



Premera Rural Health Fund Grant Guidelines

Deadline for Applications: Rolling, next application deadline is October 26

Request Amount: Up to \$100,000

Access the Online Application [Here](#)

Goal

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) offers the Premera Rural Health Fund grant program with the goal of funding projects that will help Alaska nonprofits provide access to quality health care in rural Alaska communities. This program seeks applications for projects that improve the quality of health care delivery as demonstrated by evidenced-based research.

Overview

- To best position your application for success, applicants are strongly encouraged to speak with ACF staff ahead of time to discuss their project and to submit a draft proposal for review by ACF staff. Draft reviews are available. Please contact ACF program staff via email: grants@alaskacf.org or by phone: 907-334-6700 for a draft review.
- Grant requests may be for up to \$100,000
- **Applications will be reviewed on a rolling deadline, with awards made quarterly.**
- All awarded projects are required to be completed within one calendar year from the date grant funds are received. Prior Premera Rural Health Fund grant award recipients may apply for additional support once all grant reporting requirements have been completed on the previous grant award.
- All applications must be submitted online. Contact ACF with any questions regarding the online application system via email: grants@alaskacf.org or by phone: 907-334-6700. More information and links to the online application system are available at www.alaskacf.org.

Eligibility Criteria & Priorities

Eligible organizations are defined as community health centers, outpatient clinics, Alaska Native organization and tribal government operated clinics and/or hospitals, critical access hospitals, sole community hospitals, located in rural and remote locations of Alaska. Organizations must be based in Alaska, either have 501(c)(3) status and classified as a “not a private foundation” under section 509(a) of the tax code, or are a unit of government, such as a city or tribal government. ***Ineligible applicants include individuals; for profit, 501(c)(4) or (c)(6) organizations or non-Alaska based organizations.***



Eligible projects are short-term capital projects, including the purchase of medical and dental equipment, technology, vehicles and ancillary equipment for emergency services, facility renovations and restorations, and furnishings. Organizations may receive multiple grants, if projects are different sites of service.

Preference will be given to projects that improve the quality of health care delivery as demonstrated by evidenced-based research. Projects that result in stronger outreach or programming to rural communities; demonstrate accountability, cultural sensitivity, and unify communities; are politically neutral and environmentally sound; empower the disadvantaged or underserved; are collaborative and show community support; demonstrate 100% board financial giving to the organization; and have identified other financial support for the project.

Applicants are highly encouraged to include in their grant proposal estimates and bids for contracted services and/or significant purchases for the project. **Ineligible projects include:**

- religious indoctrination or other religious activities
- endowment building
- deficit financing
- lobbying
- electioneering and activities of political nature
- proposals for ads
- Sponsorships for special events
- Direct fundraising, including hiring a grant writer
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs
- Construction
- Purchase of real property
- Pass-through funding or other financial assistance to nonprofits
- Activities that have the potential to support terrorism
- Core government or organizational services
- Any proposals that discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, creed or ethnicity
- Direct program costs
- Personnel costs

The Fund will generally not support: completed project components; projects associated with core government functions, including but not limited to roads, utilities, and public safety. ***Examples of ineligible expenses include but are not limited to: operating expenses (staff time), memberships and fees.***

Reporting Requirements

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.



Preparing Your Proposal

Step 1: To apply, create a new account in ACF's online grants system. Applicants using the web-based system for the first time will need to create a profile. The profile should be completed by the person writing the grant application and responsible for any grant reports. Please remember your username and password as it will be used for all current and future applications and any reporting on awarded grant projects. Visit the "Helpful Hints" section for more in-depth information about using the online application system.

Step 2: After logging into the system, you will be routed to the Application Status Page. To start a new application, click "Apply" below your contact information. Select the Premera Rural Health Fund grant program from the list and you will be taken to the application. The online system times-out after 40 minutes of no activity; remember to save your application often.

Step 3: When logging back on to the system after establishing a Profile, you will be directed to the Application Status Page where you can check your status, find report deadlines and manage your contacts. Contact grants@alaskacf.org if you experience difficulty with the online grants system.

Policies and Procedures

If changes need to be made to an awarded project's grant budget and/or program plans, the grantee shall make a written request to ACF Program staff at grants@alaskacf.org before any changes occur. Any variance in project purpose requires prior ACF approval. Grant funds may not be used for projects other than what has been approved. ACF reserves the right to require the return of funds if it deems that the grantee has not complied with the terms of the grant agreement for use of funds, to comply with any law or regulation affecting the grantee, grant, or ACF, or any remaining funds if not fully expended at the end of the project period.

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About The Alaska Community Foundation

Established in 1995, The Alaska Community Foundation is a statewide platform for philanthropy that connects people who care with causes that matter. Holding over \$100 million in more than 500 funds for the benefit of Alaskans, ACF grants \$5-6 million each year to charitable projects and nonprofit organizations across Alaska. Our mission is to cultivate, celebrate and sustain all forms of philanthropy to strengthen Alaska's communities forever.

If you have any questions after reading these documents or the Premera Rural Health Care Fund, please contact an ACF Program staff member at grants@alaskacf.org or call 907-334-6700.