



## **ACF Organizational Capacity Grant Guidelines**

*Supporting Organizations that Build Alaska's Conservation Movement*

### **Overview**

Alaska Conservation Foundation's (ACF) Organizational Capacity grant awards support organizations that are working to strengthen and expand Alaska's conservation movement. Organizational Capacity grant awards are \$20,000 for general operation support. A portion of this award is to be used to build the professional capacity of the applicant organization. ACF prioritizes funding decisions based upon alignment of an applicant organization's work with ACF's [Theory of Change](#).

### **Selection Criteria**

In order to be considered for an Organizational Capacity grant, an organization must already demonstrate a commitment to achieve more robust environmental policies, enduring conservation impact, and a more influential conservation movement. Only organizations whose work strongly aligns with ACF priorities should consider submitting an application.

Successful applicants that meet the above criteria will clearly articulate how their organization goals make for a more successful conservation movement. ACF will favor applications that offer an honest and adequate assessment of the applicant organization's current capacity, and a prioritization of capacity building goals.

### **ACF favors the following conservation strategies:**

- Innovation
- Civic Engagement & Citizen Action
- Diverse Partnerships
- Problem Solving
- Collaboration
- Public Awareness & Education



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### Eligibility

Applicants for Organizational Capacity grants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a nonprofit organization based in Alaska, or have an Alaska-based program with a formally-appointed Alaska advisory board
- Have a mission to further conservation efforts in Alaska
- If a current ACF grantee, be in good standing with required grant reports
- Organizations whose primary focus is conducting research, providing educational programs, or purchasing land or land use easements are **not** eligible for this program.

### Apply

Applications for the 2016 Organizational Capacity grants will be accepting beginning July 1, 2016. The deadline for applications is August 26, 2016. To apply for a 2016 Organizational Capacity grant, please use ACF's online system.

To apply, click [here](#).

For helpful hints for using ACF's online application system, click [here](#).

For assistance with the online application system, or questions regarding the content of the application, please contact [grants@alaskaconservation.org](mailto:grants@alaskaconservation.org).

*Note: ACF switched to a new online grants system in June 2016. Even if you are a current or past grantee, you will need to create a new profile.*

All grant recipients are required to submit an interim and final report as outlined in the grant agreement.

### Questions

If you have questions regarding Organizational Capacity grants, please email [grants@alaskaconservation.org](mailto:grants@alaskaconservation.org).