

# REMOTE MAINTENANCE WORKER (RMW) PROGRAM OVERVIEW

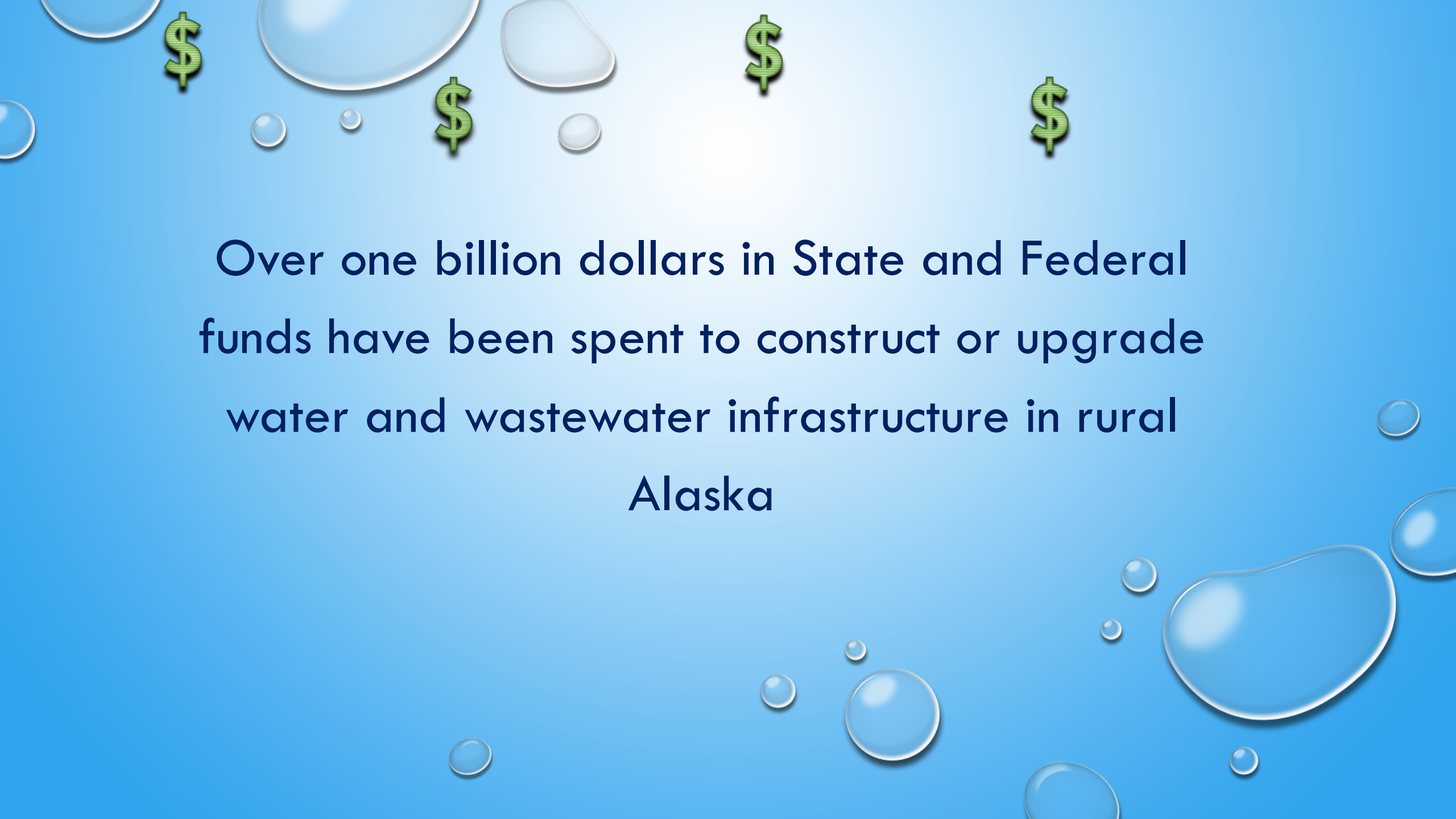
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Over one billion dollars in State and Federal funds have been spent to construct or upgrade water and wastewater infrastructure in rural Alaska



## CREATION ON RMW PROGRAM

The Remote Maintenance Worker (RMW) Program was created to protect the water and wastewater infrastructure investment in rural communities.

The program is funded by the State, EPA and USDA-RD



## RMW GOAL

Develop the local capacity of rural Alaskan communities and individuals to provide and sustain public health protection while safeguarding state, federal, and community capital investments.



