



GCI Suicide Prevention Grant Guidelines

Applications Open: June 1st, 2020
Deadline for Applications: 5:00 PM, July 15th, 2020
Request Amount: Up to \$20,000
Online Application Instructions Available Here

Goal

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) offers the GCI Suicide Prevention grant program with the goal of funding projects and organizations that will help reduce rates of suicide in Alaska and promote mental wellness through strengthened community and personal connections. Organizations seeking project or operational support are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to projects that are located in rural Alaska or programs that reach rural communities in Alaska (defined as outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau), and which are focused on activities that will:

- (1) Result in long term change by creating family, school and community support systems.
- (2) Help grow or support programs that have already demonstrated success in Alaska or in small communities in the Lower 48.
- (3) Support programs that have been embraced and that will be sustained by the community.
- (4) Support work that is happening on multiple levels including prevention, intervention, and crisis response.
- (5) Conceived or managed by local entities or by an entity that demonstrates a willingness to work with the local community or be advised and/or guided by local planning.
- (6) Reflects Alaska cultural considerations.

Submission Overview

- **The deadline for the application will be Wednesday, July 15th at 5:00 pm.**
- To best position your application for success, applicants are highly encouraged to speak with ACF staff ahead of time to discuss their project and to submit a draft proposal for review by ACF staff. **Drafts reviews are available up to Wednesday, July 1st.** Please contact ACF Programs and Grants staff via email: grants@alaskacf.org or by phone: 907-334-6700 for a draft review.
- **Grant requests may be for up to \$20,000; typical award will be funded in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range, with the average award being \$12,148.**
- All awarded projects are required to be completed within one calendar year from the date grant funds are received.
- All applications must be submitted online. Contact ACF with any questions regarding the online application system via email: grants@alaskacf.org or by phone: 907-334-6700. More information and links to the online application system are available at www.alaskacf.org.



Eligibility Criteria & Priorities

Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofit or equivalent organizations located in the state of Alaska. Equivalent organizations may include tribes, schools, churches, local government agencies and programs.

Eligible projects: Preference will be given to projects that: (1) empower Alaskans to work together to promote community wellness; (2) demonstrate measurable results, accountability, cultural sensitivity, and unify communities; (3) will impact communities that might not have easy access to suicide prevention support programs and (4) focus on at least one of the following areas as a way to decrease suicide in Alaska:

- Addressing generational trauma
- Veteran connectedness
- Means restriction / Gun safety
- Increased connectivity to treatment services
- Youth coalitions
- Primary prevention
- Support for those already doing this work in communities
- Building on past successes
- Support of needs assessments
- Community mobilization
- High-risk populations

Ineligible applicants include individuals; for profit, 501(c)(4) or (c)(6) organizations; non-Alaska based organizations; and state or federal government agencies.

Ineligible projects include religious indoctrination or other religious activities; endowment building; deficit financing; fundraising; lobbying; electioneering and activities of political nature; sponsorships for special events; direct fundraising, including hiring a grant writer; reimbursement of pre-award costs; construction; purchase of real property; activities that have the potential to support terrorism; any proposals that discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, creed or ethnicity; and personnel costs.

Exceptions: In selected cases, projects undertaken by organizations that normally fall outside the above guidelines may be able to receive funding. Examples include: religious organizations whose proposal impacts the broader community; or units of government whose proposal extends beyond the traditional governmental functions and impacts the broader community.

Reporting Requirements

Quarterly check-ins will be established to support regular media outreach to share successes of funded projects. Awardees will be expected to provide images documenting their projects and attain photo releases of those recognizable in the images.

A final report is due 30 days following completion of the project and no later than one year plus 30 days after the grant award date. All reports are completed in ACF's online grant system using the same profile login and password used to apply for the grant. Failure to complete final reports on time may impact an organization's ability to receive future funding from ACF.



Preparing Your Proposal

Step 1: To apply, create a new account in ACF's **online grants system**. Applicants using the web-based system for the first time will need to create a profile. The profile should be completed by the person writing the grant application and responsible for any grant reports. Please remember your username and password as it will be used for all current and future applications and any reporting on awarded grant projects. Visit the **"Helpful Hints"** section for more in-depth information about using the online application system.

Step 2: After logging into the system, you will be routed to the Application Status Page. To start a new application click "Apply" below your contact information. Select the GCI Suicide Prevention grant program from the list and you will be taken to the application. The online system times-out after 40 minutes of no activity; **remember to save your information often.**

Step 3: When logging back on to the system after establishing a Profile, you will be directed to the Application Status Page where you can edit your application, check your status, find report deadlines and manage your contacts. Contact **ACF** if you experience difficulty with the online grants system.

Policies and Procedures

If changes need to be made to an awarded project's grant budget and/or program plans, the grantee shall make a written request to the ACF Director of Programs & Grants before any changes occur. **Any variance in project purpose requires prior ACF approval.** Grant funds may not be used for projects other than what has been approved. ACF reserves the right to require the return of funds if it deems that the grantee has not complied with the terms of the grant agreement for use of funds, or to comply with any law or regulation affecting the grantee, grant, or ACF.

Copyright policy: Grantee retains copyright; ACF reserves a royalty-free nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for organizational/educational purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

About The Alaska Community Foundation

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