



# Camp Initiative Application Guidelines

Deadline for applications: March 24, 5:00 PM (AKST)

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

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Rasmuson Foundation and The Alaska Community Foundation have partnered to provide support to 2022 - camps and youth programming across Alaska. If your organization is eligible for funding as described below, we invite you to submit a grant application through The Alaska Community Foundation.

## Purpose

Camps and youth programming opportunities have been severely impacted by the pandemic, resulting in less campers/ participants that can be accommodated, and increased costs associated with providing high quality experiences for Alaskan youth.

**The Camps Initiative prioritizes funding for 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; and
3. 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 1 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 and cultural 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
- Federally recognized Tribes or Tribal nonprofit organizations
- City governments or Boroughs

**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 the guidelines to ensure that your organization is eligible for funding.
2. Contact The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) 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, you will need to create a new profile before applying.
4. Applicants will be asked to provide:
  - Organizational background (Mission Statement, services provided, geographical area served, brief history)
  - Organizational budget
  - Background of camp and/or programming offerings
  - Requested amount
  - Description of need as specifically related to camp and other youth programming
  - Project budget and budget narrative
5. Applications can be saved in process and returned to for completion. Once an application is submitted, it cannot be modified by the applicant.
6. Grants will be reviewed soon after submission and award announcements should be expected by mid-April 2022. **Applications are due: Thursday, March 24 by 5:00 PM (AKST)**

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the Camp Initiative grant opportunity.

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