

SUPPORTING SITKA IN TIMES OF CRISIS: THE SLF EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

In the face of disaster, the strength of a community lies in its ability to come together. The Sitka Legacy Foundation (SLF) has established the **Emergency Response Fund** to do just that—offer swift, coordinated support to the community when it is needed most.

What Is the SLF Emergency Response Fund?

It is a dormant fund housed at The Alaska Community Foundation to respond swiftly in the face of crisis. Whether it's a landslide, flood, fire, or communication outage, this fund is poised to activate and provide grants to nonprofit and Tribal organizations offering immediate relief to our community.

Who Can Access the Funds?

Nonprofit and Tribal organizations that step up to help those in need are eligible. Funds are not distributed directly to victims, but rather to those providing services like shelter, food, medical aid, and emergency equipment.

How the Process Works

There's no red tape. Organizations simply submit a written request explaining:

- The nature of the emergency
- How the funds will be used
- The amount requested

Once approved by the SLF Advisory Board, **funds are released within 1-2 weeks**, ensuring timely support when it's needed most.

Why Centralized Giving Matters

In the aftermath of a disaster, many want to help but aren't sure where their donations will do the most good. That's where SLF steps in. By acting as a **clearinghouse for donations**, SLF ensures that funds are directed to where they'll make the biggest impact, while freeing local organizations to focus on delivering services — not fundraising. That said, SLF encourages donors to give directly to organizations as well if they prefer. The goal is simply to make sure help gets where it's needed, fast.

How You Can Help

When disaster strikes, time is critical. Your donation to the SLF Emergency Response Fund helps ensure that vital resources reach our community quickly and efficiently. Together, we can ensure that Sitka is ready — no matter what comes our way.

To donate to or learn more about Sitka Legacy Foundation, visit sitkalegacy.org

For questions, contact: sitkalegacy@alaskacf.org

About Sitka Legacy Foundation

Established in 2013, Sitka Legacy Foundation (SLF) is one of eleven Affiliate Community Foundations under the umbrella of The Alaska Community Foundation. SLF's goal is to support local resiliency and self-reliance now and forever. We are committed to maintaining Sitka as a vital, progressive, and healthy place where people can live, work, raise families and retire. To support our community, we promote individual, family and business philanthropy and provide grants to local projects and organizations. SLF resources are invested in a permanent charitable fund to help meet today's needs and provide a reliable source of funding for the future. For more information, visit sitkalegacy.org.

About The Alaska Community Foundation

Established in 1995, The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) is a statewide platform for philanthropy that connects people who care with causes that matter. Managing more than \$240 million in assets and over 2500 funds for the benefit of Alaskans, ACF and their Affiliates grant more than \$15 million each year to charitable projects and nonprofit organizations across the state. ACF's mission is to inspire the spirit of giving and connect people, organizations, and causes to strengthen Alaska's communities now and forever. For more information, visit alaskacf.org or call 907-334-6700.