



## 2026 Competitive Grant Application Guidelines

Application Period Opens: Friday, February 27, 2026  
Deadline for Applications: 5:00 PM (AKST) April 3, 2026  
Grant Requests: Up to \$3,000

### Purpose:

The Kenai Peninsula Foundation grant opportunity is designed to support **special projects** addressing a broad range of community needs, including but not limited to youth and adult arts and cultural education, community safety, health and wellness, homelessness, food insecurity, the great outdoors, and overall community development and events.

### Key Considerations:

Priority will be given to organizations that have not received grant funding in 2026 for the special project listed in their application.

### 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 Tribe or Tribal nonprofit organizations
- City or borough government
- Public schools

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
- General operating support
- 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

#### 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 KPF 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. Log in to your account in ACF's online grants management system (GLM) at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaska>. If you are new to GLM, you will need to create a new account before applying.
3. Applicants will be asked to provide:
  - Organization Information
  - Project Information
  - Requested Grant Amount
  - Project Budget & Narrative

We look forward to learning about your organization's project and reviewing the submitted application.

#### Contact Information:

Please direct general or project-based questions to KPF's Program Manager, Chera Wackler, at [cwackler@alaskacf.org](mailto:cwackler@alaskacf.org)

Please direct eligibility and technical questions about the online grant system to the Alaska Community Foundation at [affiliate@alaskacf.org](mailto: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]

Kenai Peninsula Foundation  
PO Box 1612  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Kenai Peninsula 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 Kenai Peninsula 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]