Division of Community & Regional Affairs (DCRA)
Alaska Constitution

Article X of the Alaska Constitution provides the general legal framework for local governments

“Provide for maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units, and to prevent duplication of tax-levying jurisdictions.”
• A liberal construction shall be given to the powers of local government units."

• In addition to the powers and functions expressly granted by the state, local governments may exercise all implied powers and functions that are not otherwise limited by law
Article X, Section 14, of the Alaska State Constitution

► An Agency shall be established ~ to advise and assist local governments
► It shall review their activities, collect and publish local government information, and perform other duties
DCRA’s Mission

Promote strong communities and healthy economies by providing information, technical and financial assistance, and other capacity-building resources.
DCRA sections:

- Local Government Assistance
  - Rural Utility Business Advisor Program
- Community Planning and Land Management
  - Coastal Management ACMP
  - Flood Plain Management
  - ANCSA 14(c) (3)
- Grants Programs
- Community Financial Assistance
- Local Boundary Commission
- Office of the State Assessor
- Research and Community Information
► One-on-one assistance
► Development of training materials and presentation in regional workshops
► Development of the Local Government Online (LOGON) web-based information system.
32-hour Workshops

- Introduction to Utility Management:
- Utility Organization:
- Utility Operations:
- Financial Management:
- Personnel Management:
- Planning Management:
- QuickBooks for governmental accounting:
Guiding Principles

- DCRA assists communities to acquire necessary tools to promote accountability and sustainability.
- DCRA promotes rural leadership to encourage thriving economies.
- DCRA is the information source on rural communities.
- DCRA works collaboratively with others to accomplish our goals.