



Anchorage Trail Care Fund Grant Guidelines

Deadline for applications: April 15, 2023, 5:00 PM (AKST)

Grant Request Amount Range: \$1,000- \$2,500

The Anchorage Trail Care Fund was established to provide a source of funding for summer soft surface trail maintenance and construction projects in the Anchorage Bowl, from Girdwood to Eklutna. Soft surface trails are meant to include non-paved trails on public land where maintenance is not generally funded through local, state, or federal budgets.

Purpose

The purpose of this fund is to establish a source for funding summer soft surface trail maintenance and construction projects in the Anchorage Bowl, from Girdwood to Eklutna. Soft surface trails are meant to include non-paved trails on public land where maintenance is not generally funded through local, state, or federal budgets.

Key Considerations

1. Grant requests may be up to \$2,500 per organization for either *one* summer trail maintenance or *one* trail construction activity.
2. Prior Anchorage Trail Care Fund grant recipients may apply for additional Trail Care fund support once all previous grant reporting requirements have been fulfilled.
3. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. **Likelihood of success:** Organization is capable and has a viable plan to achieve success.
 - b. **Additional funding sources:** Organization has secured, or is in the process of securing, additional funds necessary for project completion.
 - c. **Public support for project:** Project has demonstrated public support.
 - d. **Impact on Anchorage trail networks:** Plan indicates a positive impact on trail usage through increased trail capacity, usability, and/or accessibility.
 - e. **Historical use of trail:** Evidence provided showing historic trail use by a variety of users.
 - f. **Sustainability:** Projects should be designed to require minimal maintenance to retain their designed purpose.
 - g. **Alignment with SCORP:** Projects should be aligned with the most current Alaska Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Eligibility

Your organization is eligible for funding through this grant opportunity if it is one of the following:

- 501(c)3 public charitable organizations with 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) public charitable status as designated in your IRS Determination letter (including qualified faith-based organizations)
- The faith-based organization providing social services to the broader community
- Federally recognized Tribes or Tribal nonprofit organizations
- City governments or Boroughs

The following are not eligible for grant funding:



- Individuals
- State or federal government agencies
- For-profit organizations or businesses
- Private nonprofit organizations (those not identified in their IRS determination letter as 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3))
- Activities that improperly discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual preference, age, disability, creed or ethnicity, or grants for religious indoctrination or other religious activities.

Specific ineligible activities and costs include:

- Advertising
- Event costs
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs

Process

1. Review the guidelines to ensure that your organization is eligible for funding.
2. Contact the Alaska Community Foundation grant staff at (contact information below) if your organization is a strong fit with the eligibility criteria and is interested in applying. ACF is happy to discuss if your organization is a likely candidate for funding.
3. Log in to your account in ACF's online grant management account at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaska>. If you are new to ACF's grant management system, you will need to create a new profile before applying.
4. Applicants will be asked to provide:
 - a. Project narrative
 - b. Project budget
 - c. Budget narrative
5. Applications can be saved in process and returned to for completion. Once an application is submitted, it cannot be modified by the applicant.
6. Grants will be reviewed soon after submission and award announcements should be expected by the end of April 2023. Applications are due: Friday, April 15th by 5:00 PM (AKST)
7. Grant awards should be mailed in check form to successful applicants no later than May 12, 2023.
8. Successful applicants must submit the following reports:
 - a. Grant Agreement and Payment request
 - b. Grant Final Report detailing project intent, outcome, expectations, and lessons learned.

To best position your application for success, applicants are encouraged to speak with ACF staff ahead of time to discuss their project and to submit a draft proposal for review by ACF staff.

ACF Contact Information

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