



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 up to \$10,000 are provided for efforts where a decision point is imminent within the grant period.

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 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

Rapid Response grants will support:

- Legal support
- Grassroots advocacy
- Communications & outreach
- Meeting with decision makers
- Scientific or technical support
- Travel
- Contract services

Projects must have clearly identified goals, decision makers, strategy, timeline, and measurable outcomes. Grant requests can include up to a 10% administrative fee.

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

- Operating expenses, including existing staff salaries
- Education programs or scholarships
- Equipment, land acquisition, or research
- 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 at any time. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants can expect a final decision within 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.

To apply, click [HERE](#).