



2019 Basic Needs Grant Guidelines

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is currently accepting applications for the 2019 Basic Needs grant opportunity.

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM Thursday May 23, 2019

Request Amount: Between \$5,000 and \$15,000

Online Application Instructions Available [Here](#)

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) strives to connect people who care with causes that matter. This is done by responsibly and strategically granting donor dollars to organizations that improve the quality of life for residents of our state. As our state faces fiscally challenging times, support for organizations that serve the basic needs of Alaskans becomes increasingly important. Therefore, ACF is currently focusing unrestricted grant resources on Health and Wellness activities to ensure that all residents have access to basic needs; i.e. shelter, food, and health. We invite you to submit a proposal to meet this goal.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

To be considered for funding, proposals must support efforts to meet **basic needs in Alaskan communities**. In this case, basic needs is defined as fundamental requirements that serve as the foundation for survival. These include but are not limited to programs and projects that help Alaskans access shelter, food, and health.

What type of support can you request in your LOI? Please note: **Only one of the following may be requested.**

1. **Program Expansion or Creation-** Supports specific projects or programs that serve the community and are linked to an organization's primary service.
2. **General Operational Support-** Supports innovations that lead to greater sustainability in operations of organizations and programs directly meeting basic needs of Alaskans.
3. **Capital Expenses-** Supports equipment purchases so basic needs can be met.

Additionally, ACF is highly interested in innovative programs that are responsive to community needs, partnerships, and collaborative efforts. Lower priority is given to equipment purchase requests, requests to pay staff for existing services, and duplication of existing services.

Grant awards through this program will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organizations in good standing or equivalent organizations (schools, faith-based organizations, local government agencies and programs) focused on meeting the basic human needs of Alaskans.

RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS

The following are not eligible for grant funding:

- Individuals
- For profit organizations or businesses
- 501(c)(4) or (c)(6) organizations
- State or federal government agencies

Requests for endowment building, deficit financing, direct fundraising costs, lobbying, electioneering and activities of a political nature will not be considered. Nor will requests for advertisements, sponsorships, special events or activities that have the potential to support terrorism. Additionally, the following activities are not eligible for grant funding:

- 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
- Activities outside the State of Alaska

TIMELINE

Applications are due via our online application system on June 21, 2018 by 5:00 PM.

HOW TO APPLY

You can access ACF's online grant management system [here](#).

MORE QUESTIONS?

Please contact us with any additional questions.

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WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PROJECT NARRATIVE

Successful project narratives will be no longer than 6,000 characters (approximately 2 pages) and will answer the following questions:

1. In a brief statement, tell us when the agency began and its primary mission and purpose.
2. In a brief paragraph, tell us the purpose of your grant request.
- For questions 3 through 5, please select and answer the **ONE** question fitting the category of your project.*
3. If you are requesting funding for **Program Creation/ Expansion**:
 - a. What program do you want to create or expand?
 - b. Describe the challenge or opportunity for your organization in creating or expanding this program.
 - c. What result will be achieved for both your organization and those you serve as a result of this program?
4. If you are requesting funding for **General Operational Support**:
 - a. Describe how grant funding will help support efforts to meet basic needs of Alaskans.
 - b. Describe how this funding will lead to greater sustainability for your organization or program.
5. If you are requesting funding for Capital Expenses:
 - a. Describe the capital request and why it is needed.
 - b. What specific impact will this equipment purchase have on the people you serve?
6. What is the total project cost and how much (full amount, partial funding, etc.) are you asking from ACF?
7. Are there plans for sustaining this project long-term? If applicable, how will the project continue once the grant is complete?
8. Please list additional funding sources, if any, and dollar amount(s) of requests submitted for this project. Please include status of requests (secured, pending, etc.).

Additional information requested:

- Organizational operating budget
- Board information
- Project budget spreadsheet (template included in application)
- Budget narrative