



Rapid Response Grant Program Guidelines

Rapid Response grants provide support for direct conservation advocacy to address unforeseen opportunities or threats of statewide or national significance, leading to more robust environmental policy and enduring conservation impact. Grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 are provided for efforts where a decision point is imminent within the grant period, ideally within 6 months.

Applicants for Rapid Response grants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a non-profit organization engaged in Alaska conservation advocacy
- Be based in Alaska, or have an Alaska-based program
- If a current ACF grantee, be in good standing with required grant reports
- Meet the above criteria of being an *unforeseen* opportunity or threat that has a decision point that is imminent

Rapid Response grants support activities that result in:

- Reduction in destructive environmental activities
- More favorable laws and policies for the environment
- Stronger regulation of these policies and enforcement of these laws
- Stronger environmental protections in place
- More sustainable economic development or activities.

Projects must have clearly identified goals, decision makers, strategy, timeline, and measurable outcomes.

The following activities/costs are not eligible for Rapid Response grants:

- Operating expenses, including existing staff salaries
- Expenses/activities that have already occurred
- Equipment, land acquisition, or research
- Education programs or scholarships
- Capital campaigns
- Literary and/or film projects
- Fees to attend conferences.

Application Process

Applicants who believe their project meets ACF's guidelines and criteria may submit an application. The online application can be found [here](#). Applicants can expect a final decision with 10-12 business days of their submission.

All grant recipients are required to submit a final report as outlined in the grant agreement using the online reporting template provided by ACF.

For questions regarding Rapid Response grants, please email grants@alaskaconservation.org.

The link to the online application system is here:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaskaconservation>