



Soldotna Coronavirus Nonprofit Response Fund Application Guidelines

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is currently accepting applications for the Soldotna Coronavirus Nonprofit Response Fund (SCNRF) grant opportunity.

Deadline for applications:

Round 1: May 12, 2021, 5:00 PM

Round 2: August 11, 2021, 5:00 PM*

*dependent on available funding

Grant Request Amount Range: \$25,000 to \$100,000

Online Application Instructions [Click Here](#)

The City of Soldotna has set aside \$750,000 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into a Soldotna Coronavirus Nonprofit Response Fund program. If your organization is eligible for funding as described below, we invite you to submit a grant application.

Purpose

Since the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency, many area nonprofits have seen a marked increase in demand for their services. Issues that have existed in our community long before the pandemic have been compounded as many households in the Soldotna area have suffered economic hardship and a disruption to the activities of daily life.

This competitive grant program aims to provide funding to organizations whose services help to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic. The program prioritizes organizations that are addressing the following key issues:

- Food security
- Childcare & youth services
- Mental health support
- Housing & homelessness prevention
- Transportation
- COVID-19 vaccination efforts

The grant program will provide funding to nonprofit organizations that provide essential services to residents of Soldotna and the surrounding area, including organizations that have expanded existing services to meet increased demand during the pandemic and organizations that have added new services to address essential community needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizations need not be located within Soldotna city limits. However, they must provide services to the residents of Soldotna.



Key Considerations

The CARES Act provides that payments from the SCNRF may only be used to cover costs that:

- 1) Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- 2) Result from program expansion or implementation of new programming addressing community needs arising from the pandemic, or from continuation of ongoing operations to provide critical programming to the community; and
- 3) Are incurred during the period that begins on January 1, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2021.

Grant awards through this program will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The total allocation for the SCNRF program is \$750,000, with \$500,000 estimated to be available in the first round, and the balance available in the second round.

ELIGIBILITY

Your organization is one of the following:

- 501(c)3 public charitable organization 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)
- 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) charitable organizations, but these funds cannot be utilized for lobbying or advocacy activities.
- 501(c)(19)
- Faith-based organization providing social services to the broader community
- Tribal nonprofit organization including housing authorities

And has experienced the following:

- Has incurred or will incur expenses in direct response to the coronavirus public health emergency in one or more of the following six categories: 1) Medical, 2) Public health expenses, 3) Payroll expenses, 4) Expenses of actions to facilitate health mandate compliance, 5) Expenses associated with the provision of economic support, 6) Other expenses reasonably necessary and related to COVID-19.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Any expenditures that are not determined to fit within the six categories listed above will require repayment from the grantee. Grant reporting will require submission of receipts for all expenses to confirm eligibility.
- The requirement that expenditures be incurred "due to" the public health emergency means that expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency. These may include responding to second-order effects of the emergency, such as by providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruption due to COVID-19-related business closures. Funds may be used for purchasing assets that will be used in the short term for public health purposes, even though the assets may outlast the crisis – for example, a vehicle used for delivery of food to individual homes.
- Organizations can receive CARES Act funding from multiple sources, but the funding cannot be used for any expense otherwise paid using CARES Act or other federal funds. Requests for funding from the Soldotna Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund cannot duplicate funding received through the Paycheck Protection Program



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(PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan emergency advance program (EIDL), AK CARES small business loans, City of Soldotna CARES grants, or other CARES Act-sourced funding.

- Recipient organizations must sign all state and federal assurances, as described on page 7 of these guidelines. Reporting for grant awards received through the Soldotna Coronavirus Nonprofit Response Fund will be due on January 15, 2022.

RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS

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))
- Requests for support that do not fall within the funding guidelines outlined above
- 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 that do not primarily serve the Soldotna area and its residents



PROCESS

- 1) Review these guidelines to ensure that your organization is eligible for funding.
- 2) Contact **the Alaska Community Foundation**, Soldotna Coronavirus Nonprofit Response Fund 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, establish a new account.
- 4) Submit an application to the Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund, including:
 - DUNS Number
 - Approved organizational budget
 - List of board members
 - Requested amount
 - Description of need as specifically related to coronavirus
 - Grant budget
 - Budget narrativeApplications can be saved in process and returned to for completion. Once an application is submitted, it cannot be modified by the applicant.
- 5) Grants will be reviewed and awarded in two rounds.
Applications are due:
Round 1: Wednesday, May 12, 2021, by 5:00 PM
Round 2: Wednesday, August 11, 2021, by 5:00 PM

Award announcements should be expected within three weeks of each closing date.

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund grant opportunity at The Alaska Community Foundation.

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STATE AND FEDERAL ASSURANCES

Required state and federal assurances includes, but are not limited to:

Compliance with:

- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Alaska Human Rights Law (AS 18.80.220(a)(1))
- Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA), when applicable
- Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Smoke-Free Workplace)
- Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets act of 1968
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Educational Amendment Act of 1972
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- National Historic Preservation Act, when applicable
- Trafficking Victims Protection Act
- National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 (Whistleblower protections)
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970, when applicable
- Hatch Act
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

Have the following policies in place:

- Smoke-free workplace
- Drug-free workplace
- Whistleblower protections
- Conflict of interest
- Anti-discriminatory employment and operations practices
- Record-keeping and access