AK Can Do COVID-19 Response Grant
Application Guidelines

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is currently accepting a second round of applications AK Can Do Covid-19 response grant opportunity.

Deadline for applications: 5:00 PM, May 20, 2020
Total Grant Funds Available: $200,000 - $250,000
Suggested Grant Request Amount: Between $5,000 and $20,000
Online Application Instructions Click Here

In partnership with the Rasmuson Foundation and the United Way of Alaska, The Alaska Community Foundation’s (ACF) goal for the AK Can Do CODIV-19 Response grant opportunity is to support nonprofit organizations who have been financially impacted by the novel coronavirus and resulting COVID-19 pandemic, especially those who have funding gaps that remain as a result of low or no funding awarded through the CARES Act and other foundation funding sources. We invite you to submit a proposal to meet this goal.

ELIGIBILITY

• Eligible applicants include Alaska nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and federally recognized tribal organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, housing authorities, and local government agencies. Organizations must be located in Alaska.
• Funding is available to cover the operational or programmatic costs of providing critical services related to the COVID-19 crisis and financial duress caused by COVID-19 disruptions.
• Funding is unrestricted, but associated with meeting the increasing demand for existing services, providing new service delivery models and ensuring the availability of critical services to those with the highest need. Funds are available to be used towards service and program delivery, extended outreach to individuals and families, new staffing requirements, operational safety and other costs associated with serving individuals and families impacted by the crisis.
• There is no matching or cost-share requirement tied to these funds.

The following are not eligible for grant funding:
• Individuals
• State or federal government agencies
• For profit organizations or businesses
• Organizations dedicated to advocacy or local chamber organizations
Activities outside the State of Alaska

GRANT EVALUATION CRITERIA
Based on funder priorities, the following evaluation criteria will be applied to the applications.
- Highest level of critical need for service delivery and frontline operational safety
- Statewide impact
- Community need for supporting individuals and families
- Overall impact resulting from a $5K to $20K grant
- Alternative funding from other sources (Alaska Mental Health Trust, Mat-Su Health Foundation, Murdock Trust, State and Federal Governments support and others)
- Overall experience / capacity in grant execution
- Nonprofit sector trends or insights

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS
To meet the urgent needs of nonprofits, an expedited grant process will be followed. Applications will be reviewed by a panel that includes ACF, United Way, and Rasmuson Foundation staff who will evaluate each application in the context of the overall pool of requests, giving consideration to:
- Statewide geographic reach and diversity
- Demonstrated and highest need of the identified sub-sector (e.g. domestic violence, mental health, etc.)
- Complimentary, but not duplicative to response related efforts by other Alaska funders and available funding streams
- Organizational eligibility
- Direct impact on statewide COVID-19 response

The application information is due by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
Click this link or copy and paste the link below to access ACF’s online grants management system:
https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaska
Click this link or copy and paste the link below to access ACF’s online application instructions:
http://alaskacf.org/grant-application-tutorial

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the AK Can Do COVID-19 Response grant opportunity at The Alaska Community Foundation.
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