

## **Denali Commission**

## SUPPORT ROBUST FUNDING IN THE FY 2025 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

**Congressional Action Needed:** NADO encourages members of Congress, especially those serving on the U.S. House and Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittees, to support robust funding for the Denali Commission's community and economic development programs for FY 2025. The Denali Commission invests its resources into coastal infrastructure protection, energy infrastructure, and fuel storage projects throughout Alaska.

Annual Appropriations Levels for the Denali Commission				
	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>
Denali Commission	\$15 million	\$15.1 million	\$17 million	\$17 million

**Background:** Established by The Denali Commission Act of 1998, the Denali Commission is an independent federal agency designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure, and economic support throughout Alaska. Led by a Federal Co-Chair, who is appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Denali's board consists of: the Governor of Alaska, who serves as State Co-Chair (or whose designated representative serves in this role); the University of Alaska President; the Alaska Municipal League President, the Alaska Federation of Natives President, the Alaska State AFLCIO President, and the Associated General Contractors of Alaska President.

Since the Denali Commission's inception, bulk fuel safety and security, energy reliability and security, transportation system improvements, and health care projects have commanded the vast majority of the Denali Commission's projects.

The Denali Commission also uses its transfer authority to receive funding from other federal agencies. The Denali Commission then makes grants within its geographic region on behalf of those agencies.