



## 2026 Competitive Grant Application Guidelines

**Deadline for Applications: 5:00 PM (AKST) Monday, September 21, 2026**  
**Grant Requests Up to \$10,000**

With the addition of City funding, the maximum grant award has increased to \$10,000, but average awards will likely range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Application Period Opens: Monday, August 24, 2026

### Purpose

The Sitka Legacy Foundation, an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), seeks applications from charitable organizations and programs in Sitka and surrounding rural communities. 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.

We encourage applications for projects or programs that address the goals of the **Sitka 2022-2027 Strategic Plan**. Although the Plan was developed specifically as a guide for the City and Borough of Sitka, it reflects the concerns and interests of our community. The general goals stated in the plan could represent desired outcomes for any organization serving the Sitka area, including Port Alexander.

The five goals – edited for more general application - are as follows:

1. **Quality of Life:** Preserve the quality of life and the affordability for all residents.
2. **Communication:** Improve communications and strengthen relationships within the community and organization.
3. **Sustainability:** Align resources and financial and economic policies with Sitka's goals for a sustainable community.
4. **Infrastructure:** Plan and invest in sustainable infrastructure for future generations.
5. **Service:** Support organizations that are recognized as being excellent service providers and great places to work.



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## 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
- Faith-based organization providing social services
- Federally recognized Tribes or Tribal nonprofit organizations
- City governments or Boroughs

## 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
- 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
- Non-Alaska based organizations

## Fiscal Sponsorship:

Ineligible organizations may be able to receive funding for projects if they have 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 ACF/Sitka Legacy Foundation 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 utilize the fiscal sponsor letter template at the end of this document and include with your application.

## Process

1. Review the guidelines to ensure that your organization is eligible for funding.
2. Contact the Affiliate Program staff at [affiliate@alaskacf.org](mailto:affiliate@alaskacf.org) or 907-334-6700 if you have questions as to whether your organization or project is eligible 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



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to ACF's grant management system, you will need to create a new profile before applying.

4. Applicants will be asked to provide:

- Requested grant amount
- Project description (population served and impact)
- Project budget and budget narrative
- Organizational background (mission, services provided, population served)
- Organizational budget

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the Sitka Legacy Foundation's grant opportunity.

## Contact Information

For general questions, including requests for discussion about possible projects, contact Jennifer Mac Donald, Sitka Legacy Foundation Program Manager at [sitkalegacy@alaskacf.org](mailto:sitkalegacy@alaskacf.org)

For eligibility and technical questions about the online grant system, please contact ACF's Affiliate Program Staff at [affiliate@alaskacf.org](mailto:affiliate@alaskacf.org) or 907-334-6700.