



## 2020 Social Justice Fund Application Guidelines

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is currently accepting applications for the 2020 Social Justice Fund grant opportunity.

**Deadline for applications: 5:00 PM, February 20, 2020**  
**Total Grant Funds Available: \$100,000 (Approximately 8-10 grants)**  
**Suggested Grant Request Amount: Between \$5,000 and \$15,000**  
**Online Application Instructions [Click Here](#)**

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The Alaska Community Foundation's goals for the Social Justice Fund grant opportunity are to support strategic collaborations that prioritize leadership development and allow Alaskans to address the root causes of challenging social justice issues within their communities and across the state. We invite you to submit a proposal to meet this goal.

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

To be considered for funding, proposals must support **efforts that are collaborative in nature, committed to leadership development, and actively address systemic social justice issues in Alaska.**

What type of support can you request in your application?

1. **Program Expansion or Creation-** Supports specific projects or programs that serve the community and are linked to an organization's primary mission.
2. **General Operational Support-** Supports operations of organizations and programs directly addressing social justice issues. Organizations must demonstrate that general operating support is sustainable beyond the period for requested funds.

Additionally, ACF is highly interested in innovative programs and collaborative efforts that address systemic change related to social justice issues within their communities and champion leadership development. Lower priority is given requests to pay for staff positions, and duplication of existing services.

Organization's grant awards through this program will range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and may be eligible for renewal for an additional year. We anticipate awarding 8 to 10 grants. The total 2020 grantmaking allocation for this program is \$100,000.



## ELIGIBILITY

If your organization fits all or most of the eligibility criteria below and seeks to apply, please contact Program Officer Stefanie O'Brien by calling (907) 274-6710 or emailing [sobrien@alaskacf.org](mailto:sobrien@alaskacf.org) to discuss submitting an application. If you have an open grant at ACF, your organization may apply as long as all reporting requirements are up to date. Past Social Justice Fund grantees seeking to reapply should speak with ACF Staff.

- Your organization is a nonprofit, tribe, school, faith-based organization, local government agency, program, or grassroots organization.
- Your organization's leadership and board are composed of individuals who represent and are accountable to the communities served.
- Your organization consults with the communities it serves and incorporates community priorities as part of its core focus.
- Your organization collaborates with local partners working on similar issues, and has a clear vision and strategy for improving the quality of life in the communities it serves.
- Your organization empowers community members to take collective action in addressing community needs.
- Your organization is interested in long-term, fundamental, ideological shifts in relation to social justice issues.

## RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS

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
- Requests for endowment building, deficit financing, direct fundraising costs, lobbying, electioneering and activities of a political nature. However, research and educational activities are permitted.
- Advertisements, sponsorships, special events
- 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



## PROCESS

- 1) Please contact Program & Grants staff at the Alaska Community Foundation 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.
- 2) With the aid of the guide on the next page, you will then submit an application along with your organization's operating budget, board information, budget spreadsheet, and a budget narrative. **The application information is due by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 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 Social Justice Fund grant opportunity at The Alaska Community Foundation.

### ACF Contact Information:

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## WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION:

*Please select and answer if you are requesting funding for Program Creation/Expansion or General Operational Support.*

1. 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?
  
2. If you are requesting funding for General Operational Support:
  - a. Describe how grant funding will help support efforts to achieve Social Justice in Alaska.
  - b. Describe how general operating support will be sustainable moving forward.
3. Please explain how your organization or group promotes community engagement and leadership development. In other words, how does your work encourage people in your community to stand up to injustices, or come together to tell their story?
  
4. Are there plans for sustaining this project long-term? If applicable, how will the project continue once the grant is complete?
  
5. Are there other organizations or entities that you collaborate with to maximize your impact? Who are your partners in this work and how do you engage with them?

### Additional information requested:

- Organizational operating budget
- List of board members
- Project name and focus
- Requested amount
- Project Category
- Project budget
- Budget narrative

*ACF staff is available to support you in your development of the project budget and budget narrative.*