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## ENCOURAGING NON-PROFIT DEVELOPMENT ACROSS ALASKA

*Ten Alaskan Non-Profits Receive Financial Support to Build Internal Capacity*

(Anchorage, AK) - Strengthening Organizations, a capacity building grant program of The Alaska Community Foundation, awarded \$34,233 to 10 Alaskan non-profits making effective strides in the areas of leadership development, organizational development, evaluation of effectiveness, and collaboration and community engagement.

“Thank you so much for your support of Greater Sitka Arts Council! The funds awarded to the Arts Council will assist with the change of Executive Directors will assure a smooth and professional transition,” states Sarah Lawrie, Executive Director of Greater Sitka Arts Council. “This grant will truly help our organization evolve.”

The Strengthening Organizations program awards capacity building grants up to \$10,000, with typical awards ranging from \$3,000-\$5,000, to 501(c)(3) nonprofits or equivalent organizations, which may include tribes, schools, churches and local government agencies and programs.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and **the next deadline is Sunday, September 1, 2014**. The Alaska Community Foundation Program Staff offers a draft review to interested applicants up to two weeks before the deadline. For more information or to apply, visit The Alaska Community Foundation at [www.alaskacf.org/grants](http://www.alaskacf.org/grants) or call (907) 274-6705.

Special thanks to the Rasmuson Foundation for supporting this grant program.

Established in 1995, The Alaska Community Foundation cultivates, celebrates and sustains all forms of philanthropy to strengthen Alaska’s communities forever. Holding over \$83 million for the benefit of Alaskans, we are connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information, visit [www.alaskacf.org](http://www.alaskacf.org) or call (907) 334-6700.

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### June 2014 Award Recipients

- \$1,700 to Alaska Chamber Singers for staff to attend a conference;
- \$5,575 to Alaska Community Action on Toxics to update a strategic plan;
- \$3,128 to Girl Scouts of Alaska to develop a culture of board philanthropy;
- \$2,981 to Greater Sitka Arts Council for executive training as the organization undergoes an executive director transition;
- \$2,250 to Kenai Peninsula Food Bank for a strategic plan;
- \$5,000 to Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council for leadership development to help create an artist in residence program;
- \$4,500 to Lynn Canal Broadcasting for financial scenario planning;
- \$2,600 to Pratt Museum for staff to attend the Museums Alaska Conference;
- \$4,650 to Southeast Soil and Water Conservation District for communications planning;
- \$1,849 to Takshanuk Watershed Council for grant writing training.