



FISCAL YEAR 2009 MINI-GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Overview

The Alaska Food Coalition is funding mini-grants of up to \$1,000 to **member agencies** involved in fighting hunger in Alaska. The funds are for food purchase and transportation costs only.

This fiscal year, the Alaska Food Coalition is funding up to 13 grants.

Application Procedures

To apply for a fiscal year 2009 mini-grant, agencies should first confirm their membership in the Alaska Food Coalition. If you need to become a member, you can fill out an application by contacting afc@foodbankofalaska.org. Agencies should fill out and return the fiscal year 2009 application to the Alaska Food Coalition by October 30, 2008. This application is available in hard copy by mail, on the Alaska Food Coalition website, www.alaskafood.org, and via email from the Alaska Food Coalition Manager. Applications may be handwritten, but we would prefer applicants to request an electronic application so they can type in their responses.

Completed applications can be returned to the Alaska Food Coalition Manager by mail, fax, email or hand.

Mailing address:

Alaska Food Coalition Manager
c/o Food Bank of Alaska
2121 Spar Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Fax number:

(907) 277-7368

Email address:

afc@foodbankofalaska.org
www.alaskafood.org

Please address all correspondence to the Alaska Food Coalition Manager.

Helpful Hints

With the current state of our economy, the anti-hunger network in Alaska has seen a sharp increase in the demand for services. This year, the coalition membership decided to provide funds to help organizations through these tough times. ***The grant funds can only be used for food purchase or transportation costs.*** The coalition would like to invite all member organizations that are currently running a community-supported pantry to apply for funding. If you only provide foods through a government-funded program, (e.g. TEFAP, CSFP or FDPIR) this funding will be of little use to your organization. However, supplementing the federal food that clients receive with purchased foods is a potential option for this funding.

While all member organizations are encouraged to apply, rural locations off the road system will be given funding priority.

In general, applicants are advised to show concrete data that proves the increased need in their community. Applicants should use data they have collected through their pantry and data about their community to make a case for why their organization should receive the funding. This money is not a renewable grant, but the coalition does want to know how the organization plans to take advantage of these funds and what the plans are for feeding people when these funds run out.

Once again, applicants should keep in mind that the reviewers may not be familiar with their program or their community. This year's reviewers all work in the anti-hunger field, but may not have knowledge of the specific style of food distribution that you use in your organization. Feel free to give lots of information about your organization, the people you serve and the programs you provide.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 30, 2008