

Alaskan Leader Foundation
C/O Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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GRANT APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The Alaskan Leader Foundation is now accepting applications for funding of local non-profit organizations and projects for 2018.

Founded in 2000 by the six Kodiak fishing families that started the freezer longline company “Alaskan Leader Fisheries” in 1990 and joined by the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation in 2007, the Foundation has granted over \$600,000 to non-profit community organizations in both Kodiak and Bristol Bay. In these two diverse regions of Central and Western Alaska, the ALFF grants have become an important source of local non-profit funding. Recipients have included schools and educational programs, community food banks and shelters; youth sports programs, museums, and environmental recycling efforts.

In 2009, the *Foundation Partnership Program* was initiated to provide the opportunity for businesses, commercial fishermen and individuals to work with the Foundation to fund general and specific non-profit projects by providing a one-time or annual financial contributions.

Our Mission: Bring education, activities, community improvements and most of all support to the people who need it most in rural Alaska.

Deadline for receipt of applications: Friday, March 30, 2018

BBEDC CDQ Communities: Aleknagik, Clarks Point, Dillingham, Egegik, Ekuk, Ekwok, King Salmon, Levelock, Manokotak, Naknek, Pilot Point, Port Heiden, Portage Creek, South Naknek, Togiak, Twin Hills and Ugashik.

Applications may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to reach **BBEDC** by the due date. To request an application or for more information, please contact Helen Smeaton at 842-4370 or e-mail: helen@bbedc.com. Applications are also available on BBEDC’s website www.bbedc.com.

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CONTRIBUTION REQUEST FORM

Attach to this form supplemental materials that you feel will provide additional information about your organization, project or event.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION:

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BENEFIT: _____

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ _____

HOW CONTRIBUTION WILL BE USED:

* If more than one application is submitted, please prioritize in order of importance to the organization.

Application must be received by March 30, 2018.

Please return to:

Helen Smeaton - Fax: 842-4336 or e-mail to: helen@bbedc.com

Supplemental Information Regarding the Alaskan Leader Foundation Grants

To help explain a little more about the grants and address some questions in advance, we offer the following information:

- BBEDC does not know the total amount of funding available in advance, this is dependent on donations to the AL Foundation and their mission to service both the Kodiak and Bristol Bay CDQ regions.
- Grants issued are generally under \$5,000.
- The Foundation makes every attempt to spread the funding throughout the 17 CDQ communities represented by BBEDC.
- Partial funding may be awarded if the project is chosen but unable to be funded fully.
- Reporting consists of supplying a brief narrative and pictures (if available) pertaining to how the funds were used. We love to share ideas with others.
- Only non-profit groups/entities are eligible.
- If an organization is submitting more than one application, prioritization of projects is appreciated.
- This is a great opportunity for those small projects that traditional funding is not available for.
- Please share the application with others that may be interested.

Examples of previous awards included funds for:

- Scoreboard/speaker system for schools
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Sports programs
- Teacher/school projects (reading/club supplies)
- Repairs to village office buildings
- Computer/internet upgrades
- Search and Rescue Equipment
- After school programs
- Church repairs/supplies
- Shelter supplies
- Food Banks
- Support for community groups
- AND MUCH MORE.....