

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Community Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 92-0155067****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

# Alaska Community Foundation - Alaska Children's Trust Youth Suicide Prevention Program

**State Funding Requested: \$25,000****House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

To pilot a small grants program dedicated to community-based youth suicide prevention efforts in Alaska.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$25,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*No funding history as this is a pilot project to fund grassroots, local suicide prevention efforts during FY13.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

If funded, Alaska Children's Trust will provide up to ten (10) grants of \$2,500 for community-based suicide prevention efforts. Eligible applicants would include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; municipalities and Regional Educational Attendance Areas or other political subdivisions of the State; Alaska Native Tribes, or a combination of these entities. Preference will be given to applications which empower the disadvantaged or underserved, are collaborative or cooperative in nature, and do not duplicate existing programs and services. In addition, preference will be given to applications which demonstrate measurable results, accountability, cultural sensitivity, and unify communities. Successful applications will detail measurable and achievable outcomes and address the sustainability of the program or project for which funding is desired.

The Alaska Children's Trust works with the Alaska Community Foundation to oversee the Alaska Children's Trust endowment and administer an annual grant-making process. Funds secured from the State of Alaska should be directed to the Alaska Community Foundation - ACT Youth Suicide Prevention Fund.

**Project Timeline:**

The project timeline depends on the number of applications received and approved.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

The Alaska Community Foundation

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

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March 22, 2012

Representative Anna Fairclough  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol Room 501  
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Rep. Fairclough,

The Alaska Children's Trust seeks \$25,000 from the State of Alaska to pilot a small grants program dedicated to community-based youth suicide prevention efforts in Alaska.

Research indicates that many complex factors contribute to youth suicide and suicidal behavior. Amongst these factors is history of childhood physical or sexual abuse and impaired parent-child relationships. The roots of prolonged abuse and impaired familial relationships can start early in a child's life and the Alaska Children's Trust has focused its attention on building families during these early years. We recognize that it is also important to provide tools for families and communities to build on protective factors as young children grow into pre-teens and teenagers.

The Alaska Children's Trust is exploring how we might better connect youth suicide prevention efforts with our existing work on child abuse and neglect prevention in Alaska. We have started conversations with community partners on enhancing our grant-making programs to effect change in this vital area. We seek to obtain funding from the State of Alaska to implement a pilot project to fund community-based youth suicide prevention efforts during FY13.

The Alaska Children's Trust operates with the vision of Alaska as a place where all children and families are safe and thriving. We work to accomplish this vision through raising awareness, increasing support and committing resources to eliminate child abuse and neglect.

As a grant-making entity, ACT is a leader among organizations that implement programs that impact parents and youth in Alaska. In 2012, ACT provided just over \$500,000 to 14 organizations to implement programs that prevent child abuse and neglect. ACT has been at the forefront of integrating the nationally recognized Strengthening Families model into our grant-making. This model identifies five "protective factors" which exist in healthy families and communities. We have used the Strengthening Families model to build awareness amongst constituents through community-based dialogue. In addition, the Alaska Children's Trust has used Community Cafes to build awareness of Strengthening Families amongst constituents through community-based dialogue.

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In 2011, the State of Alaska granted the nearly \$11 million endowment, formerly managed by the Alaska Department of Revenue, to The Alaska Community Foundation for the benefit of the Alaska Children's Trust. The Alaska Community Foundation manages the endowment as a component fund of the foundation and works with the Alaska Children's Trust to administer an annual grant-making process. The Alaska Community Foundation was established in 1995 as a way to strengthen communities by assisting individuals and organizations in creating charitable funds. The Alaska Community Foundation is comprised of more than 280 component funds, including numerous affiliate and partner community funds, and has assets totaling more than \$50 million. Funds secured from the State of Alaska should be directed to the Alaska Community Foundation—ACT Youth Suicide Prevention Fund.

**For more information, please contact:**

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Warm regards,



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