

How to Participate in the Program:

Russian municipalities can submit their applications to participate in the program. Based on these applications, municipalities will be invited to participate in different program components.

The rules and the deadlines for the applications are posted on the web-sites of the organizations responsible for implementing the program.

The following parties are invited to cooperate on program realization:

- Local self-governance institutions of the Russian Far East Federal District and Irkutsk Region;
- Russian Far East local government authorities;
- Municipal governments in the states of Washington and Alaska;
- Municipal associations and councils;
- Institutions of higher education involved in preparation of municipal specialists.

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The U.S.-Russian Far East Municipal Partnership Program promotes local self-governance in the Russian Far East (RFE) to make it more responsive to the needs and priorities of citizens. By supporting training programs, continuing education opportunities, and joint municipal partnership projects between cities in the states of Washington and Alaska and the Russian Far East, the program will develop and disseminate social and economic development strategies and improve and institutionalize public administration skills among current and future government administrators in the RFE.

The program aims to accomplish the following objectives:

- Increase policy development capacity among local and regional officials responsible for local governance that promotes decision-making that is participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, equitable and inclusive and based upon the rule of law;
- Bolster citizen participation in local self-governance and provide local communities with skills and practices to manage their resources more effectively;

- Strengthen capacity of local government in the RFE to effectively manage financial, human and physical resources to improve their cities and the lives of their citizens;
- Advance implementation of best practices in effective, equitable, and efficient delivery of public services to establish the practice of local public service management in the RFE regions.

Program Components

Municipal Exchanges to Improve Skills in Developing Effective Local Social and Economic Development Policy.

Provide opportunities to improve local development policy skills through partnerships between Russian Far East and American municipalities. Build lasting, mutually beneficial city-to-city partnerships between municipalities in the Russian Far East and the United States that will bring new technologies and best management practices to transform local self-governance in the RFE. Build long-term international collaboration and promote networking and sharing of lessons learned.

Development, Introduction and Dissemination of Effective Social and Economic Development Practices among RFE Municipalities.

Support the development, introduction and dissemination of effective models and practices in municipal government among municipalities in the Russian Far East. Strengthen inter-municipal collaboration on issues of good governance.

Improving Public Administration Skills to Manage Local Resources in RFE Regions.

Improve the skills of local self-governance specialists, government officials, and community leaders in managing local development. Conduct trainings for local self-governance specialists, government officials, and community leaders in managing local

development. Support RFE educational institutions with public administration programs for municipal officials to develop new educational programs for municipalities.

Program Geography

Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khabarovsk Krai, Sakhalin Region, Kamchatka Krai, Chukotsky Autonomous Region, Jewish Autonomous Region, Magadan Region, Amur Region, Sakha (Yakutia) Republic, Irkutsk Region.

USA: Alaska and Washington states.

Participants

Participants include local government officials, community and business leaders, experts, and representatives of local legislative bodies involved in local governance issues. This cross-sectoral approach increases the value of the experience by promoting cooperation among local stakeholders in the community and broadening resources. In addition, participation by community representatives acts as a model that encourages municipalities to develop new practices of citizen participation. The participants are implementing joint projects aimed at improving local governance and social and economic development in the RFE.

About FRAEC

The mission of the Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation (FRAEC) is to further economic and community ties with Russia while maintaining a unique focus on the Russian Far East. Founded in 1989, FRAEC serves as a hub through which grassroots organizations, the private sector, regional officials and federal decision makers are interconnected. FRAEC's headquarters is located in Seattle, Washington. To accomplish its mission, FRAEC works closely with its branch office on Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East. www.fraec.org.
