



Open for Summer Camp Initiative Application Guidelines

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is currently accepting applications for the Open for Summer Camp Initiative grant opportunity.

Deadline for applications: June 22, 2021, 5:00 PM (AKST)

Grant Request Amount Range: Up to \$15,000 per site, \$45,000 maximum

Online Application Instructions [Click Here](#)

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Municipality of Anchorage, Rasmuson Foundation, and the Alaska Community Foundation have partnered to provide support to 2021 summer camp and youth programming. If your organization is eligible for funding as described below, we invite you to submit a grant application.

Purpose

Summer camp and youth programming opportunities have been severely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, resulting in less campers/participants that can be accommodated in programming, and increased costs associated with providing high quality experiences for Alaskan youth. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to increase the number of youth who have the opportunity to experience camp and/or other programming this summer.

The program prioritizes organizations that are addressing the following key issues:

- 1) Costs – scholarships/camperships to assist in a family's ability to pay, or for rural camps that do not charge a fee, the ability to pay staff and/or increase the number of participants (campers);
- 2) Special expenses – may include traveling activity kits that reach youth who are unable to attend day or resident camps, increased transportation costs, or changes in program delivery;
- 3) Increased expenses incurred due to COVID-19 mitigation; and
- 4) Access to staff professional development and training for counselors.

Successful requests will focus on increasing the *quantity* of young people who have access to camp experiences and improving the *quality* of the camp experience. Camp capital needs are not eligible for this grant program but will continue to be met through Rasmuson Foundation's Tier I grant program on an ongoing basis.

Key Considerations

1. Grant requests may be up to \$15,000 per camp site or program, with a cap of \$45,000 per organization.
2. Applications will primarily be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - The organization's history, fiscal capacity, and successful demonstration of prior implementation of summer camp programming or other summer educational programming.
 - The project's commitment to reach underserved youth, educational components, outdoor activities, and benefit to the organization and community and/or region served.
 - The Camps Initiative will prioritize projects to distribute grant funding, to the extent feasible, equitably across Alaska's geographic regions.



Eligibility

Your organization is eligible for funding through this grant opportunity if it 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)
- Faith-based organization providing social services to the broader community
- Tribal nonprofit organization
- City governments

Please Note:

- Organizations can receive CARES Act and American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) funding from multiple sources, but the funding cannot be used for any expense otherwise paid using CARES Act, APRA, or other federal funds. Requests for funding from the Open for Summer Camp Initiative cannot duplicate funding received through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan emergency advance program (EIDL), AK CARES small business loans, or other CARES Act or ARPA-sourced funding.
- Recipient organizations must sign all state and federal assurances, as described on page 4 of these guidelines.
- All funding from grant awards received through the Open for Summer Camp Initiative must be expended by September 30, 2021.
- Reporting for grant awards received through the Open for Summer Camp Initiative will be due on October 15, 2021.

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

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.
- 4) Submit an application to the Open for Summer Camp, including:
 - DUNS Number



- Organizational background (Mission Statement, services provided, geographical area served, brief history)
- Approved organizational budget and previous year's Balance Sheet Statement
- Background of camp and/or summer programming offerings
- List of board members
- Requested amount
- Description of need as specifically related to summer camp and other summer youth programming
- Budget narrative

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 the end of June 2021.

Applications are due:

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, by 5:00 PM (AKST)

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the Open for Summer Camp Initiative 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