



# GCI Suicide Prevention Grant Guidelines

**Deadline for Applications: June 14, 2023, 5:00 PM (AKST)**

Grant Request Amount Range: \$1,000 - \$20,000

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), in partnership with GCI, is offering the GCI Suicide Prevention grant opportunity. The goal is to fund projects and organizations that will help reduce rates of suicide in Alaska and promote mental wellness through strengthened community and personal connections. Organizations seeking project or operational support are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to projects located in rural Alaska or programs that reach rural communities in Alaska (defined as outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau).

## Overview

- Grant requests may be for up to \$20,000; *the average award is approximately \$7,000.*
- You are encouraged to reach out to Programs & Grants staff for a draft review prior to submission. The draft review deadline is **Wednesday, May 31**. Please contact ACF Programs & Grants staff via email: [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org) or by phone: 907-334-6700 for a draft review.
- All awarded projects are required to be completed within one calendar year from the date grant funds are received.
- All applications must be submitted online. Contact ACF with any questions regarding the online application system via email: [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org) or by phone: 907-334-6700. More information and links to the online application system are available at [www.alaskacf.org](http://www.alaskacf.org).

## Key Considerations

- Empower Alaskans to work together to promote community wellness.
- Demonstrate measurable results, accountability, cultural sensitivity, and unify communities.
- Will impact communities that might not have easy access to suicide prevention support programs and;
- Focus on at least one of the following areas to decrease suicide in Alaska:
  - Addressing generational trauma
  - Veteran connectedness
  - Means restriction / Gun safety
  - Increased connectivity to treatment services
  - Youth coalitions
  - Primary prevention
  - Support for those already doing this work in communities
  - Building on past successes
  - Support of needs assessments
  - Community mobilization
  - High-risk populations



## 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
- K-12 Schools

**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.

## Reporting Requirements

Awardees will be required to complete **two (2) progress reports** that include images documenting their projects and attain photo releases of those recognizable in the images.

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.

## 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 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 offering(s)
  - Requested amount
  - Description of need as specifically related to suicide prevention and other key considerations as described above
  - 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 July.

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the GCI Suicide Prevention grant opportunity at The Alaska Community Foundation.

### **ACF Contact Information**

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