



Bart Koehler Rapid Response Grant Program Guidelines

Alaska Conservation Foundation's Bart Koehler Rapid Response grant program provides support for direct conservation advocacy to address urgent or unforeseen opportunities or threats of statewide or national significance. The program supports the long-term development of more robust environmental policy and enduring conservation impact in Alaska. Preference will be given to projects with an expected decision point. Grants up to \$15,000 are awarded on a rolling basis.

The Bart Koehler Rapid Response grant program is a living tribute to a master strategist, a relentless community organizer, and a giant of the conservation movement. When Bart took the helm of Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, clearcutting was devastating the pristine, old-growth forest stands of the Tongass National Forest. Bart led a human-centered effort to turn a local struggle into a national victory when Congress passed the Tongass Timber Reform Act in 1990. Bart knows that when the wild is on the line, timing and local voices are everything.

Applicants for Rapid Response grants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a non-profit (or equivalent) organization engaged in conservation advocacy
- Be based in Alaska, or have an Alaska-based program
- Meet the criteria of addressing an urgent or unforeseen opportunity or threat
- If a current ACF grantee, be in good standing with required grant reports

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
- More sustainable economic development or activities

Rapid Response grants will support:

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| • Legal support | • Scientific or technical support |
| • Grassroots advocacy | • Travel |
| • Communications & outreach | • Contract services |
| • Meeting(s) with decision makers | • Up to 15% administrative fee |

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

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| • Operating expenses, including existing staff salaries | • Equipment, land acquisition, or research | • Fees to attend conferences |
| • Education programs or scholarships | • Capital campaigns | • Projects outside of Alaska |
| | • Literary and/or film projects | |

Application Process

Applicants who believe their project meets these guidelines and criteria may submit an application at any time. Applicants can expect a decision within 12 business days of their submission. Please consider reaching out to ACF staff to confirm that your project is a fit for this program before applying.

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

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

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