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ARPA Nonprofit Recovery Fund Now Accepting Applications

Thursday, October 21, 2021 (Anchorage, AK) – Today, the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) announced a partnership with the Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) to distribute \$20 million to Alaska’s nonprofit sector.

The Alaska Legislature appropriated \$20 million from the State’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds towards a nonprofit grant program to be administered by DCCED, now known as the ARPA Nonprofit Recovery Fund. With the guidance of the DCCED, statewide funders, and regional leadership, the ACF will administer the program, including processing applications, distributing grant funds to eligible organizations, and managing grantee reporting.

“COVID has had negative economic impacts on almost every industry sector and our nonprofits are no exception as they continue to persevere and provide services to Alaskans. **said DCCED Commissioner, Julie Anderson.** “The ACF is exemplary in this manner and are partnering with us to quickly launch this program.”

This grant funding will enable Alaskan nonprofits to respond to the public health emergency and the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants will be awarded to support eligible nonprofits and faith-based organizations that provide essential services, grow our economy, and strengthen our Alaskan communities. Qualified expenses must have been incurred between March 3, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

"We welcome the opportunity to work with DCCED to provide grants to the nonprofit sector that is supporting our communities on the frontlines" **said ACF President and Chief Executive Officer, Nina Kempel.** "This unique partnership with the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development allows us to distribute this time sensitive funding to address the critical needs across our state."

Preference will be given to organizations that have not yet received or have received minimal COVID-related relief to date. Grant awards will range in size from \$25,000 to \$750,000 through two rounds of funding. **The application period for round one begins today, October 21, and will close at 5:00pm on November 19, 2021.**

Nonprofits can find more information – including eligibility criteria, details on qualified expenses, and application instructions – and can apply for an ARPA Nonprofit Recovery Fund grant by visiting <https://alaskacf.org/blog/funds/arpa-nonprofit-recovery-fund> or contacting ACF at (907) 334-6700.

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