

# 2024 Community Food Security Through Gardening

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*Alaska Community Foundation*

## *About this Grant*

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Funded by a generous legacy gift of Willow-based gardeners, Gerald and Kathryn Freeley, the Gardening as Food Security Grant Program seeks applications from eligible organizations for projects that address food security issues by promoting and facilitating gardening projects in Alaska. With a budget of \$100,000, ACF will award 10 \$10,000 grants to projects within the guidelines outlined below. With this award, these grantees will be eligible for a follow up grant in 2025 for \$10,000 (upon completion of a final report, still meets the requirements below, and with a request for additional funding). In honor of the Freeleys' special connection to the Mat-Su region, there will be priority put on Mat-Su based projects.

Food Security is a broad term with growing definitions. This grant seeks to support projects that strengthen a broad definition of food security that means access by all people at all times to safe, nutritious, and local food for healthy lifestyles.

Please contact ACF staff by phone or email to discuss your ideas if you are concerned they are not a good fit. A draft review of your application is strongly encouraged. If your organization would like to have a draft review of your application, complete and save your application, but do not submit. Please email the Programs & Grants team at least two (2) weeks prior to the deadline at [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org) requesting a review.

## *Organization Information*

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### **Mission Statement\***

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### **Brief Summary of Services the Organization Provides\***

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### **Approximate Number of Community Members Served or Engaged\***

#### **Choices**

- 1-50
- 51-100
- 101-150
- 151-250
- 251-500

501-1000  
1000+  
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**Region the Organization Provides Services\***

Please specify the main region your organization provides its services. If it is multiple regions, choose the area you have the most impact or statewide. *Mat-Su Valley is a priority for this funding but up to 49% of the budget can be allocated to eligible organizations outside the Mat-Su Valley.*

**Choices**

- Aleutian Chain
- Anchorage MOA
- Arctic Slope
- Bering Strait
- Bristol Bay
- Copper River
- Fairbanks
- Interior Alaska
- Juneau
- Kodiak Archipelago
- Mat-Su Valley
- Northwest Arctic
- Prince William Sound
- Southcentral Alaska
- Southeast Alaska
- Statewide
- Yukon-Kuskokwim

**Organization's Current Operating Budget (Annual Expenses)\***

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**Operational Budget Comments\***

Please explain any financial circumstances that are unique to your organization.

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*Project Information*

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**Project/Program Name\***

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**Please describe the activity you propose to undertake in one sentence.\***

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### Budget

Line Item	Requested Amount	Other Funding?	Status?	Line Item Total

### Aligned Purpose\*

To what extent is the purpose of the project aligned with the goal of engaging community members in a reliable source of food for participants and communities?

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### Targeted Impact\*

To what extent does the project plan include clear, concrete measures of success?

- Strong applications should demonstrate how funding will directly impact gardening and food security in the community served by the project.
- Projects involving training should demonstrate metrics on how many participants have/will be trained upon completion of the project and their perceived reach in the community (number of community members involved, impacted, taught, etc.).

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### Sustainability\*

To what extent does the project plan indicate a commitment to the long-term?

- Strong applications should demonstrate how funding will directly impact gardening and food security in the community served by the project.

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### Hands-on Approach\*

To what extent is the project hands-on?

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**Collaboration\***

To what extent does the project engage partner organizations to achieve its vision? And to what extent does the project leverage funds from other sources?

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**Additional Information - General uploads**

Upload other supporting documents here.

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## *Electronic Signature*

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With my electronic signature, I certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete. I agree to allow any information on this application (unless otherwise noted) to be released for publication.

I authorize The Alaska Community Foundation to verify any information submitted as part of this application.

**I have read the above information.\*****Choices**

Yes

No

**Title of Authorizing Official\***

The Authorizing Official has the authority to solicit and accept grants on behalf of their organization.

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**Date\***

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**Electronic Signature\***

By typing in your name below, you certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

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Reach out to the Programs & Grants team at ACF with questions by email: [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org), or by phone: 907-334-6700.

## *Draft Review*

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### **Draft Reviewed?**

Did the applicant ask for a draft review and was it completed with feedback emailed back to the applicant?

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

### **Name of Reviewer?**

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