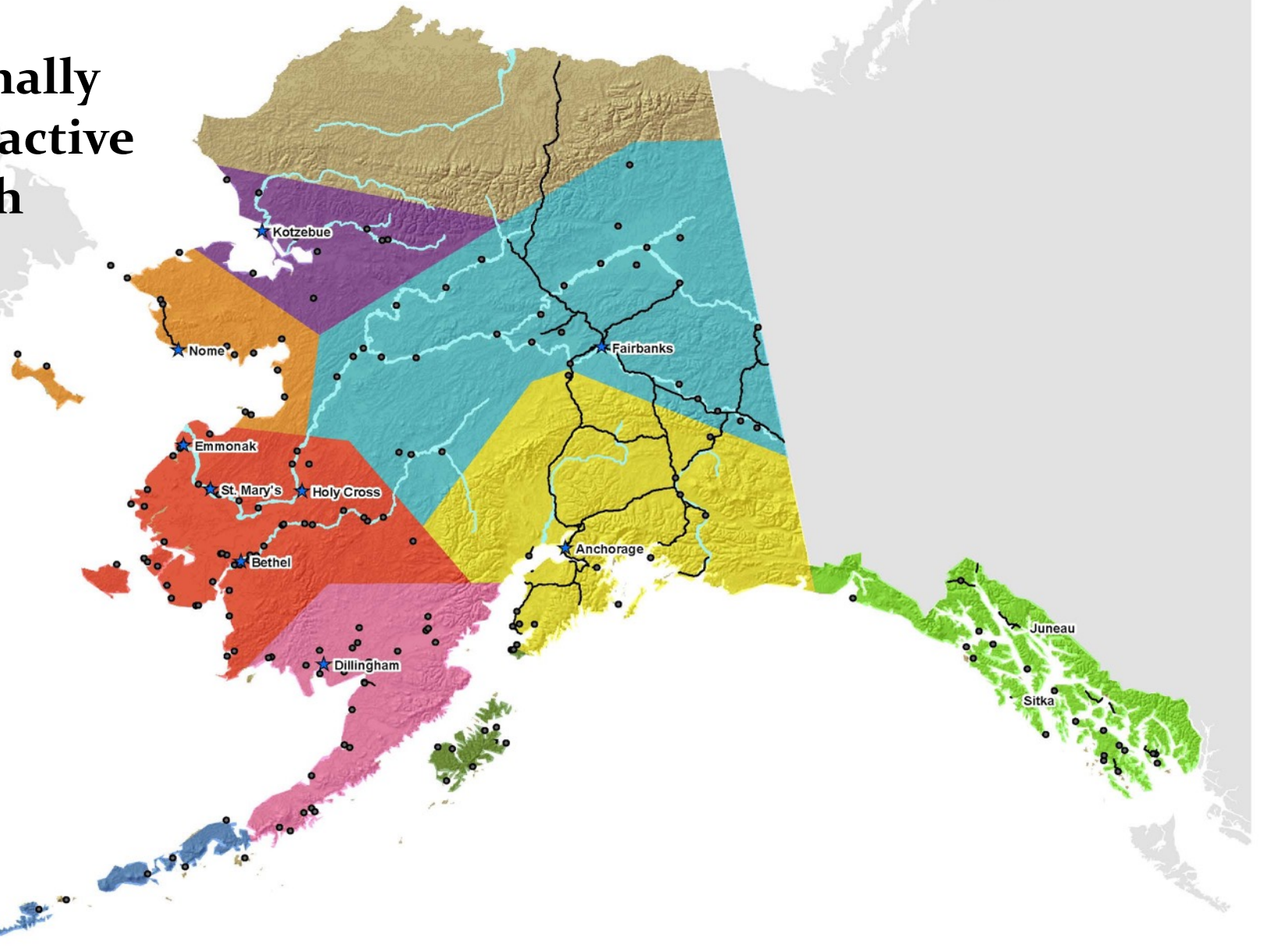


# Staff based regionally approximately 12 active communities each

- ★ RMW hubs
  - Communities
  - Roads
  - Rivers
- RMW Regions**
- Aleutian/Pribilof (ADEC)
  - Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
  - Southeast (ADEC)
  - Kodiak/Kenai (ADEC)
  - Maniilaq Health Corporation
  - Norton Sound Health Corporation
  - South Central (ADEC)
  - Tanana Chiefs Conference
  - Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation



0 50 100 200 300 400 Miles



# RMW PROGRAM SUPPORTS

- 3 full time RMW field positions and a RMW program coordinator employed by DEC.
- 11 full time, and one half time RMW positions employed through grants to five separate non-profit entities.



DEC



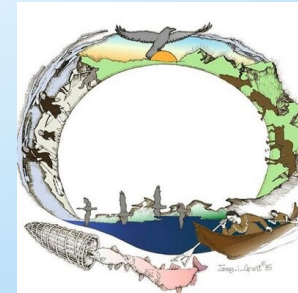
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Corp.



