



# Social Justice Fund Grant Guidelines

**Spring Deadline for Applications: November 15, 2023**

**Request Amount: Up to \$15,000**

**Access the Online Application [Here](#)**

---

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is proud to be the steward of the Social Justice Fund, which was generously founded by Jonathan B. Rubini and Clare Bertucio in 2015 to run through 2025.

## Purpose

The Social Justice Fund supports organizations and projects that **seek to eradicate systemic discrimination, increase the power of disenfranchised and under-resourced communities, and promote equal rights and equitable opportunities for all.**

Priority will be given to organizations that:

- Address root causes in addition to reducing harm and relieving the symptoms of systemic issues.
- Show a commitment to lasting, fundamental mindset shifts in relation to social justice issues.
- Serve communities outside the Anchorage bowl and are located in the communities they serve.

This fund offers **general operating support** to small/developing organizations (<\$500,000 annual budget) with a primary mission of advancing social justice. **Project support** is also available to those small/developing organizations advancing social justice through specific projects (but without social justice as a primary part of their mission).

Note: Lobbying, legislative advocacy, and political campaigning are not eligible activities or expenses. Please contact [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org) if you have questions about whether your project falls into this category.

## Key Considerations

1. Project support requests may be up to \$15,000 per organization with a project period between **January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024**. General operating grants will be \$10,000. In 2022, 44% of applicants requesting project support received at least partial funding, and the median award size was \$8,750. In 2023, we expect to award \$150,000 in total grants to 15-20 organizations.
2. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - **Mission:** To what extent is the organization or project focused on advancing social justice?



- **Impact:** What is the organization or project's track record in promoting meaningful and lasting change? Does the work address root causes?
  - **Approach:** To what extent does the organization or project use evidence-based and/or innovative approaches to driving social change?
3. To the extent possible, ACF will work to ensure that the funding supports a wide range of approaches to social justice and serves a wide range of under-resourced and disenfranchised people across the state.

## Eligibility

Your organization is eligible for funding through this grant opportunity if it is one of the following:

- Your annual budget is less than \$500,000/year (semi-independent projects that are fiscally sponsored by a larger organization are also eligible to apply, please contact us if you are curious about this kind of eligibility).
- 501(c)3 public charitable organizations 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
- 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.
- Activities that promote hateful activities or promote violence.

## Process

1. Review the guidelines to ensure 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 strong 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 must create a new profile before applying.
4. Applicants will be asked to provide:
  - Organizational background (Mission Statement, services provided, the geographical area served, brief history)
  - Organizational budget
  - Project budget (if seeking project support)
  - Requested amount (if seeking project support)
  - Narrative addressing the evaluation criteria outlined under #2 in "Key Considerations" above.
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 beginning of April. **Applications are due: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 by 5:00 PM (AKST)**

If there is question about whether your organization's needs fit the guidelines, applicants are encouraged to speak with ACF staff ahead of time to discuss your project and to submit a draft proposal for review by ACF staff. Please contact ACF program staff via email: [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org) or by phone: 907-334-6700 for a draft review.

### ACF Contact Information

The Alaska Community Foundation  
Programs & Grants  
[grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org)  
(907) 334-6700