Alaska Native Science Commission
EPA Traditional Knowledge and Contaminants
Mini-Grant Program

Possible Causes Statement

Name of Community: ★

The purpose of the Possible Causes Statement is to get you thinking about all the possible causes for the concern you identified. This will help in deciding what questions you want to address in the mini-grant.

Perhaps the best way to explain what we mean by possible causes is by an example. Suppose your community is concerned about sores on the skin of King Salmon. We’d like you to think about the possible causes for these sores. You might identify as possible causes, for example, injuries from fishing downstream, an unseen virus, and possible contamination from pollution in the ocean.

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You’ve completed the Mini-Grant Application when you have:

- Filled out the Cover Sheet contact information
- An official’s signature with date on the Cover Sheet
- Described a concern on the Concern Statement
- Identified possible causes of this concern on the Causes Statement
- Identified the questions you want to address in the Mini-Grant on the Question or Other Action Statement
- Completed the Community Commitment of People and Resources
- Completed a Proposed Budget.