Maniilaq  
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Norton Sound  
Health Corp.

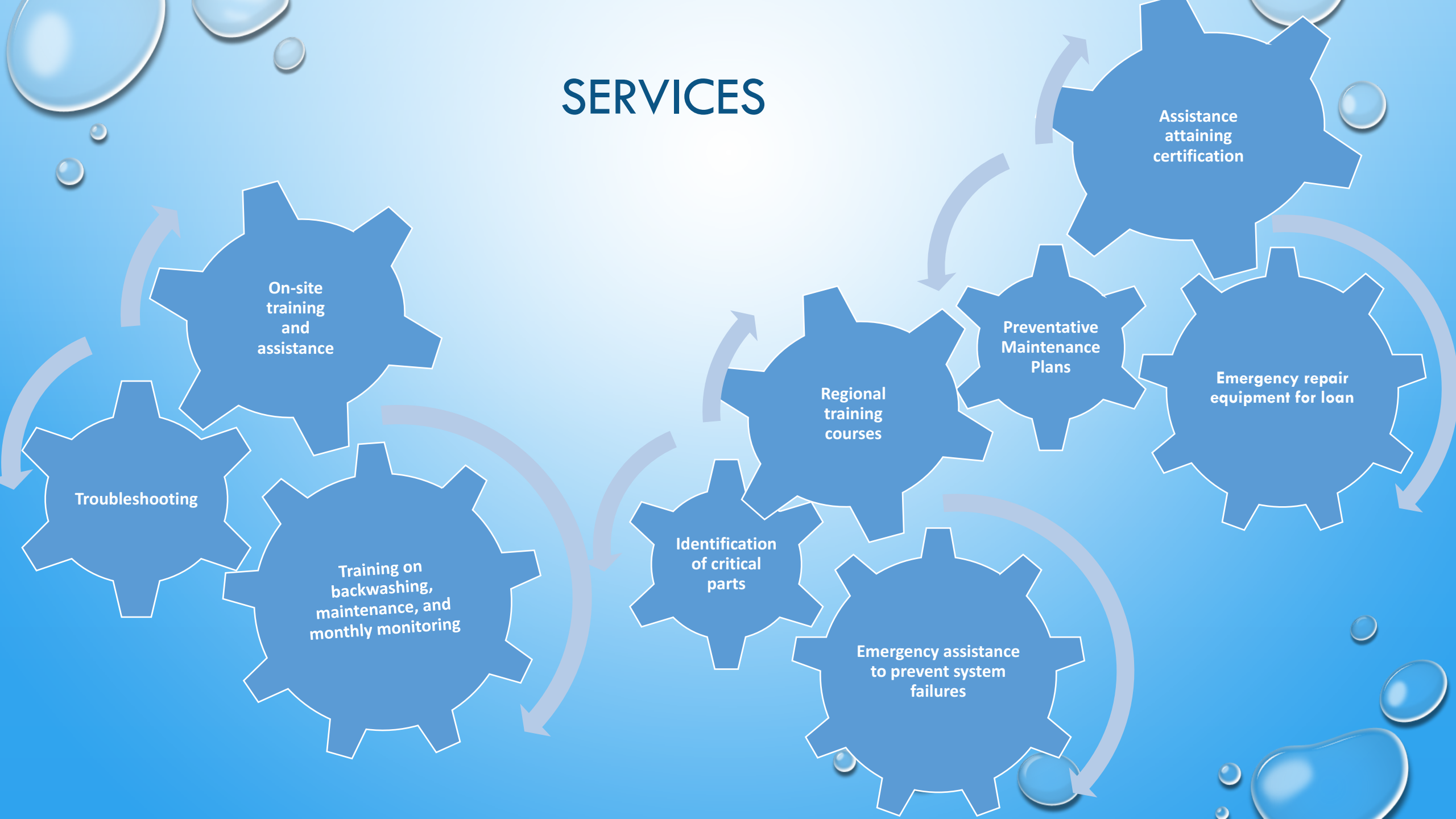


Tanana  
Chiefs  
Conference



Yukon  
Kuskokwim  
Heath Corp.

# SERVICES





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- 186 communities received on-site training and technical assistance and operations and maintenance (O&M) support
- 291 routine trips
- 52 emergency trips
- 2,465 hours of on the job training
- 11 training courses
- 4,394 phone calls from communities





# SUCCESS

A large factor for the program's success comes from the RMWs relationship with the communities and the knowledge of the RMWs due to their longevity with the program.

- Bruce Werba, YKHC, 24 years
- Allan Paukan, YKHC, 22 years
- Steve Evavold, DEC, 21 years
- Billy Westlock, YKHC, 17 years
- Bob White, YKHC, 12 years

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