Healthy Communities: Art, Culture, and Play
Applications Accepted: August 22nd – October 5th, 2022.
Grants awarded up to $25,000

The Healthy Communities: Art, Culture, and Play grant opportunity was created by the Alaska Community Foundation to support organizations and programs that recognize the vital roles art, culture, and play have in our communities.

Art is defined as those activities and resultant products that involve creative or imaginative talent that expresses technical proficiency, beauty, emotional power, and conceptual ideas. Projects can include community theater presentations, community art installation/creation such as murals or community beautification.

Culture is defined as the invitation to participate in a group setting that promotes and sustains a community’s shared identity or connection to the area.

Play is defined as those activities that inspire joy and enhance a community’s mental and physical health.

DESCRIPTION
After more than two years of making our way through the challenges of a life-altering pandemic, we must now take time to focus on what we need to best recover. Art, culture, and play are essential to our social and economic wellbeing. Most importantly, they remind us of the hope and connection we share within our communities.

This grant is designed to support:
- Opportunities to participate and experience the arts; cultivating artistic skill and imagination.
- Celebrating and sharing the diversity of Alaska’s cultures.
- Play that inspires joy while also enhancing mental and/or physical health.

The Alaska Community Foundation offers the Healthy Communities: Art, Culture, and Play grant awards with the goal of funding activities that engage arts, culture, and play to strengthen and heal communities and enhance wellbeing.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofit or equivalent organizations located in the state of Alaska. Equivalent organizations may include tribal organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, and local government agencies and programs.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS
Preference will be given to projects and organizations that:
- Integrate art, culture, and/or play into strategies for strengthening and healing the community.
- Connects communities, people, places, and opportunities through art, culture, or play, creating new relationships or building upon and improving existing ones.
INELIGIBLE PROJECTS
Ineligible applicants include individuals, for profit, 501(c)(4) or (c)(6) organizations, private foundations, 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Review the guidelines to ensure that your organization is eligible for funding.
2. Contact the Alaska Community Foundation grant staff (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?urikey=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
   - Requested amount
   - Description of need as specifically related to the proposed project/program
   - Project Budget and project 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 the end of October 2022. Applications are due: Wednesday, October 5th by 5:00 PM (AKST)
7. Award notifications made in mid-October and grant awards sent out in mid-November.

ACF CONTACT INFORMATION
Please contact the Program & Grants team at grants@alaskacf.org or 907-334-6700

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