ACF Affiliate COVID-19 Response Grants

In mid-April this year, Rasmuson Foundation announced a generous grant to each Affiliate community to utilize for COVID-19 response and relief efforts locally. Each Affiliate received $10,000 to make critical, emergency grants that support local communities by meeting the needs of individuals and families around food security, senior and disability services, programs for children, homelessness, and support of local public radio.

Affiliates agreed to make these responsive grants within 30 days of receiving word by ACF about this new opportunity from Rasmuson Foundation. Below you will find a list of all emergency grants that Affiliates made to support local COVID-19 relief efforts.

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation
The Chilkat Valley Community Foundation identified additional needs related to the impacts of COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, CVCF responded locally by helping people with disabilities, supporting food programs, and investing in infrastructure for their critical, public radio station.

- Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) – $2,500
  Will support the Haines Last Resort Fund, a critical emergency fund that is increasingly utilized to support additional requests for assistance from residents.

- The Salvation Army Haines Corps – $2,500
  Will support the Haines food pantry to help meet the additional food needs of local families and individuals.

- Lynn Canal Broadcasting, Inc. – $5,000
  Will support the replacement expenses for KHNS’ digital information system. KHNS provides essential news, information on the pandemic, and critical community updates to Chilkat Valley residents.

Cordova Community Foundation
The Cordova Community Foundation identified additional needs related to COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, CCF responded locally by supporting the food security needs of families and individuals in Cordova and the village of Eyak.
- **The Salvation Army Cordova** – $7500
  To purchase food items for the local food pantry and other food programs in Cordova.

- **Native Village of Eyak** – $2,500
  Will support the food pantry for families and individuals in need.

### Golden Heart Community Foundation
The Golden Heart Community Foundation identified additional needs related to COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, GHCF responded locally by supporting the food needs of school children, the living needs and food security for Fairbanksans, the purchase of PPE for local hospital staff, and community outreach efforts by medical professionals.

- **Fairbanks Community Food Bank** – $5,000
  Will support Bone Builders, a program that focuses on the food needs of hungry children in Fairbanks.

- **The Salvation Army Fairbanks Corps** – $4,000
  Will support food security programs, the purchase of personal care kits, and rental assistance for Fairbanksans in need.

- **Fairbanks Memorial Hospital** – $1,000
  To purchase masks for staff and support community outreach efforts.

### Jessica Stevens Community Foundation
The Jessica Stevens Community Foundation identified additional food security needs related to the impacts of COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, JSCF was able to respond to those needs by supporting the local food pantry.

- **Upper Susitna Food Pantry** – $10,000
  Will support the purchase of food and support operations for the food pantry, serving the Upper Susitna Valley communities of Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, Caswell, and Sunshine.

### Kenai Peninsula Foundation
The Kenai Peninsula Foundation identified additional needs related to COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, KPF responded by supporting the food security and living needs of local families and individuals.
- **Kenai Peninsula Food Bank** – $5,000
  Will support food security needs of individuals and families living on the Kenai Peninsula.

- **Love, Inc.** – $5,000
  Will support their breakfast and hygiene program, meeting needs of individuals and families.

**Ketchikan Community Foundation**
The Ketchikan Community Foundation identified additional needs related to COVID-19 in their community based on applications in ACF's first round of rapid response funding cycle. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, KCF responded by supporting food security, senior citizens, and local communications in the region.

- **Catholic Community Services (Saxman Senior Center)** – $2,000
  Will support food security needs through its meals for seniors program.

- **Community Connections** – $2,000
  Will support one week of needed protective personal equipment to serve its disabled population to live independently.

- **Ketchikan Indian Community** - $2,000
  Will support for the food pantry and unemployment relief.

- **Rainbird Community Broadcast Corp (KRBD)** - $2,000
  Will support equipment needs for the local emergency alert system and critical news.

- **Rendezvous Senior Day Services** - $2,000
  Will provide direct relief for meals and support services to vulnerable elders.

**Kodiak Community Foundation**
The Kodiak Community Foundation identified additional needs related to COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, KCF responded by supporting a local homeless prevention program and a community support group.

- **Brother Francis Shelter’s Homeless Prevention Program** – $8,000
  Will support the Brother Francis Shelter's Homeless Prevention Fund, which provides emergency funding for individuals and families in need.

- **Kodiak Community Support** – $2,000
  Will help this support group provide resources and services to community members as needed through kodiakcommunity.com.
Palmer Community Foundation
The Palmer Community Foundation identified additional needs related to COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, PCF responded locally by supporting food security programs and tele-health services for families and individuals in need.

- **Mat-Su Senior Services** – $7,000
  Will support their Meals on Wheels program, which not only provides food, but also much needed socialization for otherwise isolated seniors.

- **Palmer United Methodist Church** – $1,000
  Will support its supplemental weekend nutrition program for homeless and in-transition students.

- **Mat-Su Services for Children & Adults** – $2,000
  Will provide much needed tele-health services throughout the Valley for people with disabilities and those caring for them, services that will continue to benefit those they serve even after the COVID crisis has ended.

Petersburg Community Foundation
The Petersburg Community Foundation identified additional needs related to COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, PCF responded locally by supporting the food needs of families and individuals, living expenses related to housing, and providing operational support for their local nonprofit childcare center.

- **Salvation Army Petersburg** – $1,500
  Will provide rental and housing assistance to families and individuals in need.

- **Petersburg Indian Association** – $1,000
  Will support the food security needs of families and individuals.

- **Mountain View Manor Food Service** – $1,500
  To purchase food and related travel material needs to deliver food to elders in need.

- **Petersburg Mental Health Services** – $2,750
  Will support the food and housing needs of families and individuals.

- **Petersburg Children Center** – $2,250
  Will support the Center’s operating expenses related to re-opening services to Petersburg families.
- **Assembly of God Church** – $1,000
  Will support the Monday Night Meals program.

**Seward Community Foundation**
Seward Community Foundation identified additional needs related to the impacts of COVID-19 in their community. Through the Rasmuson Foundation grant, SCF was able to respond to the living needs of Seward residents and purchase PPE for local EMS providers. SCF has $4,900 still available for other community needs.

- **Seward Senior Citizens** – $4,500
  Will support Seward area residents with utilities, heating fuel, and propane costs during this critical time for families and individuals.

- **Seward Prevention Coalition** – $600
  To purchase materials used by volunteer seamstresses to create personal protective gowns for local EMS providers.

**Sitka Legacy Foundation**
Sitka Legacy Foundation worked with local partners to identify emerging and immediate needs for their community to create local partnerships to meet local needs.

- **Sitka Health Summit Coalition** – $5,000
  Will provide local businesses with information, supplies and support to open and operate safely during the pandemic. The coalition is a community-wide effort with local healthcare experts who have created “care kits” for Sitkans who test positive for the virus, and are now worked to create resources and information for businesses, including no-touch thermometers, masks, signs, barriers, and more.

- **Alaska Sustainable Fisheries** – $5,000
  Will support its program to provide locally-caught fish at no cost to Sitka families in need. The Trust covers the cost of processing fish donated by local fishermen and works with local organizations like Sitka Mutual Aid, SAFV, Salvation Army, and Sitka Tribe to identify families and individuals in need. To date, the project has delivered 300 pounds of fish, and will now continue this program through the fishing season.