

Application Period Opens: Monday, August 16, 2021
Application Deadline: Friday, September 24, 2021, by 5:00 PM AKST
Online Application: www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaska

Eligibility Criteria

Sitka Legacy Foundation (SLF), an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), seeks applications from qualified entities, including tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations, tribal entities, local government, schools, and faith-based organizations that support community projects in Sitka and on Baranof Island.

Grants may support a broad range of community needs. General organizational operating expenses are an eligible use of grant funds.

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). SLF does not fund travel outside of Sitka. Projects that discriminate on the basis of race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or gender expression, age, disability, creed, or ethnicity are ineligible for funding.

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. Projects of tribal organizations that legally offer Native preference in providing services are eligible.

Fiscal Sponsorship: Ineligible organizations may be able to receive funding for projects if they seek support from a qualified organization who is willing to provide fiscal sponsorship. Fiscal sponsors must agree to take legal and fiscal responsibility for accepting grant funds from SLF 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.

Grant projects generally must be completed within one year of award 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 must also be submitted online by the assigned due date – the final grant report includes a requirement to submit three photos of the project (or impact of the project). Due dates and the forms to submit for these follow-ups can be found by logging into the online grant system.

Awards

SLF anticipates that most individual grants will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, and will not exceed \$5,000. Decisions will be made in early October and funds will be disbursed by early November.

Evaluation Criteria

The SLF Grants Committee includes Advisory Board members and other community volunteers. 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.

Applications should detail measurable and achievable outcomes and demonstrate other sources of support, collaboration, and/or cooperation.

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 organization's need, and the number of people served.

Application Requirements

Grant applications must be submitted online by 5:00 PM AKST on Friday, September 24, 2021, using the link provided above and on the SLF website (www.sitkalegacy.org) when the application period opens on Monday, August 16, 2021.

Any overdue grant reports or other follow-ups for previous grant awards from ACF and its Affiliates must also be submitted using the online grant system (www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaska) prior to the deadline for the current application to be considered. Due dates and the forms to submit for these follow-ups can be found by logging into the online grant system.

Questions?

Please direct **general questions** to SLF's Program Manager, Robin Sherman, at rsherman@alaskacf.org. Please direct **eligibility and technical questions** about the online grant system to ACF's Affiliate Program staff at affiliate@alaskacf.org or 907-334-6700.

Fiscal Sponsor Letter Template

[Name of Fiscal Sponsor Organization]
[Address]
[City, ST ZIP Code]

[Name of Sponsored Organization]
[Address]
[City, ST ZIP Code]

[Date]

Sitka Legacy Foundation
PO Box 2354
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Sitka Legacy Foundation,

This letter certifies that [Name of Fiscal Sponsor Organization] (the “Sponsor”) has agreed to be the fiscal sponsor for [Name of Sponsored Organization] (the “Applicant”) who submitted a grant application to the Sitka Legacy Foundation, an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation (the “Foundation”), for the “[Name of Project]” project.

By signing this letter, Sponsor agrees to the following:

- Sponsor will take responsibility for accepting and dispersing any grant funds that are awarded to Applicant by the Foundation in support of the aforementioned project.
- By accepting any grant funds on behalf of Applicant, Sponsor certifies that (1) no tangible benefit, goods, or services were provided to anyone connected with Sponsor, and (2) this grant will not be used to satisfy the payment of any pledge or other financial obligation on behalf of the donor(s) per Section 6115 of the IRS Code.
- By cashing any grant checks, Sponsor guarantees the grant funds received will be used solely for the purposes approved by the Foundation.
- Any use of grant funds for purposes other than those specified in the grant application and the terms and conditions of the grant award must have the prior approval of the Foundation.
- The Foundation reserves the right to require the return of grant funds if it deems that Sponsor or Applicant have not complied with the agreed use of funds, or any law or regulation affecting the grantee, grant, or the Foundation.

Sincerely,

[Authorized Representative Signature]

[Authorized Representative Name]

[Authorized Representative Title]