Our Mission
Advancing economic growth and diversification in Alaska by providing long-term financing and investment.

AIDEA has invested billions of dollars into Alaska’s economy, resulting in thousands of jobs for Alaskans. AIDEA maintains a small, core staff who are overseen by a seven-member board appointed by the Governor. AIDEA responsibly meets its mission through a variety of programs, and its investments, which are the result of prudent underwriting and comprehensive securitization to protect Alaska’s assets.

Our History

The intent behind AIDEA’s creation, by the Alaska State Legislature in 1967, was to have a state agency focus on economic growth and diversification, while creating meaningful job opportunities for Alaskans. This proud mission continues with a comprehensive set of financial tools and processes that allow AIDEA to invest in a wide range of industries and sectors to expand and diversify the economy.

AIDEA’s investments touch many communities and regions throughout the State and often result in revenue streams that are reinvested into the community for schools, infrastructure, safety, health, and other critical public services. AIDEA also provides the State of Alaska’s General Fund with an annual dividend that is equivalent of a quarter to half of the Authority’s statutory net profits.

Legislature creates AIDEA
1967

$180 million in cash and loans provided funding for the Loan Participation Program
1981

$143.5 million in cash and loans funded the DeLong Mountain Transportation System
(Project Development)
1986

SETS program established
2012

Arctic Infrastructure Development Fund established
2014
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AIDEA’s Programs based on our Revolving Fund include:

- Loan Participation
- Project Development and Asset Management
- Infrastructure Development

AIDEA also has specialty funds created by the Legislature that focus on specific statewide priorities:

- Sustainable Energy Transmission and Supply (SETS) fund for energy infrastructure; and
- Arctic Infrastructure Development Fund.

AIDEA can assist Alaskans through its ability to finance, own (in whole or in part) and operate plants, facilities, and infrastructure within the state. Roads, ports, airports, resource extraction and processing, federal facilities, and other projects which are essential for the economic wellbeing of an area are considered eligible projects. AIDEA’s financing provides long-term capital for asset development in Alaska. As an asset financier, AIDEA sees the sweet spot for its investment in the pre-construction, construction and operating phases of a project.

Prior to funding, a project is expected to show that it has an experienced operator on board, non-AIDEA capital contributions, well-developed construction plans, permitting near completion, and purchase/sales agreements. Early stage development costs are to be borne by the developer and their partners.

AIDEA’s Entry Point & Conditions

- Operating experience
- Capital contribution
- Final design (Plans and Specifications)
- Complete permits
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Harry & Sally Porter Heart Center opened in May 2010 bringing together a number of cardiology services under one roof in Fairbanks. AIDEA participated in the financing by issuing more than $12 million in tax-exempt conduit revenue bonds on the Heart Center’s behalf.

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In July 1990, AIDEA purchased the Skagway Ore Terminal to bring stability to Skagway’s then major year-round industry, fund essential environmentally efficient renovations to the facility, and open the door to additional economic growth through marketing the facility to other potential users.

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AIDEA, in partnership with the AlaskaUSA Federal Credit Union, participated in the $4.8 million financing of the recently constructed Aspen Suites Hotel in Anchorage. The four-story hotel contains 92 rooms and employs 14 permanent employees, while approximately 90 jobs were created during construction.

Allen Marine’s venture, Alaskan Dream Cruises, was the first Alaskan owned overnight cruising line. Allen Marine was approved a $23 million participation loan, with AIDEA providing 70% support in addition to Wells Fargo Bank’s 30% support.
AIDEA owns and financed the construction of the DeLong Mountain Transportation System, a 52-mile industrial road and port facility to support the operations of the Red Dog mine in Northwest Alaska. The mine supports 550 year-round jobs and over $15 million of annual income to local residents. Royalty payments to NANA (the land owner) average more than $35 million annually and payments in lieu of taxes total $9 million annually. The mine is one of the world’s largest producing zinc mines and is responsible for approximately four percent of the world’s total production.