

2026 CVCF Discretionary Grant Guidelines

Discretionary Grants of up to \$1,000 may be awarded throughout the year to eligible organizations in order to maximize special opportunities or meet extraordinary one-time needs that were unforeseen at the time of the regular grant cycle and/or don't fall into the next regular grant cycle. Discretionary Grant requests must align with your organization's mission. **Organizations interested in seeking an unsolicited Discretionary Grant must contact the Grantmaking Committee Chair or Program Manager prior to submission.**

Eligibility Criteria

The Chilkat Valley Community Foundation (CVCF), an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), accepts 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 and service 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, and if your project is aligned with the fiscal sponsor's mission. Fiscal sponsors must agree to take legal and fiscal responsibility for accepting grant funds from CVCF on behalf of the ineligible organization. **A signed letter from the fiscal sponsor must be submitted with the grant request** 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.

Important Notes for Grantees

- **Grant Project/Program Timeline:** Grant projects/programs must be completed within one year of the award date, unless the CVCF Advisory Board approves a timeline extension for your awarded project/program. Extensions must be requested prior to the grant report due date.
- **Required Grant Reports:** Discretionary Grant Reports are due within 30 days after the project/program is completed. Grant reports should be emailed to chilkatvalley@alaskacf.org.
- **Overdue Grant Reports:** If you are a grantee and have any overdue grant reports for previous grant awards from ACF or CVCF, you must complete a final grant report for those previous awards before your organization is eligible to be considered for any current or future grant opportunities from ACF or CVCF.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Discretionary Grant requests will be evaluated by a standing committee of the CVCF Board. Evaluation will occur within one week of receipt of a discretionary grant application. The project description and project need will be scored by the committee members along with whether the project is considered to be a priority for the community.
- Receiving a Discretionary Grant award in a given year does not preclude an organization from applying for a competitive grant in the fall grant cycle.

Questions?

Please contact CVCF's local Program Manager, Amanda Hamell, at ahamell@alaskacf.org.