



# GCI Suicide Prevention Grant Guidelines

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is currently accepting applications for the GCI Suicide Prevention grant opportunity.

**Deadline for Applications: July 30th, 2021, 5:00 PM (AKST)**

**Grant Request Amount Range: Minimum of \$1,000 up to \$20,000 maximum**

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) offers the GCI Suicide Prevention grant program with the goal of funding projects and organizations that will help reduce rates of suicide in Alaska and promote mental wellness through strengthened community and personal connections. Organizations seeking project or operational support are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to projects located in rural Alaska or programs that reach rural communities in Alaska (defined as outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau), and which are focused on activities that will:

- (1) Result in long term change by creating family, school, and community support systems.
- (2) Help grow or support programs that have already demonstrated success in Alaska or in small communities in the Lower 48.
- (3) Support programs that have been embraced and that will be sustained by the community.
- (4) Support work that is happening on multiple levels including prevention, intervention, and crisis response.
- (5) Conceived or managed by local entities or by an entity that demonstrates a willingness to work with the local community or be advised and/or guided by local planning.
- (6) Reflects Alaska cultural considerations.

## Submission Overview

- The deadline for the application will be **Friday, July 30th at 5:00 pm.**
- To best position your application for success, applicants are highly encouraged to speak with ACF staff ahead of time to discuss their project and to submit a draft proposal for review by ACF staff. The draft review deadline is **Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact ACF Programs and Grants staff via email: [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org) or by phone: 907-334-6700 for a draft review.
- Grant requests may be for up to \$20,000; **typical award will be funded in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range with the average award being \$7,000.**
- All awarded projects are required to be completed within one calendar year from the date grant funds are received.
- All applications must be submitted online. Contact ACF with any questions regarding the online application system via email: [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org) or by phone: 907-334-6700. More information and links to the online application system are available at [www.alaskacf.org](http://www.alaskacf.org).



## Eligibility Criteria & Priorities

**Eligible applicants include:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit or equivalent organizations located in the state of Alaska. Equivalent organizations may include tribes, schools, churches, local government agencies and programs.

**Eligible projects:** *Preference will be given to projects that:*

- (1) empower Alaskans to work together to promote community wellness
- (2) demonstrate measurable results, accountability, cultural sensitivity, and unify communities
- (3) will impact communities that might not have easy access to suicide prevention support programs and
- (4) focus on at least one of the following areas as a way to decrease suicide in Alaska:

- Addressing generational trauma
- Veteran connectedness
- Means restriction / Gun safety
- Increased connectivity to treatment services
- Youth coalitions
- Primary prevention
- Support for those already doing this work in communities
- Building on past successes
- Support of needs assessments
- Community mobilization
- High-risk populations

**Ineligible applicants include:** individuals; for profit, 501(c)(4) or (c)(6) organizations; non-Alaska based organizations; and state or federal government agencies.

**Ineligible projects include:** religious indoctrination or other religious activities; endowment building; deficit financing; fundraising; lobbying; electioneering and activities of political nature; sponsorships for special events; direct fundraising, including hiring a grant writer; reimbursement of pre-award costs; construction; purchase of real property; activities that have the potential to support terrorism; any proposals that discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, creed or ethnicity; and personnel costs.

**Exceptions:** In selected cases, projects undertaken by organizations that normally fall outside the above guidelines may be able to receive funding. *Examples include:* religious organizations whose proposal impacts the broader community; or units of government whose proposal extends beyond the traditional governmental functions and impacts the broader community.

## Reporting Requirements

Awardees will be required to complete **two (2) progress reports** that include images documenting their projects and attain photo releases of those recognizable in the images.

A **final report** is due 30 days following completion of the project and no later than one year plus 30 days after the grant award date. All reports are completed in ACF's online grant system using the same profile login and password used to apply for the grant. Failure to complete final reports on time may impact an organization's ability to receive future funding from ACF.



## Process

- 1) Review these 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, establish a new account. Please remember your username and password as it will be used for all current and future applications and any reporting on awarded grant projects.
- 4) Submit an application to the GCI Suicide Prevention grant, including:
  - Organizational background (Mission Statement, services provided, geographical regions served, brief history)
  - Approved organizational budget and previous year's Balance Sheet Statement
  - Project summary, timeline, impact, and outcome(s)
  - Requested amount
  - Community needs and support
  - Budget narrative and considerations
  - Applications 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 soon after submission and award announcements should be expected by early August 2021. **Applications are due: Friday, July 30th, 2021, by 5:00 PM (AKST)**
- 6) When logging back on to the system after establishing a Profile, you will be directed to the Application Status Page where you can edit your application, check your status, find report deadlines, and manage your contacts. Contact ACF if you have trouble with the online grants system.

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the GCI Suicide Prevention grant opportunity at The Alaska Community Foundation.

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