CHILKAT VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2022 Annual Grant Guidelines



Annual Grant Application Period Opens: Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Annual Grant Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 28, 2022, by 5:00 PM AKST

Typical Annual Grant Award Range: \$500 - \$3,500

Online Application: www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaska

Eligibility Criteria

The Chilkat Valley Community Foundation (CVCF), an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), seeks applications from qualified, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations (or equivalents, such as Tribal entities, schools, and faith-based organizations) that support charitable organizations and programs in the Chilkat Valley area. Grants may support a broad range of community needs, including, but not limited to health and wellness, education, the great outdoors, arts and culture, and community development.

Ineligible organizations or activities: Individuals, for-profit, 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), and non-Alaska based organizations, private or family foundations, state and federal government agencies, and ad hoc groups without a tax-exempt legal status are not eligible for competitive grants. Applications for religious indoctrination or other religious activities, endowment building, deficit financing, fundraising, lobbying, electioneering, or activities of political nature will not be considered, nor will proposals for ads, sponsorships, or special events (e.g., fundraisers), and any proposals which discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, creed, or ethnicity.

Exceptions: In selected cases, projects undertaken by organizations that normally fall outside the above guidelines may be able to receive funding. Examples include faith-based organizations whose proposal impacts the broader community, and units of government whose proposal extends beyond the traditional governmental functions that impact the broader community.

Fiscal Sponsorship: Ineligible organizations may be able to receive funding for projects if they seek support from a qualified organization that is willing to provide fiscal sponsorship. Fiscal sponsors must agree to take legal and fiscal responsibility for accepting grant funds from CVCF on behalf of the ineligible organization. A letter from the fiscal sponsor must be submitted with the application for the project to be considered. Please review the fiscal sponsor letter template at the end of this document for a full list of requirements.

Annual Grant projects must be completed by Wednesday, September 27, 2023, and are subject to the grantee completing an online grant agreement signifying acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant. A final grant report and any outstanding follow-ups must also be submitted online by or before the assigned due date for the grantee to be eligible for future grant opportunities from CVCF. Due dates and the forms to submit for these follow-ups can be found by logging into the online grant system.

Evaluation Criteria

The CVCF **Annual Grants Committee** is composed of volunteer Advisory Board and other community members. The committee strives to facilitate a competitive process that is fair and transparent, and all eligible applications are reviewed and evaluated using a scoring matrix by each committee member.

Preference will be given to applications which have the potential to impact a broad range of Chilkat Valley area residents.

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Applications should detail measurable and achievable outcomes and demonstrate other sources of support, collaboration, and/or cooperation. Applications should also address the sustainability of the proposed program or project for which funding is desired or address how the program or project will contribute to the organization's sustainability.

Evaluation criteria include but are not limited to the overall merit of the project, the ability of the organization to successfully complete the project, the clarity and measurability of the project's goal, the feasibility of the time frame given for completion of the project, the number of people served, and community need.

Application Requirements

Annual Grant Applications are being considered in three (3) grant categories:

- 1. **Operating Support Grants** may be awarded to sustainable organizations in amounts not to exceed 20% of the local organization's secured cash annual budget.
- 2. **New Program and Special Project Grants** may be awarded for programs and projects that are not undertaken on an annual basis.
- 3. **Capital Grants** (i.e., grants for construction, remodel, renovation, technology, furniture, equipment, etc.) Capital Grant applicants will receive extra scoring points if they have applied for any other grant, such as a Rasmuson Foundation Grant, for the proposed project prior to applying to CVCF.

Annual Grant applications must be submitted online by 5:00 PM AKST on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 using the link provided in these grant guidelines and on the CVCF website (www.chilkatvalleycf.org) when the application period opens on Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

To be considered, any overdue grant reports or other follow-ups for previous grant awards from ACF and its Affiliates must be submitted using the online grant system (<u>CVCF Online Grant System</u>) prior to the deadline for the current application. Due dates and the forms to submit for these follow-ups can be found by logging into the online grant system.

Questions?

Please direct all general questions to CVCF's Advisory Board at: chilkatvalley@alaskacf.org. Please direct systems questions to ACF's Affiliate Program staff, at affiliate@alaskacf.org or 907-334-6700.