

# 2026 Vessel Upgrade Grant Application

## Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

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**READ CAREFULLY:** Vessel Upgrade Grants of up to \$17,500\* for owners of set net operations and up to \$35,000\* for drift vessel owners are offered to year-round residents of BBEDC CDQ or watershed communities with a history of active participation in Bristol Bay's commercial salmon fishery, and who hold an Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Bristol Bay salmon fishing permit or have a contractual agreement to fish with a Bristol Bay salmon permit holder who is also a year-round watershed resident. Applicants can do all or part of the work themselves, or contract all or part of the work to another party. **NO PAYMENT WILL BE MADE WITHOUT:** (1) a signed Vessel Upgrade Contract from BBEDC; (2) proof that the work described in the applicant's work plan is complete; (3) a signed acceptance agreement from the applicant verifying that the work is complete and satisfactory. *Complete Vessel Upgrade Grant Policies are available at BBEDC Offices*

Failure to maintain residency as defined by BBEDC and remain an active participant in the Bristol Bay salmon fishery for the subsequent three (3) consecutive years using the same vessel or set net equipment contracted through this grant program, except that it may be the subsequent two (2) consecutive years if the vessel or set net equipment is transferred to a watershed resident to be actively used in the commercial fishery will result in legal action to force repayment of funds, with possible tax consequences and penalties.

*\*Past recipients of lesser Vessel Upgrade Grants are eligible for the balance of up to \$17,500 or \$35,000. Additionally, past recipients who have not received a Vessel Upgrade Grant in the previous three years can apply for a new full grant award\**

**Applications accepted until April 3, 2026. Early submissions are encouraged.**

Applicants in default in any BBEDC programs are no longer eligible to participate in additional BBEDC programs or services until fully compliant.

### PART:1

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CFEC Permit Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ CFEC Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name or Equipment Description (Skiff, beach truck, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

ADF&G, AK or Vehicle ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART 2: Vessel Upgrade Grant Requirements

*Use this check list to make sure your application is complete. A Work Plan Guide is on the next page.*

- 1. Current Affidavit of Residency Form** on file with BBEDC. A **BBEDC Relationship Disclosure Form** must be submitted with this application. Residency Affidavits and Relationship Disclosure forms are available at [www.bbedc.com](http://www.bbedc.com).
- 2. Proof of ownership of the equipment** (vessel, setnet gear, etc.) to be upgraded. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation, Title, Bill of Sale, receipt or other evidence of ownership.
- 3. Proof of ownership of an Alaskan CFEC permit or a written contract with a permit holder.** If the permit holder is not the applicant, BBEDC requires a copy of a contract signed by the permit holder indicating an agreement to fish with the applicant for the coming season. Permit holder must be a Bristol Bay watershed resident.
- 4. Evidence of active participation in the Bristol Bay salmon fishery for the three previous consecutive salmon seasons.** A history of permit ownership, commercial crew and vessel licenses, cannery statements, tax records or other evidence that the applicant has been an active participant in Bristol Bay's salmon fishery.
- 5. A detailed work plan:** A work plan guide is on the next page. Your work plan must include: (1) A prioritized list of the equipment's most serious deficiencies; (2) A detailed description of the work to be done; (3) an explanation of how the modifications will improve fish quality and/or harvesting efficiency; (4) a list of materials required or services to be provided and their estimated cost; (5) the name(s) of those who will do the work and their qualifications; and (6) a time-frame for completion.
- 6. Photographs of the equipment before the project begins.** (Photos of the completed project are also needed prior to payment of the grant award).

### PART 3: Vessel Upgrade Work Plan

Use additional pages as needed to describe your project in detail.

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

Permit Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If the permit holder is not the applicant, a written and signed contract showing an agreement to fish together during the coming season and an Affidavit of Residency form for the permit holder must also be provided.

**PRIORITIZE** your equipment's deficiencies. Describe in detail the improvements you need most.

Use more pages if needed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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5. \_\_\_\_\_
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How will these upgrades improve your harvesting efficiency and/or the quality of the fish you deliver?

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Who will do the work, what qualifications do they have, and when will the work be complete?

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**Material list and estimated costs:** Provide an estimate from a contractor if you have one. Use as many pages as needed.

Item of Contracted Service	Estimated Cost
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	

**Why did you apply for this program and how will it assist you?**

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**How did you learn about this program?**

Liaison Website BBEDC Program Other Describe other  
Staff Directory

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE SUBMITTING TO BBEDC**