



GCI Suicide Prevention Grant Guidelines

Deadline for Applications: June 13, 2025, 5:00 PM (AKST)

Grant Request Amount Range: \$1,000 - \$15,000

Access the Online Application [Here](#)

The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), in partnership with GCI, is offering the GCI Suicide Prevention grant opportunity, which was founded by GCI in 2016.

Purpose

The goal is to fund projects and organizations that will help reduce rates of suicide in Alaska and promote mental wellness through strengthened community and personal connections. Organizations seeking project or operational support are encouraged to apply.

Priority will be given to organizations that:

- Empower Alaskans to work together to promote community wellness.
- Demonstrate measurable results, accountability, cultural sensitivity, and unify communities.
- Include an element of Suicide Prevention training in the project plan. Applicants can reference the Resources section below for free training programs.
- Will impact communities that might not have easy access to suicide prevention support programs.

Key Considerations

1. Grant requests may be for up to \$15,000 per organization; *the average award is approximately \$7,500*. In 2025, we expect to award \$100,000 in total grants to 10-15 organizations. All awarded projects are required to be completed within one calendar year from the date the grant is awarded.
2. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. **Mission:** Organizations or projects focused on advancing suicide prevention and awareness.
 - b. **Impact:** Organizations or projects that address the root causes of suicide prevention and promote meaningful and lasting change.
 - c. **Approach:** Organizations or projects that use evidence-based and/or innovative approaches to driving this work.



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 (including qualified faith-based organizations).
- Faith-based organization providing social services to the broader community.
- Federally recognized Tribes or Tribal nonprofit organizations.
- City governments or Boroughs.
- K-12 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 outlined above.
- 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.

Reporting Requirements

Awardees will be required to complete **two (2) progress reports** that include images documenting their projects and attain photo releases of those recognizable in the images.

A **final report** is due 30 days following completion of the project and no later than one year plus 30 days after the grant award date. All reports are completed in ACF's online grant system using the same profile login and password used to apply for the grant. Failure to complete final reports on time may impact an organization's ability to receive future funding from ACF.

Process

1. Review the guidelines to ensure your organization is eligible for funding.
2. Contact the Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) grant staff at (contact information below) if you have concerns about your organizations work being a good fit for the guidelines and intentions of this grant.



3. Log in to your account in ACF's online grant management account at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=alaska>. If you are new to ACF's grant management system, you will need to create a new profile before applying.
4. Applications can be saved in process and returned to for completion. Once an application is submitted, it cannot be modified by the applicant.
5. Grants will be reviewed upon the application closing date and award announcements should be expected in August.

Resources for Suicide Prevention Training

Applicants are encouraged to include suicide prevention training in their projects. Below are training programs to support this requirement, which are offered free of charge by the Alaska Division of Behavioral Health:

- [UAA Center for Human Development Trainings](#)
 - Available programs include:
 - Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS)
 - CAMS4Teens
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicide Prevention
 - QPR Institute Training: Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR)
 - Be Sensitive, Be Brave
- [Assisting and Managing Suicide Risk \(AMSR\)](#)
 - Training tailored for direct staff providing inpatient and outpatient care.
 - **Format:** Virtual or in-person (in-person available only in Anchorage).
 - **Contact:** Mya Robinson at mya.robinson@alaska.gov to request a free enrollment coupon code.
- **Lethal Means Reduction**
 - Focused on collaborating with families to create safer environments for students at risk of suicide.
 - **Program Overview:** The presentation workshop invite participants to consider how to balance an evidence-based intervention to reduce suicide risk – lethal means reduction – with school communication norms related to parents and guardians, and to consider how to respectfully engage with adult family members and community leaders to promote safety when concerned about a student's elevated suicide risk.
 - **Facilitators:** Lisa Wexler and Tara Schmidt (PC CARES Trainers).
 - **Contact:** Sheli DeLaney at sheli.delaney@alaska.gov to schedule training.
- [Connect Program](#)
 - A community-based intervention program available upon request. Options include:
 - **Connect Online Training:** Specialized curricula designed for mental health providers, healthcare providers, school staff, and community members.



- **Connect Youth Leaders:** A youth-led training initiative tailored for high school audiences.
- **Building a Safety Net:** A two-day interactive training designed to develop a community-wide suicide prevention plan using national best practices.
- **Developing a Community Suicide Postvention Plan:** Participants collaborate to create a comprehensive community response plan during this two-day session.
- **Contact for All Connect Trainings:** Sheli DeLaney at sheli.delaney@alaska.gov.

Suggested Suicide Prevention Programs and Additional Resources

Want to make a difference but unsure what kind of program to implement? Below is a list of evidence-based programs that have proven successful in Alaska. Applicants can use these as inspiration and include program details in their application:

- **[Sources of Strength](#)**
 - This program has been used successfully by past fund recipients and offers a variety of programs tailored to different audiences, including:
 - Elementary, middle school, and high school programs.
 - Community-based initiatives.
 - Staff wellness training.
 - If you're interested in learning more about program options or have questions about costs, [contact Sources of Strength](#) to discuss the best fit for your community. Mention that your organization is interested in applying for the GCI Suicide Prevention Fund.
- **[AK-ECHO Program](#)**
 - Uses technology to expand access to expert knowledge and best practices in health care across Alaska, including suicide prevention.
 - Learn more or join virtual learning communities through the program's website.
- **[Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium \(ANTHC\)](#)**
 - Provides resources specifically for Alaska Native communities, including:
 - A store order form for suicide prevention materials tailored to Alaska communities.
 - Information and request forms for various training and education opportunities.

We look forward to hearing from all interested organizations that would like to apply for the GCI Suicide Prevention grant opportunity at The Alaska Community Foundation.

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