preparing for Elections
- 15 • Election Day!
- 22 • Days After the Election
- 29 • Artificial Intelligence - Tool



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# What is DCRA?



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**DCCED Mission: Promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska.**



**DCRA Mission: Helping Alaska's communities build sustainable economies and a means of self-governance.**



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# The Constitution of the State of Alaska

Article 10, Section 14:

“An agency shall be established by law in the executive branch of state government to advise and assist local governments. It shall review their activities, collect and publish local government information, and perform other duties prescribed by law.”

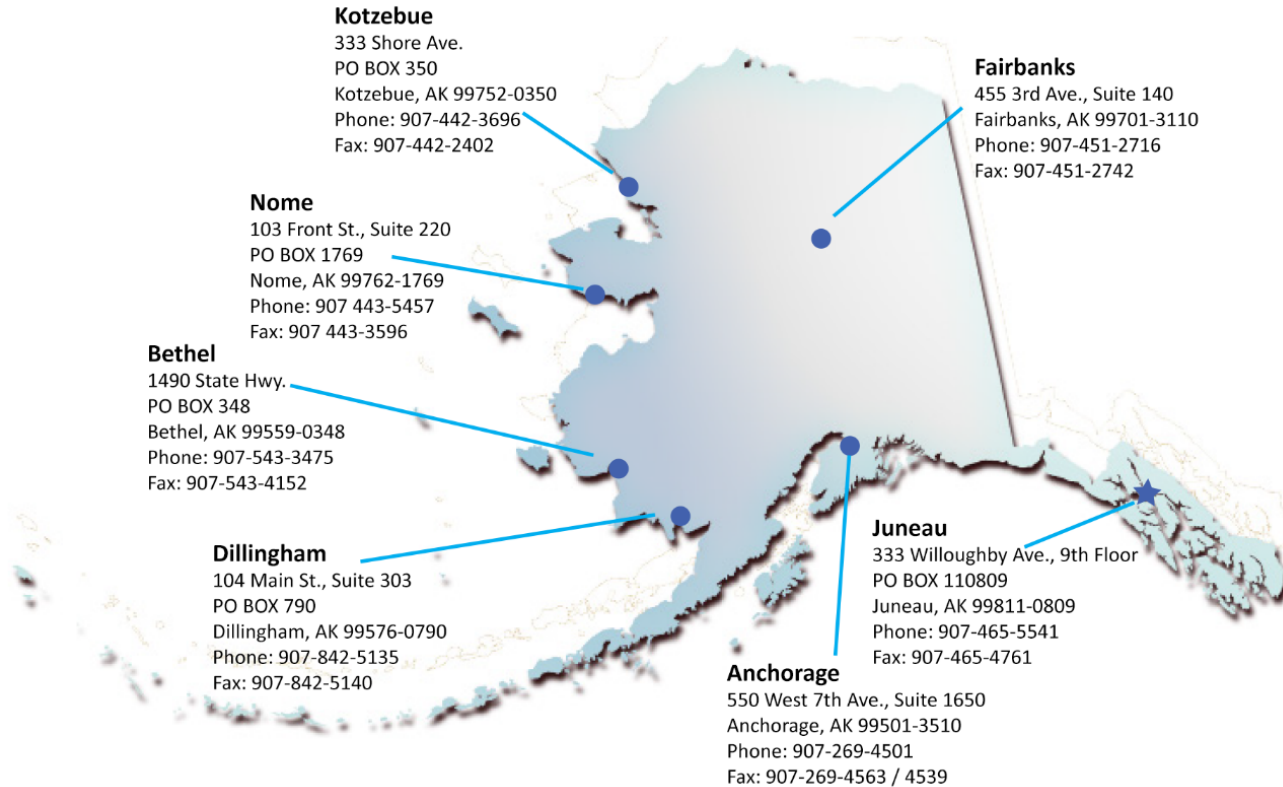
That’s DCRA!



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and Assistance

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Assistance

Rural Utility  
Business Advisors



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## Community Aid and Assistance



### Grants & Assistance:

- Community Assistance Program (CAP)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Designated Legislative Grants
- National Forest Receipts
- National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A)
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- Shared Fisheries Business Tax



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## Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Program

Loans to assist communities purchasing bulk fuel oil or gasoline, including shipping costs.



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# Serve Alaska

Serve Alaska brings AmeriCorps programs to Alaska.

The purpose of the program is to engage Alaskans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service and volunteerism as a means of community and state problem solving and promoting participation in the National AmeriCorps Program.



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Serve Alaska's  
Subgrantees include



Alaska Public Defender Agency Social  
Advocate AmeriCorps Members  
Ensuring Justice (SAME)



RurAL CAP Resilient  
Alaska Youth (RAY)



United Way of Southeast Alaska Juneau  
AmeriCorps Program



Sitka School District  
AmeriCorps Program



The Alaska Children's Trust  
Alaska Afterschool Network  
Planning Grant



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# FEMA

## Floodplain Management

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)  
Flood mitigation  
Hazard mitigation plan



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# Phases of Community Resilience

Community Resilience & Climate Adaptation Programs



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## Alaska Regional Development Organizations



ARDOR-State Partnership coordinated through DCRA.

- Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
- Bering Strait Development Council
- Copper Valley Development Association
- Fairbanks North Star Borough EDC
- Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District
- Northwest Arctic Borough EDC
- Prince William Sound Economic Development District
- Southeast Conference
- Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference



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## Office of the State Assessor



### Resources:

- [Property Tax 101](#)
- [Alaska Taxable Database](#)
- [Alaska Tax Facts](#)
- [Alaska Sales Tax Information](#)
- [Alaska Tax Jurisdictions](#)



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## ANCSA Municipal Land Trust



ANCSA Section 14(c)(3): Conveyance of some land from ANCSA corporations to municipalities, or to a state trust if a municipality does not exist:  
“Municipal trust lands”



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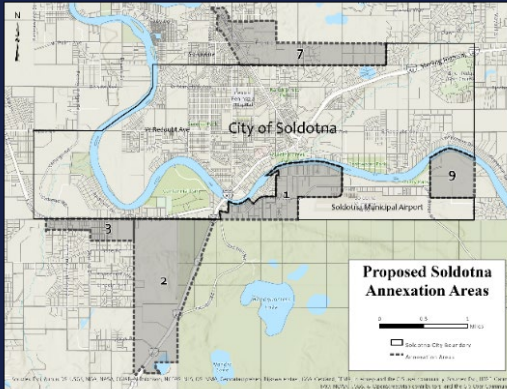
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## Local Boundary Commission

Assist with municipal boundary changes including:

- Incorporation
- Annexation
- Detachment
- Consolidation
- Dissolution

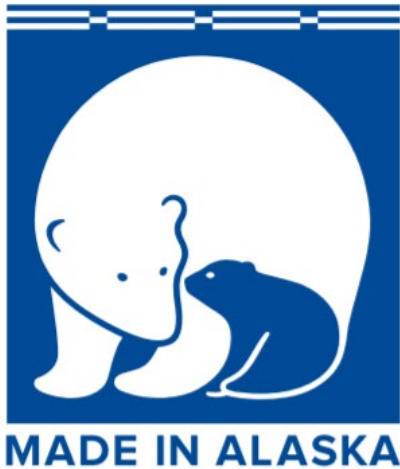
Maintain database of all past municipal boundary changes.



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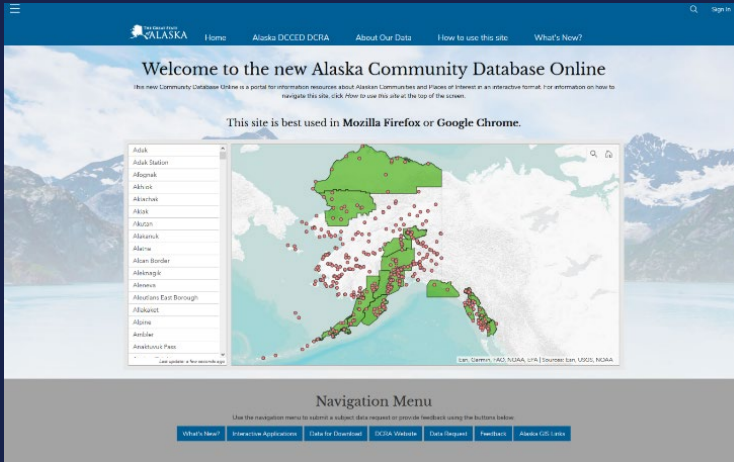
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# Mapping Analytics & Data Resources

## Mapping, Analytics, and Data Resources:

- Community Database Online
- GIS
- Much more!



<https://dcra-cdo-dccd.opendata.arcgis.com/>



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## Local Government Assistance

- Elections
- Alaska Statute Title 29
- Financial Management
- Community Service Provision
- Personnel Management
- Power Cost Equalization
- Title 4 Local Option Laws
- Elected Officials trainings
- Ordinances, Resolutions, Codes and more!



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## Utility Management Assistance

### Rural Utility Business Advisors

- EPA funded
- Support for communities operating water/wastewater utilities
- Remote & on-site assistance

## Best Practices Scoring

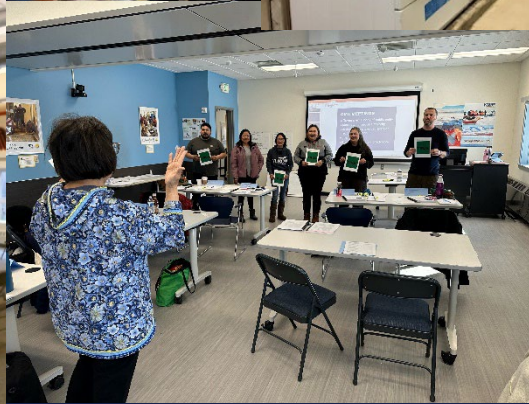
- 32-hour trainings on utility management
- Workers' compensation coverage
- Payroll liability compliance
- Meetings of the governing body
- Financial management practices:
  - Budgeting
  - Financial reporting



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## **Local Government Resource Desk**

[ResourceDesk@alaska.gov](mailto:ResourceDesk@alaska.gov)

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/LocalGovernmentResourceDesk.aspx>



## **Find your Local Government Specialist**

<https://dccd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=39d62dedd2b49c3b9a1aff48ffcaa76>